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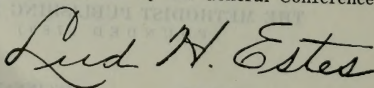
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 Harris, M. LaFayette (Lexington)
 Hicks, Guy M. (Louisiana-SC)
 Holland, Mrs. Fetta (*), (East Tennessee)
 Jenkins, Farrell D. (Southern Illinois)
 Long, Mrs. Conrad C. (*), (Ohio)
 Martin, Mrs. John E. (*), (Detroit)
 Masih, Hector G. (*), (Indus River)
 McFall, Merrill B. (Indiana)
 McGill, Mrs. Kenneth L. (*), (Central Kansas)
 Perryman, Mrs. Willis L. (*), (Southwest Missouri)
 Rogers, J. Milton (Baltimore)
 Rumble, Lester (North Georgia)
 Schaff, Lester (Central New York)
 Scholz, Ernst (Northeast Germany)
 Shriver, Donald W. (*), (Virginia)
 Smith, Herbert J. (New Jersey)
 Stephenson, S. Town (*), (Pacific Northwest)
 Vessey, Bernard (*), (Colorado)
 Woodward, Ralph Lee (Missouri)

Substitutions

Pegues, David K. (Missouri) for Ralph Lee Woodward
 Swisher, Dwight A. (Ohio) for Mrs. Conrad C. Long

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION (Page 139; 3-2)

Chairman—Thomas B. Clay (*), (Tennessee)
 Vice-Chairman—John W. Branscomb (Florida-SE)
 Secretary—Virgel W. Russell (West Oklahoma)

Albertson, Cyrus E. (Pacific Northwest)
 Amstutz, Hobart B. (Malaya)
 Atkinson, George H. (*), (California-Nevada)
 Barrett, Commodore A. (*), (North Carolina-C)
 Branscomb, John W. (Florida-SE)
 Bransford, Wesley H. (North Indiana)
 Clay, Thomas B. (*), (Genesee)
 de la Vina, Juan, Jr. (*), (Rio Grande)
 Dubra, Charles H. (Mississippi-C)
 Duncan, Herman F. (Western North Carolina)
 Godfrey, Edwin S. (*), (Wisconsin)
 Heflin, Howell Thomas (*), (North Alabama)
 McKenzie, Mrs. Mary J. Todd (*), (Florida-C)
 Morris, Robert G. (Lexington)
 O'Rear, Edward P. (Southern California-Arizona)
 Price, Harry A. (Pittsburgh)
 Russell, Virgel W. (West Oklahoma)
 Scheuermann, Walter M. (Iowa-Des Moines)
 Slutz, Leonard D. (*), (Ohio)
 Stanley, Osso W. (*), (Louisville)
 Steed, George V. (*), (Southern California-Arizona)
 Stehl, Heinrich (*), (Northwest Germany)
 Thompson, Pat (*), (Texas-SC)
 Tower, Joe Z. (Texas-SC)
 Wentworth, Chauncie D. (Maine)
 Woodward, Charles W. (*), (Baltimore)

GENERAL STANDING COMMITTEES

(Membership on Committees 1-11 is selected by the Delegates.
See page 139; 3-3.)

NO. 1. CONFERENCES

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the General, Jurisdictional, Central, Provisional Central, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences and Missions and the organization of the local church.

Chairman—Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia)

Vice-Chairman—Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines)

Secretary—Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona)

Place of meeting—Room 201, Civic Auditorium

Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Allen, Earl E.	Wisconsin	(NC)
Amstutz, Hobart B.	Malaya	(OS)
Atterling, Henry	Sweden	(OS)
Balaram, Prabhakar, C. B.	Delhi	(OS)
*Bauer Paul	South Germany	(OS)
*Billman, Frank R.	North-East Ohio	(NC)
*Bryant, R. B.	Northwest Texas	(SC)
Bryant, R. Orman	Virginia	(SE)
*Carter, A. M.	Savannah	(C)
Carter, Stanley	Texas	(SC)
Cooper, Claude W.	Iowa-Des Moines	(NC)
*Evans, Paul F.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
Gattinoni, Carlos T.	River Plate	(OS)
*Goodwin, William O.	South Carolina	(SE)
Gustafson, Lloyd A.	North Iowa	(NC)
Hollister, John W.	West Virginia	(NE)
Hunt, Brunner M.	Mississippi	(SE)
*Hunt, Walter L.	Wyoming	(NE)
Klaus, LeRoy H.	Minnesota	(NC)
*Lewis, L. Ray	Troy	(NE)
Lochridge, Frank E.	Dakota	(NC)
Long, Nat G.	North Georgia	(SE)
*McCall, Mrs. Frank W.	Ohio	(NC)
*McKibbin, George B.	Rock River	(NC)
McLaughlin, John R.	Newark	(NE)
Melvin, J. Fred	Illinois	(NC)
Moore, Leon T.	Philadelphia	(NE)
*Morris, Virgil D.	Louisiana	(SC)
Morrison, Paul	Detroit	(NC)
O'Rear, Edward P.	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
*Peeler, Charles B.	Florida	(SE)
Preset, Walter F.	Pittsburgh	(NE)

Ross, William N.....	Liberia (OS)
Schaff, Lester.....	Central New York (NE)
Sigg, Ferdinand.....	Switzerland (OS)
*Slutz, Leonard D.....	Ohio (NC)
*Taunton, Van B.....	North Alabama (SE)
*Thwin, Nyunt.....	Burma (OS)
Trott, Norman L.....	Baltimore (NE)
*Wayne, Herbert M.....	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Wedemeyer, Mrs. B. B.....	Central Texas (SC)
Wilkins, John R.....	California-Nevada (W)
Williams, Ira E.....	East Oklahoma (SC)
Williams, Roy D.....	Memphis (SE)
Worley, Elbert D.....	Holston (SE)
*York, John.....	Central Kansas (SC)
Zottele, Pedro.....	Chile (OS)

Substitutions

Duncan, Robert H. for Elbert D. Worley.....	Holston (SE)
Ingram, Ben for (), Van B. Taunton.....	North Alabama (SE)
Klein, George R. for () Frank R. Billman.....	North-East Ohio (NC)
Redding, Mrs. W. Frank, Jr., for () Herbert M. Wayne.....	Western North Carolina (SE)

NO. 2. EDUCATION

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Education and to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

Chairman—Clarence M. Dannelly (*), (Alabama)
 Vice-Chairman—M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington)
 Secretary—F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio)

Place of meeting—Room 103, Civic Auditorium
 Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Bowdon, J. Henry.....	Louisiana (SC)
Boyd, Sproule.....	Pittsburgh (NE)
Bracy, Carl C.....	Nebraska (SC)
Budd, Henry G.....	Central New York (NE)
*Burns, Robert E.....	California-Nevada (W)
Cannon, William R.....	North Georgia (SE)
Carothers, J. Edward.....	Troy (NE)
*Cates, Paul.....	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Charan, Isaac A.....	North India (OS)
*Cherry, Hal H.....	Central Texas (SC)
Clegg, Leland.....	West Oklahoma (SC)
*Collins, Elmer E.....	Montana (W)
Cooke, Don A.....	Florida (SE)
*Creel, Ellie M.....	North Alabama (SE)
Dahn, Karl.....	South Germany (OS)
*Dannelly, Clarence M.....	Alabama (SE)

Dietterich, A. Merritt	Genesee (NE)
*Edens, A. Hollis	North Carolina (SE)
*Egan, James A.	East Oklahoma (SC)
Ernst, J. Henry	Pacific Northwest (W)
Fox, Jesse W.	North Indiana (NC)
Frank, Eugene M.	Kansas (SC)
Fritz, Clifford	Wisconsin (NC)
Green, Richard M.	Peninsula (NE)
*Greene, Walter K.	South Carolina (SE)
Harris, M. LaFayette	Lexington (C)
*Heer, Amos L.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Helrigel, Jr., William H.	Michigan (NC)
Henwood, Roy T.	Wyoming (NE)
Herr, John D.	Philadelphia (NE)
Holloway, Fred G.	Baltimore (NE)
Humbert, Russell J.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Inman, W. O.	Memphis (SE)
*Jackson, Will W.	Southwest Texas (SC)
James, D. Trigg	Holston (SE)
*Johnson, Mrs. Pinkie D.	Texas (C)
Kale, W. Arthur	Western North Carolina (SE)
Kellogg, Harold F.	Ohio (NC)
King, Carl H.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Kober, Marvin B.	North Iowa (NC)
*Kyburz, Mrs. Robert N.	Dakota (NC)
Landon, Alfred P.	Detroit (NC)
*Law, Clyde O.	West Virginia (NE)
*LeFevre, DeWitt C.	Northern New York (NE)
*Lindstrom, Harald	Sweden (OS)
*Masih, Hector G.	Indus River (OS)
*Maynard, Mrs. Marcus	Minnesota (NC)
*McClure, Mrs. Johnnie	North Arkansas (SC)
McFall, Merrill B.	Indiana (NC)
McIntosh, F. Bringle	Ohio (NC)
*McKenzie, Mrs. Mary J. T.	Florida (C)
*Moreland, J. Earl	Virginia (SE)
*Morgan, R. Kenneth	Tennessee (SE)
Mosby, Robert S.	West Texas (C)
*Northrup, George M.	New York (NE)
Overstreet, Walter S.	West Virginia (NE)
Perryman, Willis L.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Pilchard, Edwin I.	Illinois (NC)
Potthoff, Harvey H.	Colorado (W)
*Sayer, Mrs. Edmund A.	New England Southern (NE)
*Scott, Mrs. Earle K.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Seabrook, John J.	South Carolina (C)
Shaw, Alfred J.	Lucknow (OS)

*Simangan, Jose T.	Northern Philippines	(OS)
Smart, W. Aiken	Virginia	(SE)
Smith, Horace G.	Rock River	(NC)
*Snapp, Dennis V.	Kentucky	(SE)
*Stanley, Osso W.	Louisville	(SE)
Stephens, John E.	North Mississippi	(SE)
*Tate, Willis M.	North Texas	(SC)
Thomas, J. Wesley	Atlanta	(C)
Throckmorton, J. Russell	Central Kansas	(SC)
Tower, Joe Z.	Texas	(SC)
Tucker, Frank C.	St. Louis	(SC)
*Voigt, Mrs. Edwin E.	Iowa-Des Moines	(NC)
Walker, Daniel D.	Oregon	(W)
Warmer, George A.	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
*Webb, Sr., James R.	Delaware	(C)
*Welker, Miss Edith F.	New York East	(NE)
*Whisonant, E. D.	South Georgia	(SE)
Williams, Robert M.	Washington	(C)
Woodward, Ralph L.	Missouri	(SC)

Substitutions

*Brawley, James P. for J. Wesley Thomas	Atlanta	(C)
Pegues, David K. for Ralph L. Woodward	Missouri	(SC)
Tyson, L. D. for Ellie M. Creel (*)	North Alabama	(SE)
Witherspoon, Joe B. for Hal H. Cherry ()	Central Texas	

NO. 3. LAY ACTIVITIES

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating distinctly to Lay Activities, and the Board of Lay Activities.

Chairman—Ray H. Nichols (*), (Northwest Texas)
 Vice-Chairman—Elmer Jolly (*), (Illinois)
 Secretary—Fran H. Faber (*), (Minnesota)

Place of meeting—Room 104, Civic Auditorium
 Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

*Ahn, George B.	Central New York	(NE)
*Balan, Plegunte	Northwest Philippines	(OS)
*Barnard, Niles H.	Nebraska	(SC)
*Baruch, Joshua	Malaya	(OS)
*Becker, William H.	Central Kansas	(SC)
*Bertholf, Lloyd M.	California-Nevada	(W)
*Blanco, Jr., Jose	Cuba	(SE)
*Blazer, Earl	Holston	(SE)
*Brown, S. L.	West Texas	(C)
*Brown, Samuel R.	Tennessee	(C)
*Byram, Stan H.	Indiana	(NC)
*Campbell, Richard W.	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
*Campbell, T. E.	West Virginia	(NE)
*Chaffey, Edmund K.	Pittsburgh	(NE)
*Chieza, Enoch	Rhodesia	(OS)
*Clay, Thomas B.	Genesee	(NE)

*Clinton, Arthur R.	.....	New Hampshire (NE)
*Cobb, Moulton	.....	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Collins, Hubert L.	.....	Kansas (SC)
*Collins, John S.	.....	Southwest (C)
*Current, John T.	.....	Lexington (C)
*Daniel, Vattel E.	.....	Central Alabama (C)
*Darrah, Donald B.	.....	West Oklahoma (SC)
*Davis, Lee	.....	Tennessee (SE)
*de la Vina, Jr., Juan	.....	Rio Grande (SC)
*DeWeese, H. O.	.....	North Indiana (NC)
*Dillinger, Ray A.	.....	Illinois (NC)
*Eady, Virgil Y. C.	.....	North Georgia (SE)
*Elijah, Earl	.....	North Iowa (NC)
*Ellis, Matt L.	.....	North Arkansas (SC)
*Essig, J. Fred	.....	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Faber, Fran H.	.....	Minnesota (NC)
*Farr, James F.	.....	New England (NE)
*Fletcher, William E.	.....	Washington (C)
*Folson, Jack V.	.....	North Texas (SC)
*Franklin, Hollis C.	.....	Louisville (SE)
*Garcia, Christian V.	.....	North Africa (OS)
*Gobbel, Luther L.	.....	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Godfrey, Edwin S.	.....	Wisconsin (NC)
*Greathouse, Frank	.....	New Mexico (SC)
*Greelis, David E.	.....	Troy (NE)
*Grow, Russell H.	.....	Southern Illinois (NC)
*Haggard, Carl W.	.....	Kentucky (SE)
*Hall, Thomas C.	.....	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Hammond, Robert L.	.....	New England Southern (NE)
*Hileman, W. Ralph	.....	Detroit (NC)
*Hodgin, H. H.	.....	North Carolina (SE)
*Holler, J. Carlisle	.....	South Carolina (SE)
*Holmes, Harry N.	.....	New York East (NE)
*Houston, Jamie G.	.....	North Mississippi (SE)
*Hurry, Elmer F.	.....	Dakota (NC)
*Ivins, Lester S., Ph.D.	.....	Ohio (NC)
*Jackson, H. Leo	.....	Holston (SE)
*Johns, Halley P.	.....	Delaware (C)
*Jolly, Elmer	.....	Illinois (NC)
*Jud, Eugene F.	.....	Central Texas (SC)
*Kabelitz, Willy	.....	Northeast Germany (OS)
Knauss, Gustav	.....	Southwest Germany (OS)
*Lane, Frank L.	.....	Texas (C)
*Lay, Robert P.	.....	Louisiana (SC)
*Lewis, G. Wesley	.....	Wyoming (NE)
*Lorenz, Daniel L.	.....	Lucknow (OS)
*Mayfield, Robert G.	.....	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*McKay, Leo H.	.....	Erie (NE)
*Melin, Bengt J.	.....	Sweden (OS)
*Middleton, Samuel T.	.....	South Carolina (C)

*Moses, Kolloory V.	Hyderabad (OS)
*Nabong, Juan	Philippines (OS)
*Nelson, Hugh M.	Idaho (W)
*Nichols, Ray H.	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Noble, Fred B.	Florida (SE)
*Oppliger, Theophil	Switzerland (OS)
*Ormiston, Elmer H.	Michigan (NC)
*Ottinger, Albert D.	North Dakota (NC)
*Patterson, John R.	Louisiana (C)
*Phend, Harold C.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Pinson, Clarence M.	North Alabama (SE)
*Rooks, Robert E.	Memphis (SE)
*Shearer, Paul V.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Shelton, Roland M.	Little Rock (SC)
*Shippo, Hammell P.	New Jersey (NE)
*Shriver, Donald W.	Virginia (SE)
*Smith, J. Harvey	South Florida (C)
*Songergaard, Erik W.	Denmark (OS)
*Spencer, Robert B.	Colorado (W)
*Stafford, James P.	Mississippi (SE)
*Stromberg, Sven E.	New York (NE)
*Tawes, J. Millard	Peninsula (NE)
*Teigland, Monrad	Norway (OS)
*Thompson, Pat	Texas (SC)
*Thornton, Benjamin I.	South Georgia (SE)
*Van Sickie, John R.	Rock River (NC)
*Walter, Dwight E.	Ohio (NC)
*Wood, Alpheus B. P.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Woodward, Charles W.	Baltimore (NE)

Substitutions

*Cherry, James for *J. Fred Essig	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Sanborn, Clarence C. for *Arthur R. Clifton	New Hampshire (NE)
*Stevens, Wade for *Niles H. Barnard	Nebraska (SC)
*Waggoner, Merle T. for *Jack V. Folsom	North Texas (SC)

NO. 4. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Church membership, including conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; and all matters pertaining to Evangelism and to the devotional life and literature of the Church, made by the law of the Church the concern of the Board of Evangelism.

Chairman—Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona)
 Vice-Chairman—Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas)
 Secretary—Albert W. Cliffe (Philadelphia)

Place of meeting—Room 404, Civic Auditorium
 Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Archibald, R. Lambuth	North Alabama (SE)
*Batten, Mrs. F. W.	California-Nevada (W)
Bradway, Henry L.	New Jersey (NE)
*Brockett, Howard R.	New York East (NE)
Brown, G. Alfred	Central Texas (SC)
*Burgoon, Lowell D.	Ohio (NC)
Calhoun, W. Fletcher	Alabama (SE)
*Christopher, Mrs. Mary H.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Clark, B. Clyde	West Oklahoma (SC)
*Cliffe, Albert W.	Philadelphia (NE)
Copeland, Kenneth W.	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Crump, Mrs. Jennie R.	Mississippi (C)
Daniels, Eric N.	Indus River (OS)
*Evans, Charles W.	West Virginia (NE)
Fallon, George A.	New England (NE)
Fisher, Clarence C.	Pittsburgh (NE)
Foote, Gaston	Ohio (NC)
*Foreman, J. M.	North Mississippi (SE)
Fowler, George A.	Rock River (NC)
*French, Chester T.	New Mexico (SC)
*Grace, J. Harry	Baltimore (NE)
*Gutekunst, Immanuel	Southwest Germany (OS)
*Harrington, Mrs. Wayne	Nebraska (SC)
Henninger, F. Lamont	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Hobbs, Elmer L.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Hoy, Russell H.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Hughes, Harold D.	Indiana (NC)
Hughes, Harold H.	Virginia (SE)
Jackson, John H.	Savannah (C)
Jenkins, Farrell D.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Johns, H. L.	Louisiana (SC)
*Jones, Edwin L.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Kincheloe, Marvin S.	Holston (SE)
Kirby, J. Edmund	Northwest Texas (SC)
Kleen, Ralph	Oregon (W)
*Laing, Mrs. Alan K.	Illinois (NC)
*Lance, T. Jack	North Georgia (SE)
Linger, Ross	West Virginia (NE)
Loresco, Malanio M.	Northwest Philippines (OS)
Martin, Albert W.	North Arkansas (SC)
*McGill, Mrs. Kenneth L.	Central Kansas (SC)
Medlock, Melvin K.	South Carolina (SE)
*Mertz, Augustus S.	Genesee (NE)
*Milam, Mrs. Walker	East Oklahoma (SC)
Mitra, H. G.	South India (OS)
Moore, Leland	South Georgia (SE)

Oliver, John H.	Southwest (C)
Ortmeyer, Fred W.	North Iowa (NC)
Pendergrass, Edward J.	Florida (SE)
Potter, Truman W.	Minnesota (NC)
Powell, Howard P.	North Carolina (SE)
Ragsdale, Ray W.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Reitz, T. Russell	Kansas (SC)
*Roudebush, Roy R.	North Indiana (NC)
*Seabrook, James H.	Memphis (SE)
*Shearer, Karl H.	Erie (NE)
Staples, Louis S.	Maine (NE)
Taylor, Harry M.	Newark (NE)
Thomas, Lauren D.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Tonkin, Charles E.	Detroit (NC)
*Townslley, Mrs. Inman U.	Central Congo (OS)
*Tyler, Mrs. Fannie D.	Washington (C)
Vivion, Monroe	Texas (SC)
Wearne, Richard D.	Michigan (NC)
*Wells, Luther W.	Virginia (SE)
Wood, George S.	Louisville (SE)

Substitutions

*Helrigle, William H., Jr., for Richard D. Wearne	Michigan (NC)
Radcliffe, Lynn J. for Gaston Foote	Ohio (NC)
Robbins, Cecil W. for Howard P. Powell	North Carolina (SE)

NO. 5. MINISTRY

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

Chairman—Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) (NC)
 Vice-Chairman—Cosum M. Luster (Texas) (C)
 Secretary—Lester Rumble (North Georgia) (SE)

Place of meeting—Room 402, Civic Auditorium
 Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Albertson, Cyrus E.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Alderson, William H.	New York East (NE)
Arend, LeRoy F.	Central Kansas (SC)
Baker, W. Harrison	North Texas (SC)
Bevan, Frank W.	Troy (NE)
Boyd, Marvin L.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Branscomb, John W.	Florida (SE)
Brower, J. Emmons	North Carolina (C)
Brown, C. Maxwell	North Dakota (NC)
Carruth, Samuel E.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Childs, Miss Ivy	Bombay (OS)
Chitwood, J. Henry	North Alabama (SE)

Chubb, James S.	Nebraska (SC)
Colley, Arthur B. R.	Erie (NE)
Cook, Classie B.	Tennessee (SE)
Cowen, Ray H.	New Hampshire (NE)
Curry, John W.	South Carolina (C)
Das, Preo N.	Bengal (OS)
Davis, Byron A.	Dakota (NC)
Davis, Ernest E.	Genesee (NE)
Dodgen, Ethan W.	North Arkansas (SC)
Duncan, Herman F.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Edwards, K. Morgan.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Ensley, F. Gerald.	Ohio (NC)
Evans, William S.	Memphis (SE)
Fang, Charles Ed.	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
Freeman, Horace T.	South Georgia (SE)
Frye, Glenn M.	Michigan (NC)
Ginns, C. Homer.	New England Southern (NE)
Goff, Charles Ray.	Rock River (NC)
Goldston, C. Wade.	North Carolina (SE)
Goodloe, Robert W.	Central Texas (SC)
Graham, John H.	Upper Mississippi (C)
Grant, A. Raymond.	California-Nevada (W)
Griffith, R. Carl.	South Carolina (SE)
Grisham, Dubro M.	Tennessee (C)
Hanifan, John E.	West Virginia (NE)
Hardin, Cecil P.	Holston (SE)
Harris, Thomas S.	Alabama (SE)
Hempstead, Charles S.	North Iowa (NC)
Hicks, Guy M.	Louisiana (SC)
Hurley, Hubert G.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Jackson, Olin D.	Minnesota (NC)
Jones, William T.	Indiana (NC)
Lambdin, Henry L.	Newark (NE)
Landrum, D. L.	Texas (SC)
Leggett, Jr., J. Willard.	Mississippi (SE)
Lier, Alf.	Norway (OS)
Luster, Cosum M.	Texas (C)
Lyon, Roswell W.	Wyoming (NE)
McPheeters, Chester A.	Detroit (NC)
*McWilliams, Meade.	Illinois (NC)
*Miller, Clem O.	Wisconsin (NC)
Morehead, Conner.	Little Rock (SC)
Morris, Robert G.	Lexington (C)
Olson, Oscar Thomas.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Patterson, D. Stewart.	Baltimore (NE)
Pearson, John H.	Virginia (SE)
Perkins, Albert R.	Kentucky (SE)
Pope, W. Kenneth.	Texas (SC)
Powell, Bradford V.	Missouri (SC)
Prentzel, Frank, Jr.	Philadelphia (NE)

Price, Harry Allan.....	Pittsburgh (NE)
Pugh, A. Wesley.....	North Indiana (NC)
Raver, William M.....	New Jersey (NE)
Robinson, William L.....	North Mississippi (SE)
Roland, S. Ralph.....	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Rumble, Lester.....	North Georgia (SE)
Russell, Virgel W.....	West Oklahoma (SC)
Scheuermann, Walter M.....	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Scholz, Ernst.....	Northeast Germany (OS)
Shore, Philip L.....	Western North Carolina (SE)
Spellman, L. U.....	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Stehl, Heinrich.....	Northwest Germany (OS)
Swales, Harold S.....	Central New York (NE)
Sweeney, Samuel H.....	New York (NE)
Taylor, John L.....	St. Louis (SC)
Turner, Orbin.....	New Mexico (SC)
Tyer, George T.....	South Florida (C)
Wagner, H. Hughes.....	New England (NE)
Watts, H. Bascom.....	East Oklahoma (SC)
Welliver, Lester A.....	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Wentworth, Chauncey.....	Maine (NE)
*White, Mrs. Roscoe M.....	Virginia (SE)
Wimbrow, Lawrence E.....	Peninsula (NE)
Young, Frederick D.....	West Texas (C)
Young, J. Otis.....	Ohio (NC)

Substitution

Versteeg, John M. for F. Gerald Ensley.....	Ohio (NC)
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NO. 6. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

Chairman—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*), (North Iowa-NC)
 Vice-Chairman—R. Marvin Stuart (California-Nevada-W)
 Secretary—Joseph S. Ploughe (Central Kansas-SC)

Place of meeting—Room 105, Civic Auditorium
 Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

*Adams, Charles V.....	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Andrew, Mrs. Wray.....	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Bailey, Leslie B.....	Idaho (W)
*Baker, Mrs. Harold M.....	Ohio (NC)
*Baldwin, Clinton D.....	Maine (NE)
*Barnes, Jr., Mrs. John H.....	Philadelphia (NE)
Bartley, Henry W.....	Florida (C)
Beadles, Owen J.....	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Beckham, Mrs. Walter H.....	Florida (SE)

*Bell, Mrs. Mattie R.	West Texas (C)
Blackard, Embree H.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Brooks, Mrs. Frank G.	North Iowa (NC)
*Brown, Mrs. Robert T.	Kentucky (SE)
*Bunch, Mrs. Jesse W.	Oregon (W)
Candelaria, Ruben V.	Philippines (OS)
Carr, Harold F.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Chadwick, William C.	North Carolina (SE)
Christian, Samuel V.	Gujarat (OS)
Clemens, Norman W.	Wyoming (NE)
Clement, W. Carl	New Mexico (SC)
Cochran, Leonard H.	South Georgia (SE)
Cockerill, Herbert B.	Kansas (SC)
*Colley, Mrs. Stewart	North Georgia (SE)
*Crump, Mrs. Sam W.	Louisville (SE)
Dahlquist, G. Albin	New England Southern (NE)
Davenport, George M.	North Alabama (SE)
*Dennis, James B.	Liberia (OS)
Douglas, Elmer H.	North Africa (OS)
*Dunn Ralph M.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Easter, John E.	Virginia (SE)
Ellisor, Cecil M.	Alabama (SE)
*Fitch, Mrs. Harold W.	Illinois (NC)
Fuster, Angel E.	Cuba (SE)
*Gentry, Mrs. W. Max	Nebraska (SC)
*Gibbs, Mrs. Hiram B.	New England (NE)
Gilpin, Richard O.	Colorado (W)
Goodloe, W. Henry	North Arkansas (SC)
Griffis, Harold W.	Troy (NE)
Gum, Walter C.	Virginia (SE)
Handy, W. Talbot	Louisiana (C)
*Henderson, Mrs. Joseph M.	Genesee (NE)
*Holland, Mrs. Fetta	East Tennessee (C)
*Horton, Jr., Mrs. William E.	Texas (SC)
Houston, Ralph M.	New York (NE)
*Hygate, Mrs. Harry B.	Peninsula (NE)
Inis, Ciriaco	Northern Philippines (OS)
*Johns, Mrs. B. W.	West Virginia (NE)
*Johnson, Hubert	Central Texas (SC)
Kenney, John R.	California-Nevada (W)
*Keyser, L. L.	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Kheng, Geh Hun	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
Kofod, Johannes	Denmark (OS)
Landreth, Elmer D.	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Laskey, Mrs. Glenn E.	Louisiana (SC)
*Long, Mrs. Conrad C.	Ohio (NC)
Love, Edgar A.	Washington (C)
*Lowther, Mrs. Alfred H.	Detroit (NC)
Lundy, Clyde E.	Holston (SE)

Mathews, James K.	Bombay (OS)
*Mawha, Mrs. James K.	Newark (NE)
*McKinney, Mrs. J. J.	Missouri (SC)
*Metcalf, Harold S.	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Mobley, M. Randolph	South Carolina (SE)
Moore, Aubrey S.	Rock River (NC)
Nanez, Alfredo	Rio Grande (SC)
*Neely, Mrs. Virgil	West Oklahoma (SC)
Newell, Frederick B.	New York East (NE)
Nowlen, Charles A.	Wyoming State (W)
*Nunnelee, Jr., John F.	St. Louis (SC)
*Oberg, Mrs. Albert F.	Minnesota (NC)
*Perkins, J. J.	North Texas (SC)
*Perryman, Mrs. William L.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Ploughe, Joseph S.	Central Kansas (SC)
Prewitt, Thomas O.	Mississippi (SE)
*Rentz, Mrs. J. F.	Erie (NE)
Robinson, Orris Gravenor	Baltimore (NE)
*Rodgers, Mrs. Mary	Upper Mississippi (C)
*Roose, Mrs. Homer	North Indiana (NC)
*Secrest, Mrs. Paul E.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Shungu, John Wesley	Central Congo (OS)
*Singh, Ashok B.	Bengal (OS)
Smith, Herbert J.	New Jersey (NE)
*Smyth, Mrs. Robert	North Iowa (NC)
*Steed, George V.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Stuart, R. Marvin	California-Nevada (W)
Sundaram, Gabriel	Hyderabad (OS)
*Sykes, W. Clyde	Northern New York (NE)
Thangadurai, Thangaraj	Burma (OS)
*Tharp, Mrs. Estella C.	Indiana (NC)
*Thayer, Mrs. Paul E.	Central New York (NE)
Thonger, William G.	Belgium (OS)
*Tillman, Mrs. Sadie Wilson	Tennessee (SE)
*Townsley, Mrs. Inman U.	Central Congo (OS)
Turner, Walter L.	Central Alabama (C)
*Venegas, Arturo	Chile (OS)
Walton, Aubrey G.	Little Rock (SC)
White, Paul B.	West Wisconsin (NC)
*Whitfield, Allen	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Williams, Julius E.	South Carolina (C)
*Willingham, Mrs. R. M.	Michigan (NC)
*Womack, Richard E.	Memphis (SE)
*Wyatt, Bige	Central West (C)
Zeuner, Walther	Northwest Germany (OS)

Substitutions

*Singer, Mrs. Edgar H. for *Harold S. Metcalf	Pittsburgh (NE)
Walton, Wilbur L. for Cecil M. Ellisor	Alabama (SE)

NO. 7. PENSIONS

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the support of retired and supernumerary ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including Bishops.

Chairman—Lester L. Roush (Ohio-NC)
 Vice-Chairman—William N. Banks (North Georgia-SE)
 Secretary—Herbert H. Brower (Missouri-SC)

Place of meeting—Room 203, Civic Auditorium
 Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

*Aldrich, Mrs. Arthur O.	Rock River (NC)
*Banks, William N.	North Georgia (SE)
*Blasingame, Walter A.	South Georgia (SE)
Brower, Herbert H.	Missouri (SC)
Clark, William E.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Clay, Russell E.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Curry, George M.	West Virginia (NE)
*Edge, Claude A.	Texas (SC)
*Extrom, George P.	West Wisconsin (NC)
Ferguson, Clarence F.	South Carolina (C)
*Fitch, A. W.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Gamble, Edge W.	Louisville (SE)
Goranson, Mauritz	Sweden (OS)
*Gray, Robert A.	Florida (SE)
*Karls, Harold M.	Detroit (NC)
Kilpatrick, Lester A.	Michigan (NC)
*Lampkin, Dewey	Lexington (C)
Langrall, Otwald B.	Baltimore (NE)
Mathews, Ernest J.	Wisconsin (NC)
*McCracken, W. Arthur	Southern Illinois (NC)
Moore, Leon S.	Delaware (C)
Nease, Edgar H.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*O'Neal, Robert J.	Louisiana (SC)
*Pierce, M. F.	North Mississippi (SE)
Pulliam, William G.	Illinois (NC)
Riddick, Roland P.	Virginia (SE)
Roush, Lester L.	Ohio (NC)
Ryan, Harry G.	West Oklahoma (SC)
Schubel, Bernell L.	St. Louis (SC)
*Sheffield, Ralph E.	North Iowa (NC)
*Sherrod, Charles C.	Holston (SE)
*Smith, W. Jasper	North Carolina (SE)
Spears, Charles W.	Minnesota (NC)

*Stainton, Howard S.	New Jersey (NE)
Templin, Frank M.	Indiana (NC)
Tripp, Ernest F.	Troy (NE)
Tyson, L. D.	North Alabama (SE)
Warren, John W.	Northern New York (NE)
*Webb, Paul C.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Webber, Frank	California-Nevada (W)
Windsor, Lester E.	Peninsula (NE)
*Wooten, L. E.	South Carolina (SE)

Substitutions

*Butts, B. J. for *Claude A. Edge	Texas (SC)
*Godfrey, Mrs. F. Bartow for *Robert A. Gray	Florida (SE)
*Wood, Claude R. for L. D. Tyson	North Alabama (SE)

NO. 8. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

Chairman—Rufus C. Baker (Colorado-W)
 Vice-Chairman—Frank C. Probert (*), (New Jersey-NE)
 Secretary—Bradshaw Mintener (*), (Minnesota-NC)

Place of meeting—Room 102, Civic Auditorium
 Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Allison, Oscar E.	Kansas (SC)
*Atkinson, George H.	California-Nevada (W)
*Baker, Frank E.	Philadelphia (NE)
Baker, Rufus C.	Colorado (W)
Ball, Walter C.	North Carolina (SE)
Bennett, Alfred E.	West Virginia (NE)
Black, Benjamin B.	South Carolina (SE)
*Blue, Robert D.	North Iowa (NC)
Bucke, Emory S.	New England (NE)
*Buford, Lester J.	Southern Illinois (NC)
*Campbell, Richard W.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Chamberlin, Percy D.	New York East (NE)
Clary, Jr., George E.	South Georgia (SE)
Crawford, J. H.	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Davis, Wilmer Fell	Peninsula (NE)
Deschner, Phil	West Oklahoma (SC)
*Fenstermacher, George	North Indiana (NC)
Fossett, Earl M.	Kentucky (SE)
Furman, L. G. Wayne	Erie (NE)
Grummon, A. Ray	Illinois (NC)
Harmon, Nolan B.	Virginia (SE)
*Hawkins, J. Clinton	St. Louis (SC)

Haywood, John W.	East Tennessee (C)
*Hodges, Virgil W.	Atlanta (C)
*Johnson, Leslie W.	West Wisconsin (NC)
*Keyser, Mrs. Lester E.	Baltimore (NE)
*Kirby, Taylor H.	Alabama (SE)
Lazenby, Marion E.	North Alabama (SE)
*Loppert, Henry V.	Rock River (NC)
Marvin, John E.	Detroit (NC)
*Mintener, Bradshaw	Minnesota (NC)
Moore, Mark M.	Holston (SE)
Moore, Jr., Noah W.	Delaware (C)
Murphy, C. Edwin	Nebraska (SC)
*Newton, Len L.	Wyoming State (W)
*Peace, John R.	Texas (SC)
Peterson, Howard W.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Propert, Frank C.	New Jersey (NE)
Rozzelle, Clarence E.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Simpson, John C.	Virginia (SE)
*Slaughter, Nat G.	North Georgia (SE)
*Smith, Miss Annie M.	Southwest Texas (SC)
Steel, Marshall T.	North Texas (SC)
*Stephenson, S. Town	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Streeter, Ray G.	Central Kansas (SC)
Stroud, Dean	Tennessee (SE)
Talbot, Norbert G.	Indiana (NC)
Tuttle, Lee F.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Waller, Harry H.	Florida (SE)
Wiant, Warren W.	Ohio (NC)
*Williams, Paul G.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Young, Claude	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Young, Joe M.	Southern California-Arizona (W)

Substitutions

Carter, Orion W. for J. Howard Crawford	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Foster, Chapin D. for *S. Town Stephenson	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Scarborough, Gordon M. for *John C. Simpson	Virginia (SE)
*Thomas, Henry F. for *Percy D. Chamberlain	New York East (NE)
Thomas, J. Wesley for *Virgil W. Hodges	Alabama (C)

NO. 9. STATE OF THE CHURCH

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to social service, labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other committee.

Chairman—Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark-NE)
 Vice-Chairman—Dr. Georgia Harkness (*), (Troy-NE)

Secretary—Willard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest-W)

Place of meeting—Room 403, Civic Auditorium

Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Abbey, Merrill R.	West Wisconsin (NC)
*Baldwin, Howard C.	Detroit (NC)
Barclift, Chancie D.	North Carolina (SE)
*Berg, R. H.	Florida (SE)
Bond, Ray	Rock River (NC)
*Bright, George W.	West Virginia (NE)
Brown, Russell S.	Northern New York (NE)
Calkins, Raoul C.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Carlyon, Richard E.	Nebraska (SC)
Case, Harold C.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Clendenin, Stewart	Texas (SC)
Coors, D. Stanley	Michigan (NC)
Crane, Henry Hitt	Detroit (NC)
Day, Albert E.	Baltimore (NE)
*Ervin, Paul R.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Finger, Jr., H. Ellis	North Mississippi (SE)
Flatt, Franklin A.	Memphis (SE)
*Fleming, Arthur S.	Ohio (NC)
*Fletcher, Abbott L.	Minnesota (NC)
*Gordon, Mrs. Robert K.	South Carolina (C)
*Harkness, Miss Georgia	Troy (NE)
Harris, Pierce	North Georgia (SE)
Havighurst, Lawrence D.	North Iowa (NC)
*Heflin, Howell Thomas	North Alabama (SE)
Heinsohn, Edmund	Southwest Texas (SC)
Henley, James W.	Tennessee (SE)
*Hummer, Harry R.	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Kibler, Russell M.	Indiana (NC)
*Kinkel, Mrs. E. E.	Wisconsin (NC)
*Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. Frank	Northwest Indiana (NC)
La Grone, Don H.	East Oklahoma (SC)
La Rue, Clarence H.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Longstreth, Mrs. Wilbur E.	Missouri (SC)
*Lord, A. Taylor	Wyoming (NE)
*Lynch, G. Stanley	Philadelphia (NE)
Magee, J. Homer	Montana (W)
McClung, Rosseau S.	West Virginia (NE)
*McCoy, Travis W.	Little Rock (SC)
McFall, Carl	West Oklahoma (SC)
*Meech, B. Abbott	Central New York (NE)
Morris, Thomas H.	Erie (NE)
Morris, Thurman B.	North Indiana (NC)
*Mouser, Vincent M.	Louisiana (SC)

*Parlin, Charles C.	Newark (NE)
Patton, Russell R.	Kentucky (SE)
*Payne, Mrs. James W.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Phillips, Earl C.	Southern Illinois (NC)
*Plummer, Mrs. Lauren L.	Kansas (SC)
Prewitt, Thomas O.	Mississippi (SE)
Rast, John Marvin	South Carolina (SE)
Richmond, Charles N.	Central West (C)
Rogers, J. Milton	Baltimore (NE)
Scott, Sr., Julius S.	Texas (C)
Skillington, James Edgar	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Smith, Chester A.	New York (NE)
Spear, Laren	Illinois (NC)
*Spilman, Louis	Virginia (SE)
Stanton, Willard E.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Steffens, William L.	Ohio (NC)
*Stromberg, Sven E.	New York (NE)
Trotter, Fred B.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Vessey, Bernard	Colorado (W)
Warren, Charles L.	California-Nevada (W)
*Wentworth, Mrs. Sara T.	Maine (NE)
Williams, L. Stanley	Central Texas (SC)
Williams, Thomas Alfred	Central Kansas (SC)
*Willson, Sr., Jim M.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Worley, Loyd F.	New York East (NE)
Youell, Donald R.	Holston (SE)

Substitutions

Ensley, F. Gerald for A. S. Fleming (*)	Ohio (NC)
*Satterfield, John C., Sr. for Thomas O. Prewitt	Mississippi (SE)
Throckmorton, Dillon W. for Charles L. Warren	California-Nevada (W)
*Tippett, Harold for A. Taylor Lord	Wyoming (NE)

NO. 10. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to temperance and prohibition of the liquor traffic and all matters relating to the Board of Temperance and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

Chairman—Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas-SC)
 Vice-Chairman—Donald A. Odell (*), (Southern California-Arizona)
 Secretary—Mrs. Alvin B. Pieffer (*), (Rock River-NC)

Place of meeting—Room 205, Civic Auditorium
 Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

*Aker, Tom E.	Texas (SC)
*Brammer, Shelby R.	Holston (SE)
*Burkett, Mrs. L. Oder	Central Pennsylvania (NE)

*Day, Kelly J.	Kentucky (SE)
*Doan, John H.	Ohio (NC)
*Downs, Mrs. Ward M.	West Virginia (NE)
Dubra, Charles H.	Mississippi (C)
*Field, Henry W.	Virginia (SE)
*Gaskill, William N.	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Johnson, Francis	North Iowa (NC)
*Odell, Donald A.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Pfeiffer, Mrs. Alvin B.	Rock River (NC)
Phillips, C. Gordon	Detroit (NC)
*Reynolds, Mrs. Fred C.	Baltimore (NE)
Temple, Claude M.	Illinois (NC)
Throckmorton, Dillon Wesley	California-Nevada (W)
*Smith, Chester A.	New York (NE)
*Weaver, Guy C.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Womeldorf, Paul D.	Central Kansas (SC)
*Wood, Mrs. John S.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Yoder, Harvey	North-East Ohio (NC)

Substitutions

*Rosser, Harold A. for *John H.	Ohio (NC)
Warren, Charles L. for Dillon W. Throckmorton	California-Nevada (W)

NO. 11. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to trustees, properties, church finances (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other Committee.

Chairman—Harry Denman (*), (North Alabama-SE)
 Vice-Chairman—Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas)
 Secretary—G. Clifford Pettygrove (*), (California-Nevada-W)

Place of meeting—Room 405, Civic Auditorium.
 Time of meeting—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Auman, Lester W.	New York East (NE)
*Barrett, Commodore A.	North Carolina (C)
*Barrett, James W.	Colorado (W)
*Benway, Neil P.	Troy (NE)
Berkheimer, Charles F.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Blackburn, Henry W.	Florida (SE)
Bransford, Wesley H.	North Indiana (NC)
*Clark, Edward L.	Oregon (W)

*Cox, Henry Miot	Nebraska (SC)
Curl, Robert F.	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Denman, Harry	North Alabama (SE)
Dittes, Orval C.	Minnesota (NC)
Fielder, Cicero B.	North Texas (SC)
*Ford, Jr., Henry H.	Michigan (NC)
*Gillmore, C. B.	Alabama (SE)
Gross, John O.	Kentucky (SE)
*Hart, Vincent S.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Henderson, Zach S.	South Georgia (SE)
*Hole, J. Wesley	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Jones, E. Ray	West Virginia (NE)
*Jones, Loy	Missouri (SC)
*Lanman, Claude C.	Baltimore (NE)
Loyd, H. Brown	Central Texas (SC)
Lugg, Thomas B.	Illinois (NC)
Mackay, Edward G.	North Georgia (SE)
*Martin, Mrs. John E.	Detroit (NC)
*McCluhan, J. Everett	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Parker, Walter W.	St. Louis (SC)
*Pettygrove, G. Clifford	California-Nevada (W)
*Pierce, Joe S.	North Arkansas (SC)
Potts, J. Manning	Virginia (SE)
*Pounds, W. A.	Texas (SC)
Radcliffe, Lynn	Ohio (NC)
Reppert, Carl A.	Genesee (NE)
Robinson, William B.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Rogers, Mrs. Joe T.	Central Kansas (SC)
*Sander, William E.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Selby, Howard W.	New England (NE)
*Sheeley, Lynn	Holston (SE)
Smith, Alexander K.	Philadelphia (NE)
Smith, John O.	South Carolina (SE)
Sockman, Ralph W.	New York (NE)
*Stevens, Ben M.	Mississippi (SE)
*Tink, Edmund L.	Newark (NE)
Voigt, Edwin E.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Wade, Robert H.	Louisville (SE)
*Wilcox, William H.	East Oklahoma (SC)
Wittstruck, Clayton B.	North Iowa (NC)
*Woosley, Oscar V.	Western North Carolina (SE)

Substitutions

*Beatty, W. Carroll for *Claude C. Lanman	Baltimore (NE)
*Davis, Mrs. Mildred M. for *W. W. Parker	St. Louis (SC)
*Howard, Charles G. for *Edward L. Clark (Deceased)	Oregon (W)
*Swisher, Dwight A. for Lynn Radcliffe	Ohio (NC)

PERSONNEL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1952

Names of Delegates and Reserve Delegates, Ministerial and Lay, arranged in the order of their election, and alphabetically by Annual Conferences, with post-office addresses, appointments, or occupations.

Figures following the name of each Annual Conference designate the total number of Delegates for that Conference. The Annual Conference Delegation is composed of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay Delegates. Abbreviations after the figure: NE, Northeastern Jurisdiction; SE, Southeastern Jurisdiction; C, Central Jurisdiction; NC, North Central Jurisdiction; SC, South Central Jurisdiction; W, Western Jurisdiction; OS, Overseas Conference.

Underneath the name of each Annual Conference will be found the location in the Conference Hall where the Delegation was seated, giving the Section, Row, and the seats allocated.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

(DS) District Superintendent; (P) Pastor; (CLL) Conference Lay Leader; (BE) Business Executive; (H) Homemaker; (CP-WSCS) Conference President, Woman's Society of Christian Service; (Mbr. WDCS) Member Woman's Division of Christian Service.

ALABAMA (6) SE

Sec. A; Rows 15-16; Seats 1-3; 1-3

Harris, Thomas S. (DS), Troy D; 405 Elm St., Troy, Ala.

Ellisor, Cecil M. (DS), Montgomery D; 3230 Wellington Road, Montgomery, Ala.

Calhoun, W. Fletcher (P), Forest Avenue; 723 Forest Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

*Gillmore, C. B. (Attorney), Grove Hill, Ala.

*Dannelly, Clarence M. (Supt. Education), 305 S. Lawrence St., Montgomery 5, Ala.

*Kirby, Taylor H. (Supt. Schools), Opelika, Ala.

Reserves

Walton, Wilbur L. (DS), Mobile D; 258 S. Georgia Ave., Mobile, Ala.

Peacock, H. Eugene (P), St. Francis; 15 N. Joachin St., Mobile 8, Ala.

Andrews, Ellis L. (P), Church Street; 212 Church St., Selma, Ala.

Hardin, Edward L. (P), Richard's Memorial; 907 North T St., Pensacola, Fla.

Mathison, H. Paul (P), Capitol Heights; 501 St. Charles Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

*Heustess, Mrs. Mae S. (CP-WSCS), 1805 Madison Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

- *Searcy, Hubert (Pres.-Huntingdon College), Montgomery, Ala.
 *Nunn, Alexander (Executive Editor, Progressive Farmer), Loachapoka, Ala.
 *Lawrence, R. Jay (Supt. Schools), Box 249, Union Springs, Ala.
 *Porter, Lyman E. (Veterinarian), Box 183, Blountstown, Fla.

ANGOLA (2) OS

Sec. B; Rows 7-8; Seat 6; 6

- Sousa e Santos, Sebastiao de (P), C.P. 9, Malange, Angola, Africa.
 *Nascimento, Antonio F. de (Asst. Dir. Religious Education), C.P. 9, Malange, Angola, Africa.

Reserves

- Blake, C. Melvin (Missionary), 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.
 *Miller, Miss Alpha J. (Missionary), 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

ATLANTA (2) C

Sec. D; Row 8; Seats 9-10

- Thomas, J. Wesley (DS), Gainesville D; 1003 W. Fair St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga.
 *Hodges, Virgil W. (Editor), 253 First St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga.

Reserves

- Dickerson, Adolphus S. (P), Ariel-Bowen; 250 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
 *Brawley, James P. (Pres.-Clark College), Atlanta, Ga.

BALTIC-SLAVIC (2) OS**BALTIMORE (12) NE**

Sec. D; Rows 17-18; Seats 5-10; 5-10

- Rogers, J. Milton (P), Woodside; 8818 Georgia Ave., Silver Springs, Md.
 Langrall, Otwald B. (DS), Baltimore-West; 4205 Maine Ave., Baltimore 7, Md.
 Robinson, Orris G. (P), Calvary; 1615 Decatur St., N.W., Washington 11, D. C.
 Holloway, Fred G. (Pres.-Drew University), Drew Forrest, Madison, N. J.
 Trott, Norman L. (DS), Baltimore-South; 2310 Elsinor Ave., Baltimore 16, Md.
 Day, Albert E. (P), Mount Vernon Place; Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Baltimore 2, Md.
 *Grace, J. Harry (Business Consultant), 25 Cedar Ave., Wiltondale, Towson 4, Md.
 *Patterson, D. Stewart (Ex. Sec. Meth. Com. on Chaplains), 7309 Blair Road, N.W., Washington 2, D. C.
 *Woodward, Charles W. (Chief Justice 6th Jud. Cir.), 111 N. Van Buren St., Rockville, Md.
 *Keyser, Mrs. E. Lester (Mbr. at large Con. WSCS), 4400 White Ave., Baltimore 6, Md.
 *Lanman, Claude C. (Boiler Consultant), 4201 Fordham Road, Baltimore 29, Md.
 *Reynolds, Mrs. Fred C. (Mbr. WDCS), 3900 16th St., N. W., Washington 11, D. C.

Reserves

- Amoss, Howard M. (P), North Avenue; 1711 Lakeside Ave., Baltimore 18, Md.
 Ensor, Lowell S. (Pres.-Western Maryland College), Westminster, Md.
 Smith, Leonard B. (P), Christ-Edmondson; 3612 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore 29, Md.
 Millian, John C. (DS), Washington-West D; 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.
 Dickey, W. DeWitt (P), Mount Airy; Mount Airy, Md.
 Schilling, S. Paul (Prof. Systematic Theology, Westminster Theo. Sem.), Westminster, Md.
 Cromer, Horace E. (P), McKendree; 3309 S. Dakota Ave., N.E., Washington 18, D. C.
 *Beatty, W. Carroll (Attorney), 4316 Hamilton St., Hyattsville, Md.
 *Moreland, Frederick J. (Y.M.C.A. Sec.), 603 N. Ellwood Ave., Baltimore 5, Md.
 *Morgan, Mrs. Joy Elmer (Mbr. G.B.M. & C.E.), 4109 17th St., N.W., Washington 11, D. C.
 *Warne, A. H. (BE), 845 Summit Ave., Hagerstown, Md.
 *Springer, William E. (Chief Clerk U.S. Marine Corps), 18 West Lenox St., Chevy Chase 15, Md.
 *McDougle, Leonidas I. (Pub. Rel. Dept., Assn. Amer. Railroads), 3713 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington 16, D. C.
 *Jett, Robert S. (BE), 3212 Carlisle Ave., Baltimore 16, Md.

BELGIUM (2) OS

Sec. C; Rows 13-14; Seats 6; 6

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BOMBAY (2) OS

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CENTRAL KANSAS (10) SC

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Sec. A; Rows 11-12; Seats 5-8; 5-8

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Sec. B; Rows 17-18; Seats 9-10; 9-10

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Sec. C; Rows 13-14; Seats 1-5; 1-5

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IDAHO (2) W

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NORTH MISSISSIPPI (6) SE

Sec. C; Rows 15-16; Seats 4-6

- Robinson, William L. (DS), New Albany D; New Albany, Miss.
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 Finger, Jr., H. Ellis (P), First; Oxford, Miss.
 *Houston, Jamie G. (CLL), New Albany, Miss.
 *Pierce, Millard Franklin (Attorney), Greenwood, Miss.
 *Foreman, Julius M. (Attorney), Indianola, Miss.

Reserves

- Moore, Rufus G. (DS), Greenville D; 514 Alexander St., Greenville, Miss.
 Rhea, Seamon (Died July 19, 1951).
 Lord, R. Guy (DS), Sardis D; Sardis, Miss.
 *Tanner, Ennis A. (Insurance), Indianola, Miss.
 *Black, Roy (BE), Nettleton, Miss.
 *McCormack, W. Rady (City Mail Carrier), Corinth, Miss.

NORTH TEXAS (6) SC

Sec. D; Row 16; Seats 3-8

- Baker, W. Harrison (DS), Dallas D; 1910 Main St., Dallas, Texas.
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*Perkins, Joe J. (Oil Executive), City National Bank Bldg., Wichita Falls, Texas.
*Folsom, John V. (BE), 301 N. Market St., Dallas, Texas.
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Reserves

- Lee, Umphrey (Pres.-S.M.U.), c/o S.M.U., Dallas 5, Texas.
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*Waggoner, Merle T. (Cattleman), 1925 Ninth St., Wichita Falls, Texas.
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*Smith, C. Truett (Banker), Wylie, Texas.
*McCorkle, Claude H. (Insurance), Sulphur Springs, Texas.
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NORTHEAST GERMANY (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 2; Seats 9-10

- Scholz, Ernst (DS), Berlin, Lichterfelde-West, Paulinenstr. 30.
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Reserves

- Vogelsang, Bernhard (P), Christ Church; Berlin, Schoneberg Hauptstr. 134.
*Frohlich, Gunter (BE), Berlin Wittenau Elsenpfehlstr. 42.

NORTH-EAST OHIO (14) NC

Sec. D; Rows 3-4; Seats 1-7; 1-7

- Olson, Oscar Thomas (P), Epworth-Euclid; 1919 E. 107th St., Cleveland 6, Ohio.
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- *Hart, Vincent S. (College Administrator), Oberlin, Ohio.
- *Heer, Amos L. (Dir. Teacher Training, Kent State University),
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- Secrest, Paul E. (DS), Akron D; 463 W. Market St., Akron 3, Ohio.
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NORTHERN NEW YORK (4) NE

Sec. D; Row 5; Seats 1-4

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- *Skyes, W. Clyde (Lumber Merchant), Cranberry Lake, N. Y.
- *LeFevre, DeWitt C. (Manufacturer), Beaver Falls, N. Y.

Reserves

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- Dodge, Allan T. (P), First; 61 W. Oneida St., Oswego, N. Y.
- *Mellen, Curtis G. (Insurance), 117 Barnes St., Gouverneur, N. Y.
- *Peckham, Arthur W. (Insurance), 30 Broad St., Hamilton, N. Y.
- *Knapp, Paul C. (Dentist), 316 Academy St., Fulton, N. Y.

NORTHERN PHILIPPINES (2) OS

Sec. C; Row 5; Seats 3-4

- Inis, Ciriaco (P), San Mateo, Isabela, Philippines.
- *Simangan, Jose T. (Professor), Tuguegarao, Cagayan, Philippines.

Reserves

- Gines, Mariano L. (P), Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines.

*Resposo, David (CP. Accountant), Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines.

NORTHWEST GERMANY (2) OS

Sec. C; Row 4; Seats 9-10

Zeuner, Walther (DS), Bremen-Vegesack Georg Groning-Str. 2.

*Stehl, Heinrich (Land Adjuster), Kassel-Wilh. Hugo-Preuss-Str. Nr. 8.

Reserves

Schulz, Emil (DS), Hamburg D; Hamburg Martinistr. 41/49 Germany.

*Burns, Johann (), Oldenburg i.o. Weddigenstr. Nr. 26.

NORTHWEST INDIANA (6) NC

Sec. B; Rows 3-4; Seats 8-10; 8-10

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*Phend, Harold C. (Insurance), Monticello, Ind.

*Dunn, Ralph M. (Industrial Catering), 3529 Michigan Ave., East Chicago, Ind.

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Smith, Phillips Brooks (DS), South Bend D; 507½ Maple Ave., LaPorte, Ind.

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*Oliphant, Russell L. (Life Insurance), 353 Armstrong St., Frankfort, Ind.

*Marshall, Mrs. Pauline A. (H), Darlington, Ind.

*Bass, Floyd (Peony Farm), New Augusta, Ind.

NORTHWEST PHILIPPINES (2) OS

Sec. C; Row 4; Seats 3-4

Loresco, Melanio M. (DS), Perez Blvd., Dagupan City, Philippines.

*Balan, Plegunte (BE), Alaminos, Pangasinan, Philippines.

Reserves

Ignacio, Silverio J. R. (DS), Alaminos, Pangasinan, Philippines.

*Barcelona, Jose O. (Dentist), San Esteban, Ilocos Sur, Philippines.

NORTHWEST TEXAS (8) SC

Sec. C; Rows 2-3; Seats 7-10; 7-10

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 *Willson, Sr., Jim M. (Lumber Dealer), Floydada, Texas.
 *Bryant, R. Bernard (Merchant), Stamford, Texas.

Reserves

- Haymes, Joe O. (P), First; Plainview, Texas.
 Carter, Orion W. (P), First; Pampa, Texas.
 Robinson, Herndon I. (P), First; 1419 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas.
 Carleton, Alsie H. (P), First; Big Springs, Texas.
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 *Salem, Joe T. (Merchant), Sudan, Texas.
 *Story, Fred A. (Dis. LL), Childress, Texas.
 *Williams, James H. (Farmer), Quanah, Texas.
 *Finch, Orville H. (Rancher), Dalhart, Texas.

NORWAY (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 5; Seats 7-8

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Reserves

- Hagen, Odd (Pres. Theological School), Overseas Theological School, Goteborg, Norway.
 *Sagedal, Magnus (BE), Teglhagen, Tonsberg, Norway.

OHIO (18) NC

Sec. B; Rows 1-2; Seats 1-10; 1-8

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 Foote, Gaston (P), Grace; Transferred Central Texas Conference, Feb. 15, 1952.
 Radcliffe, Lynn J. (P), Hyde Park Community; 4345 St. John's Place, Cincinnati 8, Ohio.
 *Fleming, Arthur S. (Pres.-Ohio Wesleyan University), Delaware, Ohio.
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- Jones, J. Ira (P), Trinity; 741 W. Market St., Lima, Ohio.
- Kennedy, Robert (DS), Dayton D; 1230 Third National Bldg., Dayton 2, Ohio.
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- Chiles, Paul D. (DS), Portsmouth D; 1314 Offner St., Portsmouth, Ohio.
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OREGON (4) W

Sec. A; Row 14; Seats 7-10

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- *Bunch, Mrs. Jessie W. (Mbr. Gen. Bd. Missions & BE), Forest Grove, Oregon.
- *Clark, Edward L. (Pres.-Multnomah College), Portland, Oregon.

Reserves

- Nye, Laurence Everett (P), First; 1219 S.W. Taylor St., Portland 5, Oregon.
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- *Smith, G. Herbert (Pres.-Williamette University), 180 S. Winter St., Salem, Oregon.
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PACIFIC NORTHWEST (8) W

Sec. A; Rows 13-14; Seats 1-4; 1-4

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- Albertson, Cyrus E. (P), First; Fifth & Marion Sts., Seattle 4, Wash.
- *Hall, Thomas C. (State Senator), Skamokawa, Wash.
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- *Sander, William E. (BE), 1508 7th Ave., Seattle, Wash.
- *Stephenson, S. Town (Dean of Faculty-Washington State College), 1502 Monroe St., Pullman, Wash.

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- Decker, Richard D. (P), First; 502 Pacific St., Bremerton, Wash.
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PENINSULA (6) NE

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Bunting, Jr., John J. (P), First; Newark, Del.
*Hooper, Granville (Fuel Dealer), Cambridge, Md.
*Brown, Clinton H. (Sales Engineer), 9 N. Clifton Ave., Roselle, Wilmington, Del.
*Downing, Fulton J. (BE), Harrington, Del.
*Hudson, Arthur R. (Feed Dealer), Shelbyville, Del.
*Shockley, Orlando W. (Retired BE), Showell, Md.

PHILADELPHIA (8) NE

Sec. D; Rows 1-2; Seats 1-4; 1-4

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PHILIPPINES (2) OS

Sec. C; Rows 4-5; Seats 5; 5

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PITTSBURGH (8) NE

Sec. A; Rows 3-4; Seats 3-6; 3-6

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RHODESIA (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 8; Seats 7-8

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Reserves

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RIO GRANDE (2) SC

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RIVER PLATE (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 12; Seats 9-10

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Sec. A; Rows 17-18; Seats 1-2; 1-2

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Sec. A; Rows 17-18; Seats 3-10; 3-10

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*Compos, Mrs. Iracema de Franca.

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Sec. A; Row 19; Seat 5

KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH (1) OS

Sec. A; Row 19; Seat 6

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Secs. B-C; Rows 19-19; Seats 1-10; 1-10

PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES

(Par. 613, 1948 *Discipline*: Under special conditions, Provisional Annual Conferences within the territory of a Central Conference or a Provisional Central Conference may designate a member to meet with the Standing Committees of the General Conference, without expense to the General Conference.)

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*Baker, Mrs. Harold M. (6)	Ohio (NC)
Baker, Rufus C. (8)	Colorado (W)
Baker, W. Harrison (5)	North Texas (SC)
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Balaram, Prabhakar C. B. (1)	Delhi (OS)
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*Baldwin, Howard C. (9)	Detroit (NC)
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*Banks, William N. (7)	North Georgia (SE)
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*Barrett, Commodore A. (11)	North Carolina (C)
*Barrett, James W. (11)	Colorado (W)
Bartley, Henry W. (6)	Florida (C)
*Baruch, Joshua (3)	Malaya (OS)
*Batten, Mrs. Fay W. (4)	California-Nevada (W)
*Bauer, Paul (1)	South Germany (OS)
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*Benway, Neil P. (11)	Troy (NE)
*Berg, R. H. (9)	Florida (SE)
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*Bertholf, Lloyd M. (3)	California-Nevada (W)
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*Billman, Frank R. (1)	North-East Ohio (NC)
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Blackard, Embree H. (6)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Blackburn, Henry W. (11)	Florida (SE)
*Blanco, Jr., Jose (3)	Cuba (SE)
*Blasingame, Walter A. (7)	South Georgia (SE)
*Blazer, Earl (3)	Holston (SE)
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*Brockett, Howard R. (4)	New York East (NE)
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*Brown, Samuel L. (3)	West Texas (C)
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Bryant, R. Orman (1)	Virginia (SE)
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Budd, Henry G. (2)	Central New York (NE)
*Buford, Lester J. (8)	Southern Illinois (SC)
*Bunch, Mrs. Jesse W. (6)	Oregon (W)
*Burgoon, Lowell D. (4)	Ohio (NC)
*Burkett, Mrs. Myra D. (10)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Burns, Robert E. (2)	California-Nevada (W)
*Byram, Stan H. (3)	Indiana (NC)
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*Campbell, T. E. (3)	West Virginia (NE)
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Carlyon, Richard E. (9)	Nebraska (SC)
Carothers, J. Edward (2)	Troy (NE)
Carr, Harold F. (6)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Carruth, Samuel E. (5)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Carter, A. M. (1)	Savannah (C)
Carter, Stanley (1)	Texas (SC)
Case, Harold C. (9)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Cates, Paul (2)	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Chadwick, William C. (6)	North Carolina (SE)
*Chaffey, Edmund K. (3)	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Chamberlin, Percy D. (8)	New York East (NE)
*Charan, Isaac A. (2)	North India (OS)
*Cherry, Hal H. (2)	Central Texas (SC)

*Chiza, Enoch (3)	Rhodesia (OS)
*Childs, Miss Ivy (5)	Bombay (OS)
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*Christian, Samuel V.	Gujarat (OS)
*Christopher, Mrs. Mary H. (4)	Pacific Northwest (W)
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*Cliffe, Albert W. (4)	Philadelphia (NE)
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*Colley, Mrs. Stewart F. (6)	North Georgia (SE)
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*Collins, Hubert L. (3)	Kansas (SC)
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*Crump, Mrs. Jennie R. (4)	Mississippi (C)
*Crump, Mrs. Sam W. (6)	Louisville (SE)
*Cullins, John S. (3)	Southwest (C)
Curl, Robert F. (11)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Current, John T. (3)	Lexington (C)
Curry, George M. (7)	West Virginia (NE)
Curry, John W. (5)	South Carolina (C)
Dahlquist, G. Albin (6)	New England Southern (NE)
Dahn, Karl (2)	South Germany (OS)
*Daniel, Vattel E. (3)	Central Alabama (C)
Daniels, Eric N. (4)	Indus River (OS)
*Dannelly, Clarence M. (2)	Alabama (SE)
*Darrah, Donald B. (3)	West Oklahoma (SC)
Das, Preo N. (5)	Bengal (OS)
Davenport, George M. (6)	North Alabama (SE)
Davis, Byron A. (5)	Dakota (NC)
Davis, Ernest E. (5)	Genesee (NE)
*Davis, Lee (3)	Tennessee (SE)
*Davis, Wilmer Fell (8)	Peninsula (NE)
Day, Albert E. (9)	Baltimore (NE)
*Day, Kelly J. (10)	Kentucky (SE)
*de la Vina, Jr., Juan (3)	Rio Grande (SC)
*Denman, Harry (11)	North Alabama (SE)
*Dennis, James B. (6)	Liberia (OS)

Deschner, Phil (8)	West Oklahoma	(SC)
*De Weese, H. O. (3)	North Indiana	(NC)
Dietterich, A. Merritt (2)	Genesee	(NE)
*Dillinger, Ray A. (3)	Illinois	(NC)
Dittes, Orval C. (11)	Minnesota	(NC)
*Doan, John H. (10)	Ohio	(NC)
Dodgen, Ethan W. (5)	North Arkansas	(SC)
*Donald, Ernest P. ()	Central Provinces	(OS)
Douglas, Elmer H. (6)	North Africa	(OS)
*Downs, Mrs. Ward M. (10)	West Virginia	(NE)
Dubra, Charles H. (10)	Mississippi	(C)
Duncan, Herman F. (5)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
*Dunn, Ralph M. (6)	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
*Eady, Virgil Y. C. (3)	North Georgia	(SE)
*Easter, John E. (6)	Virginia	(SE)
*Edens, A. Hollis (2)	North Carolina	(SE)
*Edge, Claude A. (7)	Texas	(SC)
Edwards, K. Morgan (5)	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
*Egan, James A. (2)	East Oklahoma	(SC)
*Elijah, Earl (3)	North Iowa	(NC)
*Ellis, Matt L. (3)	North Arkansas	(SC)
Ellisor, Cecil M. (6)	Alabama	(SE)
Ensley, F. Gerald (5-9)	Ohio	(NC)
Ernst, J. Henry (2)	Pacific Northwest	(W)
*Ervin, Paul R. (9)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
*Essig, J. Fred (3)	North-East Ohio	(NC)
*Evans, Charles W. (4)	West Virginia	(NE)
*Evans, Paul F. (1)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
Evans, Williams S. (5)	Memphis	(SE)
*Extrom, George P. (7)	West Wisconsin	(NC)
*Faber, Fran H. (3)	Minnesota	(NC)
Fallon, George A. (4)	New England	(NE)
Fang, Charles E. (5)	Malaysia Chinese	(OS)
*Farr, James F. (3)	New England	(NE)
*Fernstermacher, George (8)	North Indiana	(NC)
Ferguson, Clarence F. (7)	South Carolina	(C)
*Field, Henry W. (10)	Virginia	(SE)
Fielder, Cicero B. (11)	North Texas	(SC)
Finger, Jr., H. Ellis (9)	North Mississippi	(SE)
Fisher, Clarence C. (4)	Pittsburgh	(NE)
*Fitch, A. W. (7)	North-East Ohio	(NC)
*Fitch, Mrs. Harold W. (6)	Illinois	(NC)
Flatt, Franklin A. (9)	Memphis	(SE)
*Fleming, Arthur S. (9)	Ohio	(NC)
*Fletcher, Abbott L. (9)	Minnesota	(NC)
*Fletcher, William E. (3)	Washington	(C)
*Folsom, Jack V. (3)	North Texas	(NC)
Foote, Gaston (4)	Ohio	(NC)
*Ford, Jr., Henry H. (11)	Michigan	(NC)
*Foreman, J. M. (4)	North Mississippi	(SE)
Fossett, Earl M. (8)	Kentucky	(SE)
Fowler, George A. (4)	Rock River	(NC)
Fox, Jesse W. (2)	North Indiana	(NC)
Frank, Eugene M. (2)	Kansas	(SC)
*Franklin, Hollis C. (3)	Louisville	(SE)
Freeman, Horace T. (5)	South Georgia	(SE)
*French, Chester T. (4)	New Mexico	(SC)
Fritz, Clifford (2)	Wisconsin	(NC)

Frye, Glenn M. (5)	Michigan (NC)
Furman, L. G. Wayne (8)	Erie (NE)
Fuster, Angel E. (6)	Cuba (SE)
Gamble, Edge W. (7)	Louisville (SE)
*Garcia, Christian V. (3)	North Africa (OS)
*Gaskill, William N. (10)	Pittsburgh (NE)
Gattinoni, Carlos T. (1)	River Plate (OS)
*Gentry, Mrs. W. Max (6)	Nebraska (SC)
*Gibbs, Mrs. Hiram B. (6)	New England (NE)
*Gillmore, C. B. (3-11)	Alabama (SE)
Gilpin, Richard O. (6)	Colorado (W)
Ginns, C. Homer (5)	New England Southern (NE)
*Gobbel, Luther L. (3)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Godfrey, Edwin S. (3)	Wisconsin (NC)
Goff, Charles Ray (5)	Rock River (NC)
Goldston, C. Wade (5)	North Carolina (SE)
Goodloe, Robert W. (5)	Central Texas (SC)
Goodloe, W. Henry (6)	North Arkansas (SC)
*Goodwin, William O. (1)	South Carolina (SE)
Goranson, Mauritz (7)	Sweden (OS)
*Gordon, Mrs. Robert K. (9)	South Carolina (C)
*Grace, J. Harry (4)	Baltimore (NE)
Graham, John H. (5)	Upper Mississippi (C)
Grant, A. Raymond (5)	California-Nevada (W)
*Gray, Robert A. (7)	Florida (SE)
*Greathouse, Frank (3)	New Mexico (SC)
*Greelis, David E. (3)	Troy (NE)
Green, Richard M. (2)	Peninsula (NE)
*Greene, Walter K. (2)	South Carolina (SE)
Griffis, Harold W. (6)	Troy (NE)
Griffith, R. Carl (5)	South Carolina (SE)
Grisham, Dubro N. (5)	Tennessee (C)
Gross, John O. (11)	Kentucky (SE)
*Grow, Russell H. (3)	Southern Illinois (NC)
Grummon, A. Ray (8)	Illinois (NC)
Gum, Walter C. (6)	Virginia (SE)
Gustafson, Lloyd A. (1)	North Iowa (NC)
*Gutekunst, Immanuel (4) (Died, April 3, 1952)	Southwest Germany (OS)
*Haggard, Carl W. (3)	Kentucky (SE)
*Hall, Thomas C. (3)	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Hammond, Robert L. (3)	New England Southern (NE)
*Hand, Juan A. K. ()	River Plate (OS)
Handy, W. Talbot (6)	Louisiana (C)
Hanifan, John E. (5)	West Virginia (NE)
Hardin, Cecil P. (5)	Holston (SE)
*Harkness, Miss Georgia (9)	Troy (NE)
Harmon, Nolan B. (8)	Virginia (SE)
*Harrington, Mrs. Wayne (4)	Nebraska (SC)
Harris, M. LaFayette (2)	Lexington (C)
Harris, Pierce (9)	North Georgia (SE)
Harris, Thomas S. (5)	Alabama (SE)
*Hart, Vincent S. (11)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Havighurst, Lawrence D. (9)	North Iowa (NC)
*Hawkins, J. Clinton (8)	St. Louis (SC)
Haywood, John W. (8)	East Tennessee (C)
*Heer, Amos L. (2)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Herr, John D. (2)	Philadelphia (NE)
*Heflin, Howell Thomas (9)	North Alabama (SE)

Heinsohn, Edmund (9)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Helrigel, Jr., William H. (2)	Michigan (NC)
Hempstead, Charles S. (5)	North Iowa (NC)
*Henderson, Mrs. Joseph M. (6)	Genesee (NE)
*Henderson, Zach S. (11)	South Georgia (SE)
Henley, James W. (9)	Tennessee (SE)
Henninger, F. LaMont (4)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Henwood, Roy T. (2)	Wyoming (NE)
Hicks, Guy M. (5)	Louisiana (SC)
*Hileman, W. Ralph (3)	Detroit (NC)
*Hodges, Virgil W. (8)	Atlanta (C)
*Hodgin, H. H. (3)	North Carolina (SE)
*Hole, J. Wesley (11)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Holland, Mrs. Fetta (6)	East Tennessee (C)
*Holler, J. Carlisle (3)	South Carolina (SE)
Hollister, John W. (1)	West Virginia (NE)
Holloway, Fred G. (2)	Baltimore (NE)
*Holmes, Harry N. (3)	New York East (NE)
*Horton, Jr., Mrs. W. E. (6)	Texas (SC)
*Houston, Jamie G. (3)	North Mississippi (SE)
Houston, Ralph M. (6)	New York (NE)
Hoy, Russell H. (4)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Hughes, Harold D. (4)	Indiana (NC)
Hughes, Harold H. (4)	Virginia (SE)
Humbert, Russell J. (2)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Hummer, Harry R. (9)	Pittsburgh (NC)
Hunt, Brunner M. (1)	Mississippi (SE)
*Hunt, Walter L. (1)	Wyoming (NE)
Hurley, Hubert G. (5)	Southern Illinois (NC)
*Hurry, Elmer F. (3)	Dakota (NC)
*Hygate, Mrs. Harry B. (6)	Peninsula (NE)
Inis, Ciriaco (6)	Northern Philippines (OS)
*Inman, W. O. (2)	Memphis (SE)
*Ivins, Lester S., Ph.D. (3)	Ohio (NC)
*Jackson, H. Leo (3)	Holston (SE)
Jackson, Olin D. (5)	Minnesota (NC)
Jackson, John H. (4)	Savannah (C)
*Jackson, Will W. (2)	Southwest Texas (SC)
James, D. Trigg (2)	Holston (SE)
Jenkins, Farrell D. (4)	Southern Illinois (NC)
*John, Mrs. B. W. (6)	West Virginia (NE)
Johns, H. L. (4)	Louisiana (SC)
*Johns, Hally P. (3)	Delaware (C)
*Johnson, Francis (10)	North Iowa (NC)
*Johnson, Hubert (6)	Central Texas (SC)
*Johnson, Leslie W. (8)	West Wisconsin (NC)
*Johnson, Mrs. Pinkie D. (2)	Texas (C)
*Jolly, Elmer (3)	Illinois (NC)
*Jones, Edwin L. (4)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Jones, E. Ray (11)	West Virginia (NE)
*Jones, Loy (11)	Missouri (SC)
Jones, William T. (5)	Indiana (NC)
*Jud, Eugene F. (3)	Central Texas (SC)
*Kabelitz, Willy (3)	Northeast Germany (OS)
Kale, W. Arthur (2)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Karls, Harold M. (7)	Detroit (NC)
Kellogg, Harold F. (2)	Ohio (NC)

Kenney, John R. (6)	California-Nevada (W)
*Keyser, Mrs. E. Lester (8)	Baltimore (NE)
*Keyser, L. L. (6)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Kheng, Geh Hun (6)	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
*Khiyalie, Charles S. ()	North India (OS)
*Kibler, Russell M. (9)	Indiana (NC)
Kilpatrick, Lester A. (7)	Michigan (NC)
Kincheloe, Marvin S. (4)	Holston (SE)
King, Carl H. (2)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Kinkel, Mrs. E. E. (9)	Wisconsin (NC)
Kirby, J. Edmund (4)	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Kirby, Taylor H. (8)	Alabama (SE)
*Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. Frank (9)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Klaus, LeRoy H. (1)	Minnesota (NC)
Kleen, Ralph (4)	Oregon (W)
Knauss, Gustav (3)	Southwest Germany (OS)
Kober, Marvin B. (2)	North Iowa (NC)
Kofod, Johnannes (6)	Denmark (OS)
*Kyburz, Mrs. Robert N. (2)	Dakota (NC)
La Grone, Don H. (9)	East Oklahoma (SC)
La Rue, Clarence H. (9)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Laing, Mrs. Alan K. (4)	Illinois (NC)
Lambdin, Henry L. (5)	Newark (NE)
*Lampkin, Dewey (7)	Louisiana (C)
*Lance, T. Jack (4)	North Georgia (SE)
Landon, Alfred P. (2)	Detroit (NC)
Landreth, Elmer D. (6)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Landrum, D. L. (5)	Texas (SC)
*Lane, Frank L. (3)	Texas (C)
Langrall, Oswald B. (7)	Baltimore (NE)
*Lanman, Claude C. (11)	Baltimore (NE)
*Laskey, Mrs. Glen E. (6)	Louisiana (SC)
*Law, Clyde O. (2)	West Virginia (NE)
*Lay, Robert P. (3)	Louisiana (SC)
Lazenby, Marion E. (8)	North Alabama (SE)
*LeFevre, DeWitt C. (2)	Northern New York (NE)
Leggett, Jr., J. Willard (5)	Mississippi (SE)
*Lewis, G. Wesley (3)	Wyoming (NE)
*Lewis, L. Ray (1)	Troy (NE)
Lier, Alf (5)	Norway (OS)
*Lindstrom, Harald (2)	Sweden (OS)
Linger, Ross (4)	West Virginia (NE)
Lochridge, Frank E. (1)	Dakota (NC)
*Loeppert, Henry V. (8)	Rock River (NC)
*Long, Mrs. Conrad C. (6)	Ohio (NC)
Long, Nat G. (1)	North Georgia (SE)
*Longstreth, Mrs. Wilbur E. (9)	Missouri (SC)
*Lord, A. Taylor (9)	Wyoming (NE)
*Lorenz, Daniel L. (3)	Lucknow (OS)
Loresco, Malanio M. (4)	Northwest Philippines (OS)
Love, Edgar A. (6)	Washington (C)
*Lowther, Mrs. Alfred H. (6)	Detroit (NC)
Loyd, H. Brown (11)	Central Texas (SC)
Lugg, Thomas B. (11)	Illinois (NC)
Lundy, Clyde E. (6)	Holston (SE)
Luster, Cosum M. (5)	Texas (C)
*Lynch, G. Stanley (9)	Philadelphia (NE)
Lyon, Roswell W. (5)	Wyoming (NE)
Mackay, Edward G. (11)	North Georgia (SE)

Magee, J. Homer (9)	Montana (W)
Martin, Albert W. (4)	North Arkansas (SC)
*Martin, Mrs. John E. (11)	Detroit (NC)
Marvin, John E. (8)	Detroit (NC)
*Masih, Hector G. (2)	Indus River (OS)
Master, Ithiel V. ()	Gujarat (OS)
Mathews, Ernest J. (7)	Wisconsin (NC)
Mathews, James K. (6)	Bombay (OS)
*Mawha, Mrs. James K. (6)	Newark (NE)
*Mayfield, Robert G. (3)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Maynard, Mrs. Marcus (2)	Minnesota (NC)
*McCall, Mrs. Frank W. (1)	Ohio (NC)
*McCluhan, J. Everett (11)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
McClung, Rosseau S. (9)	West Virginia (NE)
*McClure, Mrs. Johnnie (2)	North Arkansas (SC)
*McCoy, Travis W. (9)	Little Rock (SC)
*McCracken, W. Arthur (7)	Southern Illinois (NC)
*McFall, Carl S. (9)	West Oklahoma (SC)
*McFall, Merrill B. (2)	Indiana (NC)
*McGill, Mrs. Kenneth L. (4)	Central Kansas (SC)
McIntosh, F. Bringle (2)	Ohio (NC)
*McKay, Leo H. (3)	Erie (NE)
*McKenzie, Mrs. Mary J. T. (2)	Florida (C)
*McKibbin, George B. (1)	Rock River (NC)
*McKinney, Mrs. J. J. (6)	Missouri (SC)
McLaughlin, John R. (1)	Newark (NE)
McPheeters, Chester A. (5)	Detroit (NC)
*McWilliams, Meade (5)	Illinois (NC)
Medlock, Melvin K. (4)	South Carolina (SE)
*Meech, B. Abbott (9)	Central New York (NE)
*Melin, J. Bengt (3)	Sweden (OS)
Melvin, J. Fred (1)	Illinois (NC)
*Mertz, Augustus S. (4)	Genesee (NE)
*Metcalfe, Harold S. (6)	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Middleton, Samuel T. (3)	South Carolina (C)
*Milam, Mrs. Walker (4)	East Oklahoma (SC)
*Miller, Clem O. (5)	Wisconsin (NC)
*Mintener, Bradshaw (8)	Minnesota (NC)
Mitra, H. G. (4)	South India (OS)
*Mobley, M. Randolph (6)	South Carolina (SE)
Moore, Aubrey S. (6)	Rock River (NC)
Moore, Leland (4)	South Georgia (SE)
Moore, Leon S. (7)	Delaware (C)
Moore, Leon T. (1)	Philadelphia (NE)
Moore, Mark M. (8)	Holston (SE)
Moore, Jr., Noah W. (8)	Delaware (C)
Morehead, Conner (5)	Little Rock (SC)
*Moreland, J. Earl (2)	Virginia (SE)
*Morgan, R. Kenneth (2)	Tennessee (SE)
Morris, Robert G. (5)	Lexington (C)
Morris, Thomas H. (9)	Erie (NE)
Morris, Thurman B. (9)	North Indiana (NC)
Morris, Virgil D. (1)	Louisiana (SC)
Morrison, Paul (1)	Detroit (NC)
Mosby, Robert S. (2)	West Texas (C)
*Moses, Kolloory V. (3)	Hyderabad (OS)
*Mouser, Vincent M. (9)	Louisiana (SC)
Murphree, Marshall J. ()	Rhodesia (OS)
Murphy, C. Edwin (8)	Nebraska (SC)

Nabong, Juan (3)	Philippines (OS)
Nanez, Alfredo (6)	Rio Grande (SC)
*Nascimento, Antonio F. de ()	Angola (OS)
Nease, Edgar H. (7)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Neeley, Mrs. Virgil (6)	West Oklahoma (SC)
*Nelson, Hugh M. (3)	Idaho (W)
Newell, Frederick B. (6)	New York East (NE)
*Newton, Len L. (8)	Wyoming State (W)
*Nichols, Ray H. (3)	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Noble, Fred B. (3)	Florida (SE)
*Northrup, George M. (2)	New York (NE)
Nowlen, Charles A. (6)	Wyoming State (W)
*Nunnelee, Jr., John F. (6)	St. Louis (SC)
*Oberg, Mrs. Albert F. (6)	Minnesota (NC)
*Odell, Donald A. (10)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Oliver, John H. (4)	Southwest (C)
Olson, Oscar Thomas (5)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*O'Neal, Robert J. (7)	Louisiana (SC)
*Oppliger, Theophil (3)	Switzerland (OS)
O'Rear, Edward P. (1)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Ormiston, Elmer H. (3)	Michigan (NC)
Ortmeyer, Fred W. (4)	North Iowa (NC)
*Ottinger, Albert D. (3)	North Dakota (NC)
Overstreet, Walter S. (2)	West Virginia (NE)
*Parker, Walter W. (11)	St. Louis (SC)
*Parlin, Charles C. (9)	Newark (NE)
*Patterson, D. Stewart (5)	Baltimore (NE)
*Patterson, John R. (7-3)	Louisiana (C)
Patton, Russell R. (9)	Kentucky (SE)
*Payne, Mrs. James W. (9)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Peace, John R. (8)	Texas (SC)
Pearson, John H. (5)	Virginia (SE)
*Peeler, Charles B. (1)	Florida (SE)
Pendergrass, Edward J. (4)	Florida (SE)
Perkins, Albert R. (5)	Kentucky (SE)
*Perkins, J. J. (6)	North Texas (SC)
Perryman, Willis L. (2)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Perryman, Mrs. Willis L. (6)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Peterson, Howard W. (8)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Pettygrove, G. Clifford (11)	California-Nevada (W)
*Pfeiffer, Mrs. Alvin B. (10)	Rock River (NC)
*Phend, Harold C. (3-2)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Phillips, Earl C. (9)	Southern Illinois (NC)
Phillips, A. Gordon (10)	Detroit (NC)
*Pierce, Joe S. (11)	North Arkansas (SC)
*Pierce, M. F. (7)	North Mississippi (SE)
*Pilchard, Edwin I. (2)	Illinois (NC)
*Pinson, Clarence M. (3)	North Alabama (SE)
Ploughe, Joseph S. (6)	Central Kansas (SC)
*Plummer, Mrs. Lauren L. (9)	Kansas (SC)
Pope, W. Kenneth (5)	Texas (SC)
Potter, Truman W. (4)	Minnesota (NC)
Potthoff, Harvey H. (2)	Colorado (W)
Potts, J. Manning (11)	Virginia (SE)
*Pounds, W. A. (11)	Texas (SC)
Powell, Bradford V. (5)	Missouri (SC)
Powell, Howard P. (4)	North Carolina (SE)
Prentzel, Jr., Frank (5)	Philadelphia (NE)
Preset, Walter F. (1)	Pittsburgh (NE)

Prewitt, Thomas O. (1-6)	Mississippi (SE)
Price, Harry Allan (5)	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Probert, Frank C. (8)	New Jersey (NE)
Pugh, A. Wesley (5)	North Indiana (NC)
Pulliam, William G. (7)	Illinois (NC)
Radcliffe, Lynn J. (11-4)	Ohio (NC)
Ragsdale, Ray W. (4)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Rast, John Marvin (9)	South Carolina (SE)
Raver, William N. (5)	New Jersey (NE)
*Reitz, T. Russell (4)	Kansas (SC)
*Rentz, Mrs. J. F. (Alice) (6)	Erie (NE)
Reppert, Carl A. (11)	Genesee (NE)
*Reynolds, Mrs. Fred C. (10)	Baltimore (NE)
Richmond, Charles N. (9)	Central West (C)
Riddick, Roland P. (7)	Virginia (SE)
Robinson, Orris Gravenor (6)	Baltimore (NE)
Robinson, William B. (11)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Robinson, William L. (5)	North Mississippi (SE)
*Rodgers, Mrs. Mary (6)	Upper Mississippi (C)
Rogers, J. Milton (9)	Baltimore (NE)
*Rogers, Mrs. Joe T. (11)	Central Kansas (SC)
Roland, S. Ralph (5)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Rooks, Robert E. (3)	Memphis (SE)
*Roose, Mrs. Homer (6)	North Indiana (NC)
Ross, William N. (1)	Liberia (OS)
*Roudebush, Roy R. (4)	North Indiana (NC)
Roush, Lester L. (7)	Ohio (NC)
Rozzelle, Clarence E. (8)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Rumble, Lester (5)	North Georgia (SE)
Russell, Virgel W. (5)	West Oklahoma (SC)
Ryan, Harry G. (7)	West Oklahoma (SC)
*Sander, William E. (11)	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Satterfield, Sr., John C. (2-9)	Mississippi (SE)
*Sayer, Mrs. Edmund A. (2)	New England Southern (NE)
Schaff, Lester (1)	Central New York (NE)
*Schalick, Mrs. W. Orvyl (2)	New Jersey (NE)
Scheuermann, Walter M. (5)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Scholz, Ernst (5)	Northeast Germany (OS)
Schubel, Bernell L. (7)	St. Louis (SC)
*Scott, Mrs. Earle K. (2)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Scott, Sr., Julius S. (9)	Texas (C)
*Seabrook, James H. (4)	Memphis (SE)
Seabrook, John J. (2)	South Carolina (C)
*Secrest, Mrs. Paul E. (6)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Selby, Howard W. (11)	New England (NE)
Shaw, Alfred J. (2)	Lucknow (OS)
*Shearer, Karl H. (4)	Erie (NE)
*Shearer, Paul V. (3)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Sheeley, Lynn (11)	Holston (SE)
*Sheffield, Ralph E. (7)	North Iowa (NC)
*Shelton, Roland M. (3)	Little Rock (SC)
*Sherrod, Charles C. (7)	Holston (SE)
*Shipps, Hammell P. (3)	New Jersey (NE)
Shore, Philip L. (5)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Shriver, Donald W. (3)	Virginia (SE)
Shungu, John Wesley (6)	Central Congo (OS)
Sigg, Ferdinand (1)	Switzerland (OS)
*Simangan, Jose T. (2)	Northern Philippines (OS)
*Simpson, John C. (8)	Virginia (SE)

*Singh, Ashok B. (6)	Bengal (OS)
Skillington, James Edgar (9)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Slaughter, Nat G. (8)	North Georgia (SE)
*Slutz, Leonard D. (1)	Ohio (NC)
Smart, W. Aiken (2)	Virginia (SE)
Smith, Alexander K. (3-11)	Philadelphia (NE)
*Smith, Miss Annie M. (8)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Smith, Chester A. (9-10)	New York (NE)
Smith, Herbert J. (6)	New Jersey (NE)
Smith, Horace G. (2)	Rock River (NC)
*Smith, J. Harvey (3)	South Florida (C)
Smith, John O. (11)	South Carolina (SE)
*Smith, W. Jasper (7)	North Carolina (SE)
*Smyth, Mrs. Robert (6)	North Iowa (NC)
*Snapp, Dennis V. (2)	Kentucky (SE)
Sockman, Ralph W. (11)	New York (NE)
*Sondergaard, Erik W. (3)	Denmark (OS)
Sousa e Santos, Sebastiao de ()	Angola (OS)
Spear, Charles W. (7)	Minnesota (NC)
Spear, Laren (9)	Illinois (NC)
Spellman, L. U. (5)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Spencer, Robert B. (3)	Colorado (W)
*Spilman, Louis (9)	Virginia (SE)
*Stafford, James P. (3)	Mississippi (SE)
*Stanley, Osso W. (2)	Louisville (SE)
Stanton, Willard E. (9)	Pacific Northwest (W)
Staples, Louis S. (4)	Maine (NE)
*Steed, George V. (6)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Steel, Marshall T. (8)	North Texas (SC)
Steffens, William L. (9)	Ohio (NC)
*Stehl, Heinrich (5)	Northwest Germany (OS)
Stephens, John E. (2)	North Mississippi (SE)
*Stephenson, S. Town (8)	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Stevens, Ben M. (11)	Mississippi (SE)
*Streeter, Ray G. (8)	Central Kansas (SC)
*Stromberg, Sven E. (3-9)	New York (NE)
Stroud, Dean (8)	Tennessee (SE)
Stuart, R. Marvin (6)	California-Nevada (W)
*Sumitra, S. ()	South India (OS)
Sundaram, Gabriel (6)	Hyderabad (OS)
Swales, Harold S. (5)	Central New York (NE)
Sweeney, Samuel H. (5)	New York (NE)
*Sykes, W. Clyde (6)	Northern New York (NE)
Talbott, Norbert G. (8)	Indiana (NC)
*Tate, Willis M. (2)	North Texas (SC)
*Taunton, Van B. (1)	North Alabama (SE)
*Tawes, J. Millard (3)	Peninsula (NE)
Taylor, Harry M. (4)	Newark (NE)
Taylor, John L. (5)	St. Louis (SC)
*Teigland, Monrad (3)	Norway (OS)
Temple, Claude M. (10)	Illinois (NC)
Templin, Frank M. (7)	Indiana (NC)
Thangadurai, Thangaraj (6)	Burma (OS)
*Tharp, Mrs. Estella C. (6)	Indiana (NC)
*Thayer, Mrs. Paul E. (6)	Central New York (NE)
*Thomas, Mrs. Adrienne ()	Belgium (OS)
Thomas, J. Wesley (2-8)	Atlanta (C)
Thomas, Lauren D. (4)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Thompson, Pat (3)	Texas (SC)
Thonger, William G. (6)	Belgium (OS)

- *Thornton, Benjamin I. (3) South Georgia (SE)
 Throckmorton, Dillon Wesley (10-9) California-Nevada (W)
 Throckmorton, J. Russell (2) Central Kansas (SC)
 *Thwin, Nyunt, (1) Burma (OS)
 *Tillman, Mrs. Sadie Wilson (6) Tennessee (SE)
 *Tink, Edmund L. (11) Newark (NE)
 *Tonkin, Charles E. (4) Detroit (NC)
 Tower, Joe Z. (2) Texas (SC)
 *Townsend, Mrs. Inman U. (6-4) Central Congo (OS)
 Tripp, Ernest F. (7) Troy (NE)
 Trott, Norman L. (1) Baltimore (NE)
 Trotter, Fred B. (9) Southern California-Arizona (W)
 Tucker, Frank C. (2) St. Louis (SC)
 Turner, Orbin (5) New Mexico (SC)
 Turner, Walter L. (6) Central Alabama (C)
 Tuttle, Lee F. (8) Western North Carolina (SE)
 Tyer, George T. (5) South Florida (C)
 *Tyler, Mrs. Fannie D. (4) Washington (C)
 Tyson, L. D. (7-2) North Alabama (SE)
- *Van Sickle, John R. (3) Rock River (NC)
 *Venegas, Arturo (6) Chile (OS)
 *Vessey, Bernard (9) Colorado (W)
 Vivion, Monroe (4) Texas (SC)
 Voigt, Edwin E. (11) Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
 *Voigt, Mrs. Edwin E. (2) Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
- Wade, Robert H. (11) Louisville (SE)
 Wagner, H. Hughes (5) New England (NE)
 Walker, Daniel D. (2) Oregon (W)
 Waller, Harry H. (8) Florida (SE)
 *Walter, Dwight E. (3) Ohio (NC)
 *Walters, James V. () Delhi (OS)
 Walton, Aubrey G. (6) Little Rock (SC)
 Ward, Daniel W. () Central Provinces (OS)
 Warmer, George A. (2) Southern California-Arizona (W)
 Warren, Charles L. (9-10) California-Nevada (W)
 Warren, John W. (7) Northern New York (NE)
 Watts, H. Bascom (5) East Oklahoma (SC)
 *Wayne, Herbert M. (1) Western North Carolina (SE)
 Wearne, Richard D. (4) Michigan (NC)
 *Weaver, Guy C. (10) Western North Carolina (SE)
 *Webb, Sr., James R. (2) Delaware (C)
 *Webb, Paul C. (7) Central Pennsylvania (NE)
 *Webber, Frank (7) California-Nevada (W)
 *Wedemeyer, Mrs. B. B. (1) Central Texas (SC)
 *Welker, Miss Edith F. (2) New York East (NE)
 Welliver, Lester A. (5) Central Pennsylvania (NE)
 *Wells, Luther W. (4) Virginia (SE)
 Wentworth, Chauncey (5) Maine (NE)
 *Wentworth, Mrs. Sara T. (9) Maine (NE)
 *Whisonant, E. D. (2) South Georgia (SE)
 White, Paul B. (6) West Wisconsin (NC)
 *White, Mrs. Roscoe M. (5) Virginia (SE)
 *Whitfield, Allen (6) Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
 Wiant, Warren W. (8) Ohio (NC)
 *Wilcox, W. H. (11) East Oklahoma (SC)
 Wilkins, John R. (1) California-Nevada (W)
 Williams, Ira E. (1) East Oklahoma (SC)
 *Williams, Julius E. (6) South Carolina (C)
 Williams, L. Stanley (9) Central Texas (SC)

*Williams, Paul G. (8)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Williams, Robert M. (2)	Washington (C)
Williams, Roy D. (1)	Memphis (SE)
Williams, Thomas Alfred (9)	Central Kansas (SC)
*Willingham, Mrs. R. M. (6)	Michigan (NC)
*Willson, Sr., Jim M. (9)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Wimbrow, Lawrence E. (5)	Peninsula (NE)
Windsor, Lester E. (7)	Peninsula (NE)
Wittstruck, Clayton B. (11)	North Iowa (NC)
Womeldorf, Paul D. (10)	Central Kansas (SC)
*Wood, Alpheus B. P. (3)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Wood, George S. (4)	Louisville (SE)
*Wood, Mrs. John S. (10)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Woodward, Charles W. (3)	Baltimore (NE)
Woodward, Ralph L. (2)	Missouri (SC)
*Woosley, Oscar V. (1)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Wooten, L. E. (7)	South Carolina (SE)
Worley, Elbert D. (1)	Holston (SE)
Worley, Loyd F. (9)	New York East (NE)
*Wyatt, Bige (6)	Central West (C)
*Yoder, Harvey (10)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*York, John (1)	Central Kansas (SC)
*Youell, Donald H. (9)	Holston (SE)
Young, Claude (8)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Young, Frederick D. (5)	West Texas (C)
Young, J. Otis (5)	Ohio (NC)
*Young, Joe M. (8)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Zeuner, Walther (6)	Northwest Germany (OS)
Zottele, Pedro (1)	Chile (OS)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF RESERVE DELEGATES

* Before a name means Lay Delegate. Abbreviations in right-hand Column after the names of the Conferences: NE, Northeastern Jurisdiction; SE, Southeastern Jurisdiction; C, Central Jurisdiction; NC, North Central Jurisdiction; SC, South Central Jurisdiction; W, Western Jurisdiction; OS, Overseas Conference. The first number in parentheses (5-10) indicates the number of the Report of the Committee on Credentials; the second numeral the item in the Report showing for whom the Reserve was seated. These Reports are found in the Appendix under "Reports of Administrative Committees," page 1036. Reserve Delegates who took the place of their Principal Delegate as a member of one of the General Standing Legislative Committees, 1 to 11 inclusive, upon their substitution are designated by a single number (1) for the Committee.

Acey, Archie E.	Virginia (SE)
*Acuff, Mrs. Herbert	Holston (SE)
Adams, Marvin H.	Montana (W)
*Adams, Waldo L.	North Indiana (NC)
*Addicks, Milton G.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Ake, Mrs. J. Howard	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Albert, Wilmer	Philadelphia (NE)
*Albertson, Fred W.	Central Kansas (SC)
*Albery, Mrs. Letha	Ohio (NC)
Allen, Ernest S.	West Virginia (NE)
Allgood, Benjamin F. (7-6)	New Jersey (NE)
Allison, Will F.	Illinois (NC)
*Amos, Robert T. (12-1) (14-3)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Amoss, Howard M.	Baltimore (NE)
*Anderson, Hurst R.	Minnesota (NC)
*Anderson, Mrs. William T.	Central New York (NE)
Andrews, Ellis L.	Alabama (SE)
*Andrews, Karl J.	West Oklahoma (SC)
*Armistead, Dero F.	North Texas (SC)
*Armstrong, Mrs. Robert C.	North Iowa (NC)
Arnold, Willard C.	New England (NE)
Arthur, C. Ralph	Virginia (SE)
*Atkinson, Robert A.	West Texas (C)
*Avery, Jr., Charles W.	Genesee (NE)
*Awtrey, Mrs. Varah	North Georgia (SE)
Babbs, J. Carlton	Ohio (NC)
Bacon, C. Clifford	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Badger, Robert E.	Indiana (NC)
Bailey, Donald E.	North Indiana (NC)
*Bailey, Mrs. Ella F. (17-1)	Delaware (C)
Bainbridge, Warren S.	Colorado (W)
*Baker, Hines H.	Texas (SC)
Bakhsh, Joel U.	Indus River (OS)
Baldwin, Donald H.	California-Nevada (W)
Bangalore, A. R.	South India (OS)
Bane, Wilford V.	Central Texas (SC)
*Banks, Mrs. Rowena	South Florida (C)
*Barcelona, Jose O.	Northwest Philippines (OS)
*Barr, Mrs. C. A.	Southwest Texas (SC)

*Bartlett, G. Colby	Central New York (NE)
Bashor, Harold E.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Bass, Floyd	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Bass, J. Dallas	Tennessee (SE)
*Bassett, Lonnie C.	Central West (C)
*Batten, Milton E.	West Oklahoma (SC)
*Batts, William O.	Tennessee (SE)
*Bautista, Samuel	Philippines (OS)
Bayly, Milton D.	Rock River (NC)
Bays, James A. (16-3)	Holston (SE)
*Beasley, Nathaniel C. (1-26)	Tennessee (SE)
*Beatty, W. Carroll (1-3) (11)	Baltimore (NE)
*Beatty, William M.	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Beck, Robert K.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Beckett, William E.	Michigan (NC)
*Beckman, Joseph C.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Beech, Albert	Wyoming (NE)
Bell, Archibald C.	Texas (SC)
Bell, C. Cooper	Virginia (SE)
Bell, Oliver W.	New England Southern (NE)
Bennett, Reginald V	Louisville (SE)
Benton, George Y.	Central New York (NE)
Benton, John K.	Tennessee (SE)
*Berkey, Charles C.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Berry, C. S.	Illinois (NC)
Biswas, Filip	Bengal (OS)
Biswas, Moolchand	Lucknow (OS)
*Black, Roy R.	North Mississippi (SE)
Blake, C. Melvin	Angola (OS)
*Blossom, Virgil	North Arkansas (SC)
Boblin, Theodore C.	New York East (NE)
Bohi, Philip T. (6-13)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Bolden, George W.	South Carolina (C)
Bollinger, Charles	Genesee (NE)
Bonner, Warren A. (14-4)	California-Nevada (W)
Boobar, Lester L.	Maine (NE)
Booth, Melvin	Kansas (SC)
Borders, John W.	North Indiana (NC)
Boren, Amos L.	Indiana (NC)
Bosley, Harold A.	Rock River (NC)
Bouton, Leon W. (17-3)	Wyoming (NE)
*Bowen, George W.	New Jersey (NE)
Bowers, Joe E.	East Oklahoma (SC)
Bowles, Charles P.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Boyd, Miller W.	East Tennessee (C)
Boyd, P. M. (2-1)	Florida (SE)
*Boyden, Kenneth R.	New Hampshire (NE)
Bradburn, Weldon E.	Rock River (NC)
Brady, Roy M. (12-5)	Kansas (SC)
Branton, R. R.	Louisiana (SC)
*Brawley, James P. (1-2) (2)	Atlanta (C)
Brennan, Harold R.	New York East (NE)
Brewster, Edward B.	Ohio (NC)
Briggs, Edwin A.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Broadhurst, William (4-4) (14-6)	East Oklahoma (SC)
Brown, Archiless M.	Indiana (NC)
Brown, Clinton H.	Peninsula (NE)
Brown, Earl R. (16-7)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Brown, Wade H.	Savannah (C)
Brown, Warren Emerson	Michigan (NC)

*Brown, William G.	Holston	(SE)
Brucks, Fred J.	Southwest Texas	(SC)
*Brumfield, Welton H.	Louisiana	(SC)
Brumley, Ira A.	North Arkansas	(SC)
*Bruns, Jonny	Northwest Germany	(OS)
Bryan, Dawson C. (8-7) (16-14)	Texas	(SC)
Buck, Franklin T. (11-8)	New Jersey	(NE)
Buckland, Harold W.	Troy	(NE)
Buddin, Francis A. (3-3)	Little Rock	(SC)
Buehler, Ernest M.	Iowa-Des Moines	(NC)
*Bullock, William J.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
*Bumpus, Samuel F.	New England Southern	(NE)
*Bundy, Mrs. Theodore R.	Troy	(NE)
Bunting, Jr., John J.	Peninsula	(NE)
Burns, Lacy H.	West Virginia	(NE)
Burns, Otis A.	South Florida	(C)
*Burns, Paul	Indiana	(NC)
Buthman, John C.	North Iowa	(NC)
Butler, Harrison G.	West Oklahoma	(SC)
*Butts, B. J. (1-27) (7)	Texas	(SC)
Buxton, James E.	Wisconsin	(NC)
*Byers, Charles A.	Kansas	(SC)
Candelaria, David M.	Philippines	(OS)
*Candler, S. Charles	North Georgia	(SE)
Cannon, Neal	Texas	(SC)
Canton, Andrew C.	Montana	(W)
Carder, Okey J.	Missouri	(SC)
*Cardounell, Humberto	Cuba	(SE)
Carleton, Alsie H. (3-8)	Northwest Texas	(SC)
*Carman, Edward R.	New York East	(NE)
*Carney, Sr., James	Louisiana	(C)
*Carpenter, Irving (Died August 17, 1951)	North-East Ohio	(NC)
*Carr, E. E.	Nebraska	(SC)
Carranzana, Humberto	Cuba	(SE)
Carroll, Thomas F.	Virginia	(SE)
*Cartel, Earl	Washington	(C)
Carter, Gene M.	Iowa-Des Moines	(NC)
Carter, Orion W. (4-9) (8)	Northwest Texas	(SC)
*Casad, Victor H.	West Oklahoma	(SC)
*Carver, Mrs. C. E.	Colorado	(W)
Cary, Leland P.	New York East	(NE)
*Chambers, Fred B.	Ohio	(NC)
*Charles, W. K.	South Carolina	(SE)
Chase, Marcus A.	Dakota	(NC)
*Cherry, James (1-17) (3)	North-East Ohio	(NC)
*Chevrin, Laura	North Africa	(OS)
Chiles, Paul D.	Ohio	(NC)
Choate, Cautious A.	Central Kansas	(SC)
*Christdas, Chanda	Hyderabad	(OS)
Christner, Benjamin H.	Colorado	(W)
*Church, G. E.	Southwest Missouri	(SC)
*Churn, Silverius C.	Virginia	(SE)
*Clabaugh, Jr., Edmund C.	Texas	(SC)
Clair, Jr., Matthew W.	Lexington	(C)
*Clark, L. C.	Pittsburgh	(NE)
*Clarke, Vincent P.	New England	(NE)
Claxton, Allen E.	New York	(NE)
*Clegg, Charles R.	North Georgia	(SE)
Clegg, W. Lemuel	North Carolina	(SE)

*Clem, A. D.	North Iowa (NC)
Closson, Hanford H.	Genesee (NE)
*Coe, Mrs. O. B.	West Texas (C)
*Coffey, George	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Coffman, C. S.	West Virginia (NE)
*Cohagen, Stephen A.	North Iowa (NC)
Coleman, Andrew W.	East Oklahoma (SC)
*Coleman, Robert D.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Collier, Otis L.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Compton, Chester J.	West Virginia (NE)
Conner, Ross W.	West Wisconsin (NC)
*Cook, Walter L.	Ohio (NC)
Cooley, William F. (6-9)	North Arkansas (SC)
*Cooper, Mrs. Charles L.	Kentucky (SE)
*Cooper, John T. (2-5)	North Alabama (SE)
*Cooper, Orrin V.	Louisiana (C)
Cornette, James C.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Corson, Lynn H.	New Jersey (NE)
*Cottingham, Mrs. T. J.	North Alabama (SE)
*Cotton, W. Davis	Louisiana (SC)
Cox, Sr., Alva I.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Cox, Emmett D.	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Cox, James L.	New York (NE)
Craig, William E.	West Virginia (NE)
Crain, Nuell C. (6-15) (14-14)	West Oklahoma (SC)
Cranston, Earl	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Cranston, John M.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Crawford, Mrs. Walter C.	Kansas (SC)
Creeger, Marion J.	New York East (NE)
Cromer, Horace E.	Baltimore (NE)
Crossland, Weldon F. (6-3), (7-2)	Genesee (NE)
*Crowder, A. B.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Crutchfield, Jr., Finis A.	West Oklahoma (SC)
Cryer, Donald W.	Ohio (NC)
*Currie, Miss Margaret	Maine (NE)
*Curry, Albert G.	Pittsburgh (NE)
Curry, Paul M. (12-4)	Illinois (NC)
*Cutchin, Mrs. J. H. (18-2)	North Carolina (SE)
*Cuykendall, John H.	Colorado (W)
Danskin, Kenneth L.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Davidson, John H.	Virginia (SE)
*Davidson, J. Quentin	South Georgia (SE)
Davies, James J.	North Iowa (NC)
Davis, C. Anderson	Tennessee (C)
*Davis, Mrs. Mildred M. (1-25) (11)	St. Louis (SC)
Davis, Larry R.	Nebraska (SC)
*DeBusk, Mrs. William S. (7-3) (9-5)	Holston (SE)
Decker, Richard D.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Delahooke, James K.	North Iowa (NC)
Dickerson, Adolphus S. (14-2)	Atlanta (C)
Dickerson, Joseph B.	Peninsula (NE)
Dickey, W. DeWitt	Baltimore (NE)
Dill, H. Hughes	North Iowa (NC)
Dill, Jr., R. Laurence (3-7) (4-8)	North Alabama (SE)
*Divelbess, Harold L.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Dodge, Allan T.	Northern New York (NE)
*Dodson, Thruman L.	Washington (C)
Dodsworth, Marmaduke	Malaya (OS)
*Dolliver, James I.	North Iowa (NC)

Donaho, John (12-12)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Donald, William C.	Detroit (NC)
Dorn, Robert E.	Minnesota (NC)
*Downing, Fulton J.	Peninsula (NE)
*Drake, Mrs. Mary M.	Tennessee (C)
*Du Fresne, Ronald E.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Du Rant, Charlton	South Carolina (SE)
Duncan, Robert H. (4-5) (1)	Holston (SE)
Duncombe, Franklin	Philadelphia (NE)
*Dunlap, Mrs. E. B.	West Oklahoma (SC)
*Dyer, James W.	Central Texas (SC)
*Eberhardt, Alex E. (9-4)	Colorado (W)
*Ebner, Mrs. Henry D.	New Jersey (NE)
Echols, Timothy B.	West Texas (C)
Eddins, Joseph S. (6-8)	North Alabama (SE)
*Edens, Joe	South Carolina (SE)
*Egger, John F.	Mississippi (SE)
Ellis, E. Ezra	Minnesota (NC)
*Ellis, Mrs. Frank C.	Indiana (NC)
*Elmir, Randolph	Sweden (OS)
*Enselmann, Ewald	Denmark (OS)
Ensor, Lowell S.	Baltimore (NE)
Estes, Lud H.	Memphis (SE)
*Everson, Ray D.	Indiana (NC)
*Evins, John C.	North Alabama (SE)
*Ewing, James M.	Mississippi (SE)
Fain, Galen C.	St. Louis (NC)
Fain, J. Ed	South Georgia (SE)
*Fair, R. Walter	Texas (SC)
*Fannin, Chester N.	West Virginia (NE)
Farmer, Roy I.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Farnham, Harley W.	North Iowa (NC)
Farr, Joyce W. (14-4)	California-Nevada (W)
Fedje, Roy A.	Oregon (W)
Felder, Luther B.	Texas (C)
*Felton, Horace S.	Philadelphia (NE)
Fenn, G. Lemuel (3-1) (6-2)	East Oklahoma (SC)
Few, Eugene C. (12-14) (15-6)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Fields, Lindsay G.	Central Alabama (C)
*Fields, Mrs. Mamie E.	South Carolina (C)
*Finch, Orville H.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Finch, William C. (6-14)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Fischer, Ronald E.	Detroit (NC)
Fisher, Edgar B.	North Carolina (SE)
Fisher, Elliott L. (18-1)	California-Nevada (W)
Fisher, James A.	Memphis (SE)
*Fitts, Melvin H.	Memphis (SE)
*Flegal, Frank G.	California-Nevada (W)
Fleming, John P. (8-5)	North Texas (SC)
*Fomby, James N.	Louisiana (SC)
*Fondren, Mrs. W. W. (10-6)	Texas (SC)
*Fooks, B. Tyndale	Little Rock (SC)
*Foster, Chapin D. (1-23) (8)	Pacific Northwest (W)
Foster, George A.	Florida (SE)
Fowler, H. Thornton	Tennessee (SE)
Fox, Fred E.	New Hampshire (NE)
*Francis, Mrs. Gladys	Indus River (OS)
*Franco, Vicente	Rio Grande (SC)

*Franklyn, Timon B.	Delhi	(OS)
Freeman, Everett W.	Central Kansas	(SC)
French, John E.	Peninsula	(NE)
*Frohlich, Gunter	Northeast Germany	(OS)
Frye, Franklin P.	New Hampshire	(NE)
*Fulbright, Mrs. Wilma L.	North Arkansas	(SC)
Fulton, Ross A.	Southwest Missouri	(SC)
Gafford, Alvin S.	Central Texas	(SC)
*Gaines, Nolan T.	North Texas	(SC)
Galloway, Eulis D. (9-6) (12-6)	Little Rock	(SC)
*Gamble, A. N.	Northwest Texas	(SC)
*Gannaway, Mrs. Bruce F.	Florida	(SE)
Garrison, Claude	Ohio	(NC)
Garrison, Edwin R.	North Indiana	(NC)
*Garrison, Ellis B.	Troy	(NE)
Gatlin, J. Albert	North Arkansas	(SC)
*Gerstenecker, Friedrich	South Germany	(OS)
Gibbs, J. McCoy	North Alabama	(SE)
*Gifford, Blaine H.	Erie	(NE)
Giles, William H. (7-5)	Louisiana	(SC)
*Giles, Mrs. J. Lewis	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
Gines, Mariano L.	Northern Philippines	(OS)
Glassco, Herbert W.	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
*Glover, James A.	North Carolina	(SE)
Godbold, Albea	St. Louis	(SC)
*Godfrey, Mrs. F. Bartow (1-5) (7)	Florida	(SE)
Goodrich, Jr., Robert E.	North Texas	(SC)
*Goodson, Gordon L.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
*Gough, Harry B.	Minnesota	(NC)
*Graham, Nathan R.	Florida	(SE)
Grant, Thomas McM.	North Carolina	(SE)
*Graybeal, Henry C.	Holston	(SE)
*Green, Charlie M.	South Carolina	(C)
Green, Robert E.	Peninsula	(NE)
Greer, George D.	North Indiana	(NC)
*Gregg, Frank H.	Louisville	(SE)
*Grimes, J. O.	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
*Gronemeier, William H.	Illinois	(NC)
Grose, Wilbur D.	Minnesota	(NC)
Grunstead, Earl O.	North Dakota	(NC)
Guffick, William R. (6-7) (19-5)	New Jersey	(NE)
*Gunnerud, Mrs. Hazel	North Dakota	(NC)
*Haas, Charles C.	New York East	(NE)
Haddock, W. Kenneth (11-14)	Virginia	(SE)
Haden, George R.	Pittsburgh	(NE)
Hagen, Odd	Norway	(OS)
Hager, Wesley H.	St. Louis	(SC)
Hagood, Delma L.	North Georgia	(SE)
*Hakeem, Clinton E.	North India	(OS)
Hallmark, John L. (6-8) (11-9)	North Alabama	(SE)
Hallock, Everett F.	Newark	(NE)
*Halmhuber, Paul G.	Detroit	(NC)
Hamilton, Frank A.	Indiana	(NC)
Hamm, Clarence H.	Central Kansas	(SC)
Hammer, Paul	South Germany	(OS)
Hang, Paul S. H.	Malaysia Chinese	(OS)
Hanley, L. Keith	North Indiana	(NC)
Hann, Paul M.	Iowa-Des Moines	(NC)

*Hansen, Homer G.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Hardcastle, James	Delaware (C)
Hardin, Edward L.	Alabama (SE)
*Hardie, Mrs. Maude C.	New York East (NE)
*Hargrove, Lamar	Texas (SC)
Harkey, Swep F. (2-4)	Mississippi (SE)
Harper, Benjamin F.	Upper Mississippi (C)
Harper, Jolly B. (2-2) (6-5)	Louisiana (SC)
Harrell, Luther A.	South Georgia (SE)
Harris, Theodore R. W.	Louisiana (C)
Harris, Therman W. (7-8)	New Mexico (SC)
*Harrison, Dallas M.	North Iowa (NC)
*Harrison, Walter	South Georgia (SE)
*Hartman, Ernest V.	Michigan (NC)
*Harvey, Mrs. Clarie C. (11-6) (19-4)	Mississippi (C)
Harvey, Gerald B.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Harwood, Thomas A. (3-9)	Rock River (NC)
*Harmon, John P.	North Alabama (SE)
*Hastings, Glenn M.	Florida (SE)
*Hastings, Ralph G.	Indiana (NC)
Haug, Georg	South Germany (OS)
*Haver, Miss Maude	Central Kansas (SC)
*Hayes, Allen V.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Haymes, J. O.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Hearn, Anthony (9-14)	South Georgia (SE)
Heaston, W. Dwight	North-East Ohio (NC)
Heggoy, Willy N.	North Africa (OS)
Helm, Jesse M. (6-16)	West Virginia (NE)
*Helmick, Dewey R.	West Virginia (NE)
Helrigel, Sr., William H. (1-7) (4)	Michigan (NC)
*Heminger, R. Lowell	Ohio (NC)
Henriksson, Gideon	Sweden (OS)
Henry, Archie R.	West Wisconsin (NC)
Henry, Jr., Waights G.	North Georgia (SE)
Hensley, Clyde	West Virginia (NE)
Herbert, Jr., Chesley C.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Herbert, R. Bryce	South Carolina (SE)
Herd, George W.	Ohio (NC)
*Huestess, Mrs. Mae S.	Alabama (SE)
Hewitt, Arthur W.	Troy (NE)
*Hickman, Leon E.	Pittsburgh (NE)
High, Henry H.	West Virginia (NE)
Hillman, Paul M.	Nebraska (NC)
Hirabhai, Mithalal	Gujarat (OS)
Hobbs, A. Jarvis	North Carolina (SE)
*Hocking, E. P.	Wisconsin (NC)
Hodge, Bachman G.	Holston (SE)
Hoffman, Joseph C.	West Virginia (NE)
*Hoffman, Walter E.	Virginia (SE)
*Hogg, William L.	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Holbrook, Donald E.	Michigan (NC)
*Holder, Carl L.	Erie (NE)
Holland, Amos L.	Mississippi (C)
Holland, Harvey C.	North Georgia (SE)
Holler, Adlai C.	South Carolina (SE)
*Holmes, Claude	Illinois (NC)
Holmes, Robert G.	Florida (SE)
*Hood, Gurney P.	North Carolina (SE)
*Hooper, Granville (7-11) (9-8) (16-8)	Peninsula (NE)
*Hooper, Mrs. Joel W.	Central Texas (SC)

Hooton, Caradine R.	West Oklahoma	(SC)
Hoover, Kenneth E.	New York	(NE)
Hoppe, Louis E.	Holston	(SE)
Horn, Nelson P.	Kansas	(SC)
Horner, William H.	Genesee	(NE)
Horst, Preston E. (14-7)	Illinois	(NC)
*Horton, Julius B.	South Carolina	(SE)
*Horton, Oscar L. (2-5) (8-4) (9-11)	North Alabama	(SE)
*Howard, Charles G. (1-22) (11)	Oregon	(W)
Howes, John B.	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
Hoyle, Jr., John W.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
*Hubbard, Fred C.	Dakota	(NC)
*Hudson, Arthur R.	Peninsula	(NE)
Huebner, Paul F.	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
*Huffer, Earl	Texas	(SC)
Huffman, Russell A.	Minnesota	(NC)
Hulasirae, John V.	Central Provinces	(OS)
Hunt, Jr., Earl G.	Holston	(SE)
*Hunt, Kenneth W.	Ohio	(NC)
*Hunter, Stanley C.	Minnesota	(NC)
Hurley, Evan M.	Florida	(C)
*Hurst, Clifton E.	Kentucky	(SE)
*Hussey, Virgil H.	Genesee	(NE)
*Husted, Clayton L.	Genesee	(NE)
Ignacio, Silverio J. R.	Northwest Philippines	(OS)
Imler, D. Joseph	New England	(NE)
*Ingram, Ben L. (1-13) (1)	North Alabama	(SE)
*Irvine, Mrs. Margaret W.	California-Nevada	(W)
*Ivey, George F.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
*Jackins, Melbourne E.	Maine	(NE)
Jackman, Everett E. (13-2)	Nebraska	(SC)
*Jackson, George W.	North Carolina	(SE)
*Jackson, J. Guy	South Georgia	(SE)
Jackson, Kelly L.	Washington	(C)
*Jacoby, Olin D. (4-2) (19-2)	California-Nevada	(W)
*Jaggard, Guy H.	California-Nevada	(W)
*James, Floyd B.	Louisiana	(SC)
James, Glenn C.	Florida	(SE)
James, Henry I.	Rhodesia	(OS)
*Jefferson, Allie G.	Virginia	(SE)
*Jenkins, E. Ray	North-East Ohio	(NC)
Jenkins, Simon P.	Lexington	(C)
Jenkins, Warren M.	South Carolina	(C)
*Jett, Robert S.	Baltimore	(NE)
*Jewett, Walter L.	Nebraska	(SC)
John, Benjamin	Delhi	(OS)
Johnson, Emmanuel M.	Southwest	(C)
Johnson, Floyd E.	Central Texas	(SC)
*Johnson, Henry	Washington	(C)
Johnson, Jr., J. J.	Central West	(C)
*Johnson, Joseph T.	Lexington	(C)
Johnson, Lyman S.	Central Kansas	(SC)
Johnson, Merrill C.	New York	(NE)
Johnson, Richard H.	Washington	(C)
Johnson, Silas (Died Oct. 24, 1951)	South Georgia	(SE)
*Johnston, Smith L. (Died Nov. 4, 1951)	North Georgia	(SE)
*Jones, Benjamin A.	Illinois	(NC)
*Jones, David D.	North Carolina	(C)

Jones, Elmer	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Jones, Guy F.	Texas (SC)
Jones, Henry H.	North Georgia (SE)
Jones, J. Ira	Ohio (NC)
Jones, Lowell D.	Nebraska (SC)
Jones, Pollard E. A.	New York East (NE)
*Jones, Mrs. Roscoe S.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Jordan, G. Ray	Western North Carolina (SE)
Jorns, Elza L.	East Oklahoma (SC)
*Kallinger, Leo R.	Michigan (NC)
Kearns, Francis E. (7-15)	Wisconsin (NC)
*Keefer, W. Frank	West Virginia (NE)
Keegan, J. Clyde (3-12)	Wyoming State (W)
Keislar, Marvin A.	Indus River (OS)
*Kemp (Rev.) Cary Allen	Central Kansas (SC)
*Kendall, Carl G.	New England Southern (NE)
Kendall, Charles S. (11-10)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Kendall, Herbert W.	Nebraska (SC)
Kennedy, Robert	Ohio (NC)
*Kess, Theodore W.	Washington (C)
*Ketron, Hebron R.	Holston (SE)
Kimbrough, R. Edwin	North Alabama (SE)
*Kind, Ernest	Central Kansas (SC)
King, Russell R.	Michigan (NC)
*Kinzer, Mrs. J. Marvin	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Kirk, Lyle O.	Ohio (NC)
Kirk, R. Luther (6-10)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Kirkpatrick, Dow	North Georgia (SE)
*Koehler, Albert W.	Indiana (NC)
*Knapp, Paul C.	Northern New York (NE)
*Knepple, Mrs. Clara E.	North Indiana (NC)
*Korn, Miss Evaline L.	New York (NE)
*Klein, George R. (1-16) (1)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Kleiner, Miss C.	Bombay (OS)
*Kull, Walter	Switzerland (OS)
*Kuppusamy, Vyrary D.	Malaya (OS)
*Labbitt, Ray W.	Detroit (NC)
*Lal, Emmanuel	Lucknow (OS)
*Lamb, George W.	New England (NE)
Lamb, Wayne A.	Memphis (SE)
Landis, Ted E.	Virginia (SE)
Landrum, Van R.	Mississippi (SE)
*Lang, Archie E.	New Mexico (SC)
*Langford, Miss Elizabeth S.	Lexington (C)
*Lapple, Paul	South Germany (OS)
Large, Dwight S.	Detroit (NC)
Larrowe, Lawrence	Troy (NE)
Laughhead, George A. (Died November 30, 1951)	Philadelphia (NE)
Lawrence, Leland L.	Illinois (NC)
*Lawrence, R. Jay	Alabama (SE)
Learey, Kenneth S.	Ohio (NC)
*Learn, Dale H.	Philadelphia (NE)
Lee, C. Lloyd	New York (NE)
Lee, Umphrey	North Texas (SC)
Lemons, A. D.	Texas (SC)
*Leverett, Dero S.	Central Texas (SC)
*Lewis, J. Milton	Florida (SE)
*Lewis, Vernon E.	Montana (W)

*Lindstrom, David E.	Illinois (NC)
Little, Boyd A.	Central New York (NE)
*Little, Thomas M.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Loden, G. Ray (9-16) (19-8)	Texas (SC)
*Logan, Felix W. (16-13)	Texas (C)
*Long, Carroll H.	Holston (SE)
Lord, Lemuel K.	New England (NE)
Lord, R. Guy	North Mississippi (SE)
*Loucks, Charles O.	Rock River (NC)
Loud, Ira B. (19-9)	West Texas (C)
*Love, Frank C.	Central New York (NE)
Lovern, J. Chess (7-13) (15-4)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Lourfiro, Antonio J.	River Plate (OS)
Lueg, Carl F. (2-2) (7-5)	Louisiana (SC)
*Luff, Ralph G. (13-5)	Philadelphia (NE)
*Lundeen, Ernest F.	California-Nevada (W)
*Lutz, Roy E.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Lyght, William L. D. (14-5)	Delaware (C)
*Lynn, Lee W.	Central Alabama (C)
*Lyons, Leslie J. (11-11) (13-6)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*MacMullen, Stanley O.	New England (NE)
Madison, J. Clay	Western North Carolina (SE)
Madison, John V.	Dakota (NC)
Magee, John B.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Magnuson, Hugo	Sweden (OS)
*Maiden, Ernest E.	Holston (SE)
Manton, Frank E. (6-1)	Burma (OS)
*Major, Berry	Louisville (SE)
*Maloney, Ralph H.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Maltbey, W. Ray	Wisconsin (NC)
*Mansfield, James H.	Montana (W)
*Marr, Philip M.	Missouri (SC)
*Marshall, Mrs. Charles A.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Maser, Frederick E.	Philadelphia (NE)
*Masters, Mrs. Harry W.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Mather, Thomas B.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Mathison, H. Paul (9-1) (9-1) (19-1)	Alabama (SE)
*Maunder, Sydney T.	Troy (NE)
*May, Woodson	Kentucky (SE)
Mayer, Theodore C.	North-East Ohio (NC)
McClelland, Clarence P.	Illinois (NC)
McCleskey, Wayne H.	Texas (SC)
McCollom, Gerald H.	North Texas (SC)
*McCorkle, Claude H.	North Texas (SC)
*McCormack, W. Rady	North Mississippi (SE)
McCormick, Martin L. (2-4)	Mississippi (SE)
McCoy, Lee M.	Upper Mississippi (C)
*McCreless, Solly E. (11-12)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*McDaniel, Mrs. Frank L.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
McDougle, Leonidas I.	Baltimore (NE)
*McKean, Mrs. Maurice D.	Michigan (NC)
McKey, Stanley S.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
McKelvey, John W.	Philadelphia (NE)
McKenney, Milton F.	Wyoming (NE)
McKibben, James W. O.	North Georgia (SE)
McKnight, Frank S.	Erie (NE)
McLean, Robert E.	Detroit (NC)
McQueen, M. Wayne	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Mead, Mrs. Charles W. (4-7) (9-8) (11-7) (15-3)	Nebraska (SC)

*Meares, John M.	North Carolina (SE)
*Mellen, Curtis G.	Northern New York (NE)
Meredith, Jr., Ronald R.	California-Nevada (W)
*Meredith, Victor K.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Meyers, C. Raymond	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Michener, Charles V.	Minnesota (NC)
*Mickle, Joe J.	Louisiana (SC)
*Mickler, Fred T.	Florida (SE)
Middaugh, Bruce L.	Erie (NE)
Middleton, W. Vernon	Philadelphia (NE)
Midyett, Jack H. (3-4)	Louisiana (SC)
Miles, Fred E.	Newark (NE)
*Miller, Miss Alpha J. (14-1)	Angola (OS)
*Miller, George C.	Newark (NE)
Miller, Walter J.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Millian, John C.	Baltimore (NE)
*Mills, Jr., Henry J. Y.	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Miner, James C.	Erie (NE)
Minion, Lester R.	Rock River (NC)
*Moessner, Walter F.	Michigan (NC)
Montgomery, John C.	St. Louis (SC)
*Montgomery, Mrs. Nancy Day	Memphis (SE)
Mood, G. Henry	North Texas (SC)
*Moon, Rex J.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Moore, Homer L.	Kentucky (SE)
Moore, Robert B. (7-4) (12-6)	Little Rock (SC)
Moore, Robert L.	Detroit (NC)
Moore, Rufus G.	North Mississippi (SE)
*Moreland, Frederick J.	Baltimore (NE)
*Morgan, Clarence E.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Morgan, Mrs. Joy Elmer	Baltimore (NE)
*Moshure, John	Dakota (NC)
*Mosley, Douglass D.	Louisville (SE)
Mousley, Harvey K.	New England Southern (NE)
*Mueller, Henry G.	New York East (NE)
Muetler, Erwin	Switzerland (OS)
Muir, J. Dewey	Illinois (NC)
Mullen, Stanley H.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Mumbule, Vernon S.	Detroit (NC)
Murray, Alvin W.	Central Kansas (SC)
*Myers, Mrs. Zelda K.	Detroit (NC)
*Naftzger, Mrs. Julia Parr	North Indiana (NC)
*Nall, Mrs. T. Otto (14-10)	Rock River (NC)
Newman, I. D.	South Carolina (C)
*Nichol, Alex	West Wisconsin (NC)
Nichols, G. Samuel	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Nieto, Simon (4-10)	Rio Grande (SC)
*Newton, H. E. (4-4)	East Oklahoma (SC)
*Nunn, Alexander	Alabama (SE)
Nye, Laurence Everett	Oregon (W)
*Oakes, Edgar L.	Idaho (W)
Odle, Estel I.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Odum, Warren G.	Central New York (NE)
Olesen, Ole	Denmark (OS)
*Oliphant, Russell L.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Orr, Sr., Verne	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Ott, Jack L.	Kentucky (SE)

Page, Homer R.	Indiana (NC)
Palmer, George H.	Erie (NE)
Palmquist, Theodore	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Panzer, Robert A. (12-2) (14-4)	California-Nevada (W)
Parkin, Charles	Maine (NE)
Parrish, John W.	Detroit (NC)
Patial, Mani D.	North India (OS)
*Patrick, Theodore W. (1-28)	Texas (C)
Patrick, Wood H.	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Patterson, Dwight F.	South Carolina (SE)
*Paul, Edwin B.	Central Provinces (OS)
*Paul, Roy	East Oklahoma (SC)
Peacock, H. Eugene	Alabama (SE)
*Pearson, Mrs. John M. (9-10)	New York (NE)
*Peckham, Arthur W.	Northern New York (NE)
*Peel, David T. (Died January 15, 1952)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Peel, Mrs. Leon R.	Minnesota (NC)
Peele, Shuler (3-2)	Florida (SE)
Pegues, David K. (1-8) (2)	Missouri (SC)
Perry, E. Wesley	Nebraska (SC)
*Perry, Oscar W.	Florida (C)
*Peters, Mrs. Ruth N.	Bengal (OS)
*Peterson, Ernest W. (6-11)	Oregon (W)
*Peterson, Robert R.	Wyoming State (W)
*Pfaff, Emma Lois	Rhodesia (OS)
Phelps, Grandison M.	North Carolina (C)
Phelps, William R.	Virginia (SE)
Phillips, Clark H.	Michigan (NC)
*Phillips, Ellis L.	New York (NE)
*Phillips, Miss Helen B.	New Jersey (NE)
*Phillips, Mrs. Marcus F.	Memphis (SE)
Phillips, W. Roy	South Carolina (SE)
*Pickett, John H.	Louisville (SE)
Pinkard, Calvin M.	North Alabama (SE)
Piper, Joseph D.	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Pittman, Henry W. (9-14) (10-5) (12-10) (14-12)	South Georgia (SE)
Pitts, Umsted S.	North Alabama (SE)
Pfluger, Hugo	Southwest Germany (OS)
Pleasants, David M.	Washington (C)
*Pohlman, George	Missouri (SC)
Pomeroy, George W. (6-5)	Louisiana (SC)
Poor, George L. (14-9) (16-4)	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Porter, Lyman E.	Alabama (SE)
Potter, A. Leslie	Northern New York (NE)
Potts, Edgar A.	Virginia (SE)
Powell, Cedric M.	Illinois (NC)
Powers, R. Merrill (7-12)	Rock River (NC)
Prabhaker, William	Hyderabad (OS)
*Prewett, T. A.	Little Rock (SC)
*Prieser, Michael	South Germany (OS)
*Pruner, Alstyne S. (3-10) (16-10) (18-4)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Radford, Waid C.	Ohio (NC)
Ragan, Raye L.	Illinois (NC)
*Rainer, Herbert E.	Genesee (NE)
Rakestrew, E. W.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Ralph, Will P. (5-1)	California-Nevada (W)
*Ramsing, Thorwald B.	Denmark (OS)

Randolph, Allen H. L.	Tennessee (C)
*Raney, Alton B.	Little Rock (SC)
*Rasche, Albert J.	St. Louis (SC)
*Raut, Irwin	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Redd, John H.	Virginia (SE)
*Redding, Mrs. W. Frank, Jr. (1-30) (1)	
	Western North Carolina (SE)
Redmond, Donald E. (4-11) (16-12) (19-7)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Reid, William W.	New York East (NE)
*Respos, David	Northern Philippines (OS)
Rhea, Seamon (Died July 19, 1951)	North Mississippi (SE)
*Rich, Robert F.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Richard, Walter L.	North Georgia (SE)
*Richards, W. M.	Kansas (SC)
Ridout, Daniel L. (11-4)	Delaware (C)
*Rigg, Maynard C.	Illinois (NC)
Riggleman, Leonard	West Virginia (NE)
Ristow, Cecil F.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Rixse, John J.	Virginia (SE)
Roadman, Earl A.	North Iowa (NC)
Robbins, Cecil W. (1-15) (4)	North Carolina (SE)
Roberts, Victor H.	Illinois (NC)
Robinson, Herndon I.	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Robinson, Tom O.	Colorado (W)
*Rodeheaver, Mrs. J. N.	North Indiana (NC)
Roebuck, Fred G. (6-9)	North Arkansas (SC)
Rose, Floyd D.	Kentucky (SE)
Roseberry, George G.	Oregon (W)
*Rosell, Paul	Sweden (OS)
*Rosser, Harold A. (1-17)	Ohio (NC)
Roy, Paul A.	Northern New York (NE)
*Ruf, Wilhelm	Southwest Germany (OS)
Rugg, Earle M. (Died April 25, 1952)	Indus River (OS)
*Rummels, Laurence C. (10-3) (12-8)	North Iowa (NC)
*Russell, Mrs. Hazel	Central Kansas (SC)
Russell, John A.	North Carolina (SE)
*Russell, Paul R.	New York (NE)
*Ryder, Frank H.	Troy (NE)
*Sagedal, Magnus	Norway (OS)
*Salem, Joe T.	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Salley, J. H.	Central Kansas (SC)
*Samuel, Allah R.	Indus River (OS)
*Sanborn, Clarence C. (1-10) (3)	New Hampshire (NE)
*Sapp, Mrs. C. C.	South Georgia (SE)
Sarmark, Georg H.	Denmark (OS)
Satyavrata, James B.	Bombay (OS)
*Saunders, John S.	West Virginia (NE)
*Sawyer, Charles H.	Central New York (NE)
Scarborough, William John	West Virginia (NE)
*Scarborough, Gordon M. (1-29) (8)	Virginia (SE)
*Schertzer, George	Ohio (NC)
Scheyer, Elwin H.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Schilling, S. Paul	Baltimore (NE)
Schulz, Emil	Northwest Germany (OS)
*Searcy, Hubert	Alabama (SE)
*Searing, Mrs. C. B.	Newark (NE)
*Secrest, Jarrard	Central Texas (SC)
Secrest, Paul E.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Seidenspinner, Clarence	Wisconsin (NC)

*Sein, Lin	Burma	(OS)
Selah, William B.	Mississippi	(SE)
*Selvanayagam M.	South India	(OS)
Seymour, Everett K.	Detroit	(NC)
Seymour, William M.	Holston	(SE)
Shake, B. Brooks	North Indiana	(NC)
*Shappell, Mrs. William E.	Philadelphia	(NE)
Shelton, Floyd B.	Holston	(SE)
*Shockley, O. M.	Peninsula	(NE)
*Shult, C. I.	Southwest Texas	(SC)
Shute, Olin Y.	Newark	(NE)
*Sims, Ernest M.	North Indiana	(NC)
*Singer, Mrs. Edgar H. (1-24) (6)	Pittsburgh	(NE)
*Singh, Charles W.	Lucknow	(OS)
Singh, Samuel A.	Lucknow	(OS)
Sisserson, Charles H.	Central Texas	(SC)
Slay, James D. (3-6)	Mississippi	(SE)
Sleamaker, Robert L.	Louisville	(SE)
*Slingland, Edward R.	Newark	(NE)
Smiley, J. Carlisle	South Carolina	(SE)
*Smith, C. Truett	North Texas	(SC)
*Smith, Mrs. Del Cary	Pacific Northwest	(W)
*Smith, Edward A.	Detroit	(NC)
*Smith, G. Herbert	Oregon	(W)
Smith, H. Clyde	Northwest Texas	(SC)
Smith, Harold N.	Newark	(NE)
Smith, Leonard B.	Baltimore	(NE)
*Smith, Paul N.	North Iowa	(NC)
Smith, Phillips B.	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
Smith, Robert J.	West Oklahoma	(SC)
Smith, S. Raynor	Oregon	(W)
*Smith, H. W. B.	Savannah	(C)
Smith, Walter A.	Southern Illinois	(NC)
Snyder, Paul J.	Minnesota	(NC)
*Sola ki, Miss Virginia J.	Gujarat	(OS)
Spargo, John L.	Colorado	(W)
*Spaagy, Lemon D.	Pittsburgh	(NE)
Spears, D. Mode	Louisville	(SE)
Spears, R. Wright	South Carolina	(SE)
*Spenner, George W.	West Oklahoma	(SC)
*Spradling, Thomas W.	St. Louis	(SC)
*Springer, William E.	Baltimore	(NE)
Stafford, Garland R.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
*Stafford, Miss Margaret V. (14-15)	Wisconsin	(NC)
*Stainton, Howard S. (1-11) (7)	New Jersey	(NE)
Standard, Forrest L.	Southwest Missouri	(SC)
*Stanger, Francis A.	New Jersey	(NE)
*Steele, Fred E.	West Wisconsin	(NC)
Steele, William S. (6-4) (12-3) (15-1)	Holston	(SE)
*Steinman, Forrest	Ohio	(NC)
Stephens, Oran (8-1) (9-3) (10-1) (11-2) (3)	Central Texas	(SC)
*Stevens, Wade (1-9) (3)	Nebraska	(SC)
Stewart, Benjamin C.	South Carolina	(C)
Stimmel, Howard L.	Troy	(NE)
*Stiver, Mrs. F. W.	California-Nevada	(W)
Stokes, II, J. Lem	South Carolina	(SE)
*Strader, George L.	West Virginia	(NE)
*Strickland, Jr., A. Julian	South Georgia	(SE)
*Story, Fred A.	Northwest Texas	(SC)
Strait, Archiver J.	New England	(NE)

*Stuck, Charles (2-6) (6-9) (9-12)	North Arkansas	(SC)
Stuntz, Clyde B.	Indus River	(OS)
*Swisher, Dwight A. (1-17) (11)	Ohio	(NC)
Taber, Marcius E.	Michigan	(NC)
*Tan, Keat Theang	Malaysia Chinese	(OS)
*Tanner, Ennis A.	North Mississippi	(SE)
*Tamkin, Raymon	Virginia	(SE)
Tarr, Burton F.	New York	(NE)
*Tarr, O. A.	North-East Ohio	(NC)
*Taylor, Ben J.	Iowa-Des Moines	(NC)
*Taylor, Harold J.	Southern Illinois	(NC)
*Taylor, R. Atwill	Virginia	(SE)
Temple, Herbert D.	North Iowa	(NC)
*Temple, L. Peter	Detroit	(NC)
*Templeton, Alan H.	Erie	(NE)
Templin, Lester R.	Central Kansas	(SC)
Terry, Raymond C. (14-13) (15-5)	Texas	(SC)
Thawley, Roy T.	Peninsula	(NE)
Thomas, G. Ernest (13-3)	New Jersey	(NE)
*Thomas, Henry F. (1-12) (8)	New York East	(NE)
*Thomas, John L.	Texas	(C)
Thomas, William	Belgium	(OS)
*Thomas, William R.	Oregon	(W)
*Thomason, T. O.	New Mexico	(SC)
Thompson, Ralph B.	Delaware	(C)
*Thompson, Robert E.	Upper Mississippi	(C)
Thrall, Charles H.	Illinois	(NC)
Tingle, Benjamin F.	North Alabama	(SE)
*Tippett, Harold (1-31) (3-11) (9)	Wyoming	(NE)
Todd, Clyde H.	Southern Illinois	(NC)
*Todd, Lindsey O.	Mississippi	(SE)
Tolle, Joe A.	Florida	(SE)
Tolley, Earl V. (3-11) (4-12)	Wyoming	(NE)
Tomlin, George R.	Kentucky	(SE)
*Tompkins, Harvey A.	Nebraska	(SC)
Toothaker, Frank M. (14-12)	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
Townly, Hugh	Detroit	(NC)
Townsley, Inman U.	Central Congo	(OS)
*Treadwell, Leon H.	New England	(NE)
Trone, Linsey B.	New Mexico	(SC)
Trulock, Albert S.	South Georgia	(SE)
Underwood, J. Edgar	Memphis	(SE)
*Underwood, Jr., Samuel B.	North Carolina	(SE)
*Utz, Jr., William H.	Missouri	(SC)
Valenzuela, Raymond	Chile	(OS)
*Van Atta, P. L.	Ohio	(NC)
Van Dyke, Ellroy D.	Central New York	(NE)
*van Groningen, Miss Johanna M. (4-1)	Belgium	(OS)
*Vaughn, William C.	Virginia	(SE)
Velte, Willis W.	Minnesota	(NC)
*Venegas, Mrs. Arturo	Chile	(OS)
*Vernon, Oren M. (10-7)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
Versteeg, John M. (1-17) (5)	Ohio	(NC)
Vivion, King (Transferred, Louisville Con., SE)	Tennessee	(SE)
Vogel, Carl E.	Kentucky	(SE)
Vogelsang, Bernhard	Northeast Germany	(OS)
Vorhis, Wilbur H.	Ohio	(NC)

Vosburg, Frederick C.	Detroit (NC)
*Waggoner, Merle T. (1-16) (3)	North Texas (SC)
Wagner, Karl	South Germany (OS)
Wagner, Robert H.	Dakota (NC)
Wah, Louis W.	Liberia (OS)
Waldrop, A. Jack	North Georgia (SE)
*Walker, Edgar L.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Walker, Marion R.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Walker, Mrs. Raymond C.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Walker, Sr., Sigismund C.	Louisiana (C)
*Walton, W. Carl (19-6)	Newark (NE)
*Walton, Mrs. Frederick H.	Ohio (NC)
Walton, Wilbur L. (1-1) (11-1) (6)	Alabama (SE)
Wampler, Walter C. (4-3) (11-3) (6)	Colorado (SE)
*Ward, Forrest S.	North Alabama (SE)
Ward, John W.	Missouri (SC)
*Warne, A. H.	Baltimore (NE)
Washabaugh, J. Edgar	Newark (NE)
*Waterman, Milton H. (12-9) (18-3)	Rock River (NC)
*Waters, Mrs. Helen C.	Delaware (C)
Watkins, W. Edward	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Watson, Carl	Dakota (NC)
*Watson, Francis	Southern Illinois (NC)
Weaver, Adolph P.	Erie (NE)
*Webb, Paul	North Georgia (SE)
Webb, Sidney L.	Mississippi (C)
*Wegner, Mrs. Charles E. (11-5)	Minnesota (NC)
Weimer, G. Cecil	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Weldon, E. Wade (2-3) (3-5)	Louisville (SE)
Weldon, Wilson O.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Wells, Mrs. Joy	Southern Illinois (NC)
*Werner, Mrs. H. E.	Kansas (SC)
Werts, Forrest W.	Idaho (W)
*West, Robert I.	East Oklahoma (SC)
*West, Thomas H.	Rock River (NC)
*Wharton, Joe P.	South Carolina (SE)
Wheatley, Jr., Melvin E.	California-Nevada (W)
*Wheeler, J. Hubert	Holston (SE)
White, Charles N.	Louisiana (SC)
White, Steuart D. (6-11)	Rock River (NC)
White Roscoe M. (16-15)	Virginia (SE)
*Whitfield, Frank Y. (Died March 17, 1952)	Mississippi (SE)
Whitlock, Omer F.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Whitlow, Merle W. (17-2)	Kansas (SC)
*Whitmore, Ben A.	Tennessee (SE)
Whyman, Henry C.	New York East (NE)
*Wilcox, Mrs. Leonard	Detroit (NC)
Williams, C. Fred	Virginia (SE)
*Williams, Claude W.	Mississippi (C)
Williams, Harold B.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Williams, James H.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Williams, Joshua O.	Washington (C)
Williams, Lucius E.	South Georgia (SE)
*Williams, Mrs. L. L.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Williams, Walter C.	North Indiana (NC)
*Wilson, Earl	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Wilson, Jerry B.	Wyoming (NE)
*Wilson, Kenneth V.	Illinois (NC)
Wilson, Roy E.	California-Nevada (W)

*Wiltse, Earle W.	Nebraska	(SC)
*Windham, W. C.	Texas	(SC)
*Winter, Miss Bert	North Georgia	(SE)
*Wirth, Albert	South Germany	(OS)
*Wiseman, James H.	North Arkansas	(SC)
*Wiseman, William Herman	Tennessee	(SE)
*Witherspoon, Joe B. (1-4 (2)	Central Texas	(SC)
*Witwer, Jr., Samuel W.	Rock River	(NC)
*Wolfe, Benjamin H.	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
*Womack, Richard E. (1-6) (6)	Memphis	(SE)
*Wood, Arthur William	Illinois	(NC)
*Wood, Claude R. (1-13) (7)	North Alabama	(SE)
*Wood, Dallas E.	California-Nevada	(W)
*Wragg, Jr., Irving	Upper Mississippi	(C)
*Wright, Etta	Liberia	(OS)
*Wright, Mrs. Frank L.	St. Louis	(SC)
Yates, Earl U.	Southern Illinois	(NC)
*Young, Frank A.	Southwest	(C)
*Youngblood, Curtis	Mississippi	(SE)
Zerr, Levi H.	Philadelphia	(NE)
*Ziegler, George C.	Philadelphia	(NE)

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER—1952 GENERAL CONFERENCE

*Adopted April 24, 1952. See JOURNAL, pages 239-246.
Amended. See JOURNAL, pages 240, 242, 292, 332, 358.*

Following the celebration of the Holy Communion on the first day of the 1952 Session of the General Conference, the General Conference Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order submits the following motion:

"In behalf of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, we move that the consideration of the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, as presented by this Commission (ordered by the 1948 General Conference and printed in the 1952 Handbook) shall be the Order of the Day on the second day of this 1952 session of the General Conference, immediately after the report of the Committee on Journal, and that this Plan and these Rules shall be in effect until a Plan and Rules shall have been permanently adopted for this session.

"No proposed amendment to this Report shall be considered except such as shall have been submitted in writing to the Secretary of the General Conference before 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for presentation to the Commission on Rules. This shall not prevent the author of any amendment thus presented from speaking in support of the same, nor shall it prevent the presentation and consideration of an amendment to any amendment presented as provided for above."

A. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

I. Opening Session and Organization

The General Conference shall assemble at 10 o'clock A.M. on the day fixed and at the place determined upon in accordance with action taken by the preceding General Conference. The Holy Communion shall be celebrated by the Conference, the Council of Bishops being in charge; after which the Conference shall be called to order by the Bishop designated, as provided in Paragraph 8, Item 11, of the *Discipline* (1948).

The following order of business shall be observed.

A. *Roll Call.* The roll shall be called by the Secretary of the preceding General Conference in the following manner:

1. There shall be called the names of the Bishops who have died since the adjournment of the preceding General Conference, and likewise the names of delegates-elect who have died.

2. The record of attendance shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the General Conference by

a. The Secretary of the Council of Bishops for the Bishops and

b. The Chairman of each delegation for its membership. The latter shall be provided with a blank form on which to report in writing the attendance of its members, noting absentees and substitutions, which reports shall be tabulated by the Secretary and published in the *Daily Advocate*. Any reserve seated in the place of a regular delegate shall have been duly elected as a reserve delegate by his Annual Conference, and shall meet the requirements set forth in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church (1948), Paragraphs 23, 24, 25, 502. Delegates,

including reserves, when the latter are substituted for a delegate or delegates, shall be seated in the order of their election, except when a reserve is seated temporarily, in which case he shall occupy the seat of the delegate for whom he is substituted. All delegates arriving after the opening Roll Call shall be reported by the Chairman of the Delegation to the Committee on Credentials, in order to be properly enrolled.

3. A majority of the whole number of delegates to the General Conference shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (Paragraph 503, 1948 *Discipline*.)

B. *Adoption of Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.* The report of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order created by the preceding General Conference shall be presented for Conference action on the second day immediately after the report of the Committee on Journal.

C. *Election of Secretary.* If a quorum be present, the Conference shall elect from the ministry or lay membership of The Methodist Church, on nomination from the floor, a Secretary, which election shall be by ballot if there be two or more nominees. Tenure of office, filling of vacancies, and election of Assistant Secretaries shall be as set forth in Section IV, Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

D. *Committee Nominations and Elections.* The Council of Bishops shall present nominations for the Administrative Committees, and such other nominations as are hereinafter committed to it, for election by the General Conference.

E. *Miscellaneous Business.*

F. *Adjournment.*

II. Episcopal Address

There shall be a session of the General Conference held at 8:00 P.M., on the opening day, for the purpose of hearing the Quadrennial Address of the Council of Bishops.

III. Presiding Officers

The Presiding Officers for the several sessions of the Conference, the opening session excepted (see Sec. 1), shall be chosen from among the effective Bishops in the following manner: The Council of Bishops shall at the opening session nominate for election by the Conference a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from among the delegates representing the Annual Conferences outside the United States. The Committee thus constituted shall select the Presiding Officer for each session of the Conference, notifying the Bishop of his selection at least 24 hours in advance, and in each instance report its selection to the Conference prior to adjournment of the session immediately preceding.

IV. Secretarial Staff

1. The Secretary of the General Conference elected as hereinbefore provided shall serve until the next General Conference is organized and a successor elected.

2. The Conference shall elect, upon the nomination of the Secretary, such Assistant Secretaries from the ministry or lay membership of The Methodist Church, as it may deem wise.

3. If in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference the office of Secretary shall for any reason be vacated, the Council of Bishops shall elect a successor to serve until the next session.

V. Committees

The General Conference shall have the Standing Committees hereinafter indicated, with such functions, responsibilities, and limitations respectively as are hereinafter prescribed, and such Special Committees as it may order.

1. Administrative Committees

(1) *Committee of Chairmen.* The Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, and the Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment shall be constituted a Committee whose function it shall be to arrange for the presentation of Committee reports to the Conference in such order as to expedite the business.

(2) *Correlation and Editorial Revision.* There shall be a Committee of three known as a Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. This Committee shall be composed of three persons, not members of the General Conference, appointed by the Council of Bishops. They shall be entitled to travel expense and *per diem* allowance, the same as the delegates. The functions of this Committee shall be:

(a) To review all legislation enacted by the General Conference and to report promptly to the Legislative Committees concerned, or to the General Conference as the situation may warrant, any and all contradictions, duplications and inconsistencies discovered therein.

(b) To report to the Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees all changes it has made in the language of the reports adopted by the General Conference.

(3) *Courtesies and Privileges.* There shall be a Committee of fourteen, composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction and one minister and one layman from among the delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, known as the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, having the following duties and responsibilities:

a. To consider, as presented to it by members of the Conference, what said members regard as questions or matters of privilege, to decide whether they are such or not, and, if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to the Conference that they be heard.

(Note: Only questions or matters of privilege which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this Committee may be presented immediately to the Conference as provided in Rule 9, Page 16.)

b. To prepare with due regard for brevity, and present to the Conference for its action, such complimentary resolutions as occasion may demand.

c. To arrange for extending courtesies of the Conference to any to whom they may be due, fraternal delegates and official visitors excepted.

d. To arrange for a Memorial Service, at some time agreeable to the Conference, for deceased delegates-elect, for Bishops and General Officers of the Church who have died since the adjournment of the last preceding General Conference.

e. To limit its report, including the statements of the Chairman and the hearing of such persons as may be presented, to a maximum of twenty minutes in any one business session. No person or persons shall be presented after the sixth day unless approved by a 2/3 vote of the Conference.

(4) *Credentials.* There shall be a Committee of seven on Credentials. To this Committee the Chairman of the respective Annual Conference

delegations shall report, on a form provided for that purpose, the names of absent delegates and of available reserve delegates to be substituted for said absentees. This Committee shall in turn report all such cases of absence to the Conference with recommendations as to the seating of reserves if such are available. No reserve delegates shall be seated except by action of the Conference and after a report has been made upon the case by this Committee; provided, that reserve delegates reported by the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference delegations as substituted for absentees at the opening session shall be seated tentatively without the action of this Committee; provided, further, that such substitutions shall be reported to this Committee for review and report to the General Conference for its action.

All changes in the personnel of the seated delegates of the Annual Conference delegations shall be reported to this Committee on blanks provided by the Secretary of the Conference. *Per diem* allowances shall be paid on the basis of the report of this Committee.

(5) *Fraternal Delegates.* There shall be a committee of seven whose function it shall be to extend the courtesies of the Conference to the Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors and present them to the General Conference at its pleasure. The terms "Fraternal Delegates" and "Official Visitors" shall be interpreted to include only persons who have been duly elected by the Christian Communions of which they are respectively members to represent the same before the General Conference, and who present the appropriate credentials of such elections. (The Committee on General Conference Entertainment shall arrange for the local entertainment of Fraternal Delegates.)

(6) *General Conference Entertainment.* There shall be a Committee on the Entertainment and Program of the General Conference composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, who shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. The Secretary of the General Conference and the Treasurer of the General Administration Fund shall also be members *ex officio* without votes. This Committee shall determine the place and time (within such limits as may be set up by the General Conference) of the next General Conference and shall make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith including arrangements for the publication of a Book of Quadrennial Reports of the General Boards and other general agencies of the Church, the same to be published by The Methodist Publishing House. It shall organize before the adjournment of this General Conference and shall serve through the next session of the General Conference.

(7) *Journal.* There shall be a Committee of seven which shall daily examine the record of the Secretary, comparing it with the stenographic record, and report its findings to the Conference, recommending appropriate action. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the Journal which has been approved shall be reported to the Conference for corrections.

(8) *Presiding Officers.* See Section III, Paragraph 1.

(9) *Reference.* There shall be a Committee of Reference composed of one ministerial and one lay representative from each Jurisdiction, at least two of whom shall be lawyers and one minister and one layman from Conferences outside the United States, to be appointed by the Council of Bishops from the regularly elected delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the said Council of Bishops, preceding the session of the General Conference. Said Committee shall meet with the Secretary of the previous General Con-

ference at the seat of the Conference on the Monday preceding the opening of said Conference. This Committee shall be convened by the Secretary of the General Conference. After ascertaining that the memorials, resolutions and similar communications dealing with the regular business of the Conference meet the requirements herein specified, this Committee shall refer the same to the appropriate Administrative or Legislative Committees. This Committee shall be responsible for such assignment of all memorials, which may be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the opening session, including the Episcopal Address, the Book of Printed Quadrennial Reports, and all other communications which shall come into his hands after the convening of the General Conference. The third day of the Conference shall be fixed as the deadline for the introduction of memorials and petitions.

The Committee of Reference may withdraw a paper after having assigned it to a Committee, either upon a request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author, or authors, thereof of its action in order that an appeal may be made to the Conference if desired. The Committee shall publish as promptly as possible, in the *Daily Advocate*, lists of the communications it has referred to the several Standing Committees, identifying each by number, title, origin and destination. No memorial or petition shall be assigned by the Committee of Reference to any General Conference Committee unless it comes from some organization, minister, or member of The Methodist Church, and also contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin.

All memorials should be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject. Not more than one memorial should be presented on a single sheet of paper.

(10) *Rules.* There shall be a Committee of seven on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. The Secretary of the Conference shall be an ex-officio member and one of the seven. To this Committee shall be referred any proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. To it may be referred any other matters relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of the General Conference.

The Committee shall study the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and, after making such modifications and adaptations therein as in its judgment are necessary, shall present them to the General Conference for its consideration and final action, the same to be published in the Journal of the General Conference.

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as published in the Journal of the preceding General Conference until they have been altered or modified by the action of the General Conference. (For this particular paragraph 3 of No. 10, Rules, see Par. 505, 1952 *Discipline*, of The Methodist Church.)

(11) *Sifting Committee.* There shall be a Committee of seven to whom shall be referred, without motion or debate, all questions, proposals, resolutions, communications, or other matters not included in the regular business of the General Conference, as set forth in this Plan of Organization. This Committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by the Conference. If matters of the nature above described shall be introduced in open Conference without having been approved by this Committee, the Presiding Officer shall, as soon as he shall have discovered the character of the same, refer all such matters to this Committee without reading, and the same shall not be publicized in the *Daily Advocate*

unless and until they have been approved and presented to the Conference by the Sifting Committee; provided, however, that should the Sifting Committee determine that any matter referred to it should not be brought before the Conference for consideration, then if a petition signed by twenty, or more, members of the Conference shall be presented to the Conference requesting consideration, unless a two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference present and voting shall refuse consideration, the matter shall be referred by the Sifting Committee to a Standing Committee of its choice.

(12) *Tellers.* There shall be a Committee of sixty, to act as Tellers for the purpose of reporting on count votes and ballots ordered by the General Conference. The Tellers shall be divided into two groups of thirty each. Each group shall have Reserve Tellers in such number as the Council of Bishops may deem proper.

2. Legislative Committees

The General Conference shall have the following Standing Legislative Committees which shall consider proposals looking toward new legislation or changes in the present legislation of the Church and report recommendations relating thereto to the Conference. The term "legislative," however, as descriptive of the functions of these Committees, is not to be interpreted with absolute strictness, inasmuch as they may consider matters calculated to eventuate in the form of advices, resolutions, appeals, etc., as well as in legislation.

(1) *Conferences.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the General Jurisdictional, Central, Provisional Central, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences, and Missions, and the organization of the local church.

(2) *Education.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Education and to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

(3) *Lay Activities.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating distinctly to Lay Activities and the Board of Lay Activities.

(4) *Membership and Evangelism.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to Church membership, including conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; and all matters pertaining to Evangelism and to the devotional life and literature of the Church, made by the law of the Church the concern of the Board of Evangelism.

(5) *Ministry.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

(6) *Missions and Church Extension.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(7) *Pensions.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the support of retired and supernumerary ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including Bishops, and all matters relating to pensions of Lay Employees of Church Organizations, Boards, Agencies or institutions.

(8) *Publishing Interests.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(9) *State of the Church.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to social service, labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other Committee.

(10) *Temperance and Prohibition.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to temperance and prohibition of the liquor traffic and all matters relating to the Board of Temperance and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(11) *Temporal Economy.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to trustees, properties, church finances (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other Committee.

(12) *Hospitals and Homes.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board, and to all the eleemosynary work and responsibility of the Church not comprehended in the responsibility of any other Legislative Committee.

(13) *Interdenominational Relations and Activities.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to interdenominational activities, relations, interest, and responsibilities of The Methodist Church, including the American Bible Society, and National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A., and the World Council of Churches.

(14) *Judicial Administration.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the formal disciplining, trial, and appeal of members and ministers of The Methodist Church and relating to the Judicial Council and the judicial procedure within the Church.

(15) *Ritual and Orders of Worship.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to ritual and orders of worship.

(16) *Enabling Acts and Legal Forms.* There shall be a Committee of seven charged with the responsibility of preparing and presenting for adoption by the Conference such enabling acts and legal forms as may be needed in the continuing process of unifying the interests and agencies of the Church.

3. Membership of Committees

(1) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan of Organization, or ordered by the General Conference, the membership of all Committees shall be constituted by election of the Conference, on nomination of the Council of Bishops. In making nominations the Council of Bishops shall maintain as nearly as practicable and advisable an equal ratio of representation between ministerial and lay delegates on all Committees.

(2) Legislative Committees numbered 12 to 15, inclusive (Hospitals and Homes, Interdenominational Relations and Activities, Judicial

Administration, and Ritual and Orders of Worship), shall each consist of two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from the delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States.

(3) Each delegate shall serve as a member of one of the Legislative Committees numbered 1 to 11. Within the Delegation each member shall choose from the Legislative Committees 1 to 11 the Committee on which he shall serve, the choice being made in order of election. (See note *.) The layman first elected shall be entitled to the first choice, the minister first elected to the second choice, and thus the right of choice shall continue to alternate between lay and ministerial delegates in the order of their election; provided, that two members of a delegation may not serve on any one of the above designated Legislative Committees 1 to 11, unless the said delegation is represented on each of them. All delegations composed of *twelve* or more members shall assign all members in excess of *eleven* according to this same principle of distribution. (For example, a Conference with sixteen delegates shall have two members on each of any five of these eleven Committees, and one on each of the remaining six. Each delegate may, in the order of his turn to choose, select any one of these eleven Committees, provided that the foregoing division of delegates among the Committees is maintained.) If a matter is under consideration in any Legislative Committee which in the judgment of any Annual Conference delegation vitally affects the interests of its constituency, and if the said Annual Conference is not represented in the membership of said Committee, then the said delegation may choose one of its number to represent its Annual Conference in the Committee when the matter judged to be vital to the interests of its constituency is under consideration. Such a person shall be entitled to sit with the Committee while this particular matter is being considered. He shall be entitled to the floor, subject to such limitations as are imposed on the regular members of said Committee, but he shall not be entitled to vote.

4. Meetings of Committees

(1) *For Organization.* The Legislative Committees shall meet for organization on the afternoon of the first day of the General Conference sessions. Those numbered 12 to 16, inclusive, at 2:30 o'clock, and those numbered 1 to 11, inclusive, at 3:30. A Bishop appointed by the Council of Bishops and an Assistant Secretary appointed by the Secretary of the General Conference shall serve, respectively, as Chairman and Secretary to effect an organization in each of the several Committees.

- a. The first named on each of the other Committees shall act as Convener, calling a meeting for organization at the earliest practicable date.
- b. The election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of each Committee, both Administrative and Legislative, shall be by ballot.

(*) The following action was taken by the 1940 General Conference: (See page 698, Journal 1940 General Conference.)

"Your Committee recommends that the first choice on Committees should alternate from quadrennium to quadrennium between the ministerial and lay delegates." This would mean that the laymen had first choice on Legislative Committees in 1944. In 1948 the minister first elected the first choice of Legislative Committees. In 1952 the laymen first elected will have first choice of the Legislative Committees.

- c. The Assistant Secretary appointed for the organization of each Legislative Committee shall report in writing to the Secretary of the Conference at the earliest possible date the officers elected. In the case of all other Committees the Secretary elected shall make such report immediately to the Secretary of the Conference.

(2) *Regular Meetings.* The Legislative Committees 1 to 11, inclusive, shall meet each weekday at 2:30 P.M., unless otherwise ordered by the Conference, until their work is completed.

Legislative Committees 12 to 16, inclusive, shall meet each weekday at 7:30 P.M., or such other times as they may themselves respectively determine until their work is completed.

(3) *Quorum for Committee Meetings.* A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in all Committees.

5. Function and Authority of Committees

The Administrative Committees, without specific instruction or direction from the Conference, shall assume responsibility for considering and reporting to the Conference upon (if it seems wise to do so) all matters which would logically fall within their respective purviews as these are indicated hereinbefore. The Legislative Committees may not originate business, but shall consider and report only upon that which is referred to them directly by the Conference or through the Committee of Reference, the Sifting Committee, or the Committee of Chairmen.

VI. Proposal to Establish New Board, Commission, or Committee

When any proposal is submitted to the General Conference to establish an interim or continuing Board, Commission, or Committee, before final action is taken by the General Conference establishing such Board, Commission, or Committee, said proposal shall be referred automatically to the General Commission on World Service and Finance, or its Executive Committee, with the request that it bring to the General Conference an estimated budget of the expense of operation of the proposed Board, Commission, or Committee for the next quadrennium and a statement of how the adoption of such proposal will effect the budget or budgets for the existing Boards, Commissions, or Committees as already presented by the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

VII. Delegates' Expense Account

1. The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be the basis for settlement with principal and reserve delegates for their *per diem* allowance.

2. The total traveling expense shall be payable to the principal delegate if he be present and seated. If during the session of the Conference a reserve delegate is seated in his place, he shall adjust the travel expense with such reserve on the basis of the time served by each.

3. Travel expense for delegates to the Conference shall be on the basis of railroad fare by the most direct route (clergy fare for ministers) lower berth or roomette (Pullman) and meals en route. Overseas delegates will be allowed the equivalent of second class ship fare for that portion of their trip which is by water. When two or

more delegates come in one automobile the owner shall be allowed 6 cents per mile for his car plus the cost of room and meals en route. Guest passengers who are members of the General Conference shall submit only the cost of room and meals en route. In all cases delegates shall report only the actual cost of travel.

B. RULES OF ORDER

I. Daily Schedule

Rule 1. The following shall be the daily order for the General Conference, Sundays excepted:

- (1) 8:30 A.M. to 9 A.M.—Devotional Service under the direction of the Council of Bishops.
- (2) 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.—Conference business with recess for ten minutes at 10:30.
- (3) 2:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.—Committee meetings.
- (4) 7:30 P.M.—Committee meetings.

Rule 2. After devotional service the daily sessions of the Conference shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) Report of Committee on Journal of the previous meeting or meetings.
- (2) Report of Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.
- (3) Reports of other Administrative and Special Committees.
- (4) Calendar.
- (5) Miscellaneous business.

II. Presiding Officers

Rule 3. The Bishop presiding shall be the legal Chairman of the General Conference. He shall decide points of order raised by the members and shall rule on points of order not raised by the members, as he deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order; subject, in both cases, to an appeal to the Conference by any member without debate; except that the Chairman and the Appellant, in the order here named, shall each have five minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A tie vote in the case of appeal shall sustain the Chair. When any member raises a point of order he shall cite, by number, the Rule he adjudges to have been violated.

Rule 4. When the Chairman stands in his place and calls the Conference to order, no member shall speak, address the Chair, or stand, while the Chairman stands.

III. Rights and Duties of Members

Rule 5. ATTENDANCE AND SEATING RESERVES

No member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without permission of the Conference, and all absentees shall be reported by the Chairman of the several Annual Conference delegations to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided for this purpose. No reserve delegate shall have the privilege of membership until the substitution has been approved by the Conference, except at the first session of the Conference, as provided in the Plan of Organization, Division I, Section A, Subsection 2b.

Rule 6. DIRECTIONS FOR "SECURING THE FLOOR"

When a delegate desires to speak to the Conference, he shall arise at his assigned seat, respectfully address the Presiding Officer, using

the term "Mr. Chairman," and after recognition, proceed to the speaker's platform, where, before speaking, he shall give the Chairman, in writing, his name and that of the Annual Conference which he represents; which, in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to the Conference.

If by reason of the intended brevity of his remarks he speaks from one of the microphones in the aisles of the assembly hall, he shall first announce his name and the name of the Annual Conference which he represents, which in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to the Conference.

Rule 7. INTERRUPTING THE SPEAKER

No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a breach of order, or a misrepresentation, or to direct the attention of the Conference to the fact that the time has arrived for a special order, or to raise a very urgent question of high privilege.

Rule 8. SPEAKING MORE THAN ONCE; LENGTH OF SPEECH

No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, nor more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, nor longer than ten minutes unless his time shall be extended by the Conference, except as provided in Rule 36. This ten-minute limit may be reduced by a majority vote of the Conference at any time, and for any period of duration.

Rule 9. QUESTION OF HIGH PRIVILEGE

A member claiming the floor at any time for what he believes is a very urgent question of high privilege, shall be allowed to indicate briefly the nature of the question, and if it be adjudged by the Chair to be such, he may proceed at his pleasure or until the Chairman judges that he has exhausted his privilege. (See Plan of Organization, Page 5, Division V, Section 1, Sub-section 3a.)

Rule 10. VOTING AREA OF CONFERENCE

Only delegates within the area of the Conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All delegates within the area at the time a question is put, shall vote, except such as shall have been excused for special reasons by the Conference.

Rule 11. VOTING PROCEDURE

Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by the Conference. An "aye" and "no" vote, if taken, shall be by signed ballot. A count vote may be ordered on call of any member supported by one-third of the members present and voting, in which case the delegates shall rise from their seats and stand until counted.

No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or when the previous question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself, or that which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the report of the Secretaries on a count vote, or an "aye" and "no" vote. The count shall be made by members seated next to the aisles, who shall be designated by the Secretary of the General Conference, and whose names shall be printed in the *Daily Advocate*.

Rule 12. DIVISION OF QUESTION

Before a vote is taken any delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as he indicates. If no delegate objects, the division shall be made, but if there

is objection the Chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

Rule 13. VOTE BY ORDERS

The ministerial and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body; but upon a call, by motion of any delegate, seconded by another delegate of the same order and supported by one-third of the members of that order voting, the ministerial and lay delegates shall vote separately. But when the Conference votes by orders no measure shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of both classes of delegates. In cases of such a vote the order calling for it shall vote first; provided, however, that the Conference may not vote by orders on a proposed amendment to the Constitution. (*Discipline* 1948, Paragraph 10, Item 2.)

IV. Business Procedure

Rule 14. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS UNNECESSARY

Whenever a report of a Committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof, or a resolution signed by two or more members of the Conference, shall be presented to the Conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by the Conference without the formality of a motion to adopt and a second thereto.

Rule 15. REQUIRED FORMS FOR REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS

All resolutions and Committee reports shall be presented in triplicate; and, when requested by the Secretary, motions, including amendments, shall be presented in writing.

Rule 16. READING OF REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions, Committee reports, and communications to the Conference shall be read by the Secretary except as otherwise provided in Rule 33.

Rule 17. ALTERATIONS OF MOTIONS, ETC.

When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a Committee Report is read, or is published in the *Daily Advocate*, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Conference, and may not be altered except by action of the Conference. (See Rule 32.)

Rule 18. UNDEBATABLE MOTIONS

The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- (1) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the Conference finally.
- (2) To suspend the rules.
- (3) To lay on the table, except as provided in Rule 36, Page 25.
- (4) To take from the table.
- (5) To call for the previous question.
- (6) To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
- (7) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (8) To call for the orders of the day.

Rule 19. RIGHTS OF "THE MAIN QUESTION"

The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: To adopt, to commit, to substitute, to postpone, and to reconsider. No new motion, resolution, or subject shall be entertained until

the one under consideration shall have been disposed of except as provided in Rule 11. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

Rule 20. PRECEDENCE OF SECONDARY MOTIONS

If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other motions are pending the order of their precedence in relation to one another shall be the same as the order of their listing below:

- (1) To fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table.)
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take recess.
- (4) To order the previous question.
- (5) To lay on the table.
- (6) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (7) To postpone to a given time.
- (8) To refer.
- (9) To amend or to substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment).
- (10) To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 21. TABLING RELATED MOTIONS

No motion which adheres to another motion, or has another motion adhering to it, can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they respectively adhere, or which adhere to them.

Rule 22. REFERRING REPORTS, ETC.

It shall be in order for the Conference to refer to a Committee a section or part of a report or resolution which is before the Conference for consideration, or any amendment offered thereto.

Rule 23. PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTITUTES

When a resolution or Committee report is properly before the Conference for consideration and action (even if amendments thereto are pending), a substitute therefor may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the resolution or report under consideration. The motion to substitute may not be considered or put, however, until the original report or resolution is perfected, including consideration of and action on any amendments to it which may have been offered. The Conference may terminate this perfecting process by ordering the previous question on the motion to adopt the report or resolution. If this be done, the vote shall immediately be taken on any amendments to the report or resolution then pending, but the vote shall not be taken on the adoption of the report or resolution or on making the substitution until the substitute is also perfected. The main question, or report, or resolution, having been perfected, the substitute shall be considered, which consideration may be terminated at any time by ordering the previous question, in which case, after action on any amendments to the substitute then pending, the vote shall be taken on the motion to substitute. After this, without further debate or amendment the vote shall be taken on the motion to adopt, if the previous question thereon was ordered as above indicated as being allowable, or if it was ordered later. In the course of the foregoing perfecting process in the case of either the main question or the substitute, or both, the time to be consumed in presenting, considering

and acting on amendments may be limited by action of the Conference. If this be done, the previous question may not be put on the adoption of the report or resolution, or on making the proposed substitution until two members (including the Chairman of Committee presenting the report and the member presenting the substitute, if the pending question is the adoption of a report of a Committee) shall have spoken on each side of the proposal to substitute or adopt, as the case may be, after the motions to amend, if there be any, have been acted upon, if there be those who desire so to speak.

Rule 24. PREVIOUS QUESTION. (SEE RULES 18-5, 23, 25, 36.)

When any member moves the previous question (that is, that the vote be now taken on the motion or motions pending), he shall indicate to what he intends it to apply, if any secondary motion or motions are also pending. If he does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without debate, and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption, and if adopted the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate except as provided in Rule 34.

Rule 25. UNLAWFUL MOTION AFTER SPEECH

It shall not be in order for a member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

Rule 26. EXCEPTIONS TO MAJORITY VOTE

A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

- (1) One-third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a count vote in case the decision of the Chair is doubted. See Rule 11. A tie vote sustains the Chair, Rule 3.
- (2) A call for a vote by orders shall prevail if sustained by one-third of the members of the order from which the call came, present and voting. (See Rule 13.)
- (3) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend (See Rule 38) or amend (See Rule 39) the rules; to sustain a motion for the previous question (See Rule 24); to set aside a special order; to consider a special order before the time set therefor, or any motion whose adoption would limit debate.
- (4) A two-thirds vote shall be required to approve a proposal for a Constitutional amendment. (See Par. 10, 1948 *Discipline*.)

Rule 27. RECONSIDERATION

A motion to reconsider an action of the Conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated.

Rule 28. CALENDAR

REGULAR; NON-CONCURRENT

The Secretary shall keep a chronological record of Orders of the Day and of reports of Committees (See Rule 31 and this record shall be called the Calendar, and the matters of business placed on it

shall be considered in order, unless by a two-thirds vote of the Conference an item is taken up out of its order.

Legislative Committee reports recommending Non-concurrence shall be kept upon a separate Calendar to be taken up when the regular Calendar is exhausted or at the pleasure of the Conference, except when a minority presents a report recommending concurrence, in which case both shall be included in the regular Calendar.

Rule 29. MOTION TO ADJOURN IN ORDER EXCEPT—

The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except

- (1) When a delegate has the floor.
- (2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, and before it is finally decided.
- (3) When the previous question has been ordered and action thereunder is pending.
- (4) When a motion to adjourn has been lost, and no business or debate has intervened.
- (5) When the motion to fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn is pending.

The foregoing does not apply to a motion for final adjournment of the Conference.

V. Committees

Rule 30. DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF COMMITTEES

When a memorial or resolution or any similar item is referred to one of the several Legislative Committees, it shall be understood that the whole question with which the paper has to do is referred to that Committee for such action as it may deem wise. Committees shall report to the Conference upon all matters referred to them by the Conference directly or through the Committee of Reference. Committee reports on resolutions, memorials, petitions, etc., shall cite the same, identifying them by the numbers they bear respectively, in the published reports of the Committee of Reference, or in some other suitable manner.

When a Committee ascertains that another Committee is or should, in its judgment, be considering a subject which the former is considering, it shall report the matter to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision for such adjustments as the situation may require.

Rule 31. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES REPORT TO SECRETARY

At the close of each day's meeting the Chairmen and Secretaries of the several Legislative Committees shall provide the Secretary of the Conference with copies in triplicate of all reports adopted by their respective Committees for presentation to the Conference. The Secretary shall enter said reports on the Calendar in the order in which they reach him and shall furnish the editor of the *Daily Advocate* with one copy of each of the said reports for publication in the next day's issue. Reports from Committees (and minority reports) recommending proposed changes in the *Discipline* shall give Chapter, Section, and Paragraph to be affected.

"They shall quote the language of the part it is proposed to change, *underscoring it*, and then state the language as it will appear if adopted with the new part only in CAPITALS. The *Daily Advocate* shall follow the same rule in printing such reports except that it may

substitute *italics* for *UNDERSCORING* and Heavy Black-Faced Type for CAPITALS."

Rule 32. PUBLISHED REPORTS IN POSSESSION OF CONFERENCE

A report of any Committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof and printed in the *Daily Advocate* shall be regarded as in the possession of the Conference and on the day following its first appearance in the *Daily Advocate*, or any time thereafter, in order for its consideration at the pleasure of the Conference. The same rule shall apply to a report of a minority of any Committee signed by one-tenth of the members of the Committee or by ten members thereof. (See Rule 17.)

Rule 33. PREPARATION AND PRINTING OF REPORTS

All Committee reports shall be presented to the Secretary of the Conference in triplicate on paper provided therefor, and bearing at the top the name of the Committee, its total membership, the number present at the time the report was adopted, the number voting for and the number voting against the report respectively, and the number not voting. Reports of the Legislative Committees shall be printed in the *Daily Advocate* at least one day before being presented for consideration by the Conference and they shall not be read unless by its order.

Reports of minorities of Committees adopted by them with a view to their being offered as substitutes for Committee reports shall likewise conform to this Rule so far as it is applicable, indicating clearly to what Committee the respective minorities belong and for what reports by serial numbers, etc., they propose the respective substitutes.

Rule 34. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NOT IN HARMONY WITH REPORT

When the Chairman of a Committee is not in harmony with a report adopted by the Committee, it shall be his duty to state the fact to the Committee, which shall elect one of its members to represent it in the presentation and discussion of the report in the Conference; but if, in such a case, the Committee shall fail to select a representative, the Chairman shall designate a member to represent the Committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the Chairman in relation to such report.

Rule 35. PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF MINORITY

A member selected by the signers of a report of a minority of a Committee to present the same, shall have the same rights and privileges in relation thereto which belong to the Chairman in the presentation of the regular (majority) report of the Committee, except that he may not present said minority report until the majority report has been presented, and shall then offer it as a substitute therefor, and except, further, that in closing the debate on the question of making the substitution the member presenting the minority report shall speak first and the Chairman last. (See Rule 23.)

Rule 36. SPEAKERS FOR AND AGAINST

When the report of a Committee is under consideration, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to ascertain, when he recognizes a member of the Conference, on which side he proposes to speak, and he shall not assign the floor to any member proposing to speak on the same side of the pending question as the speaker immediately preceding if any member desires to speak on the other side thereof.

Except for undebatable motions, no report shall be adopted or

question relating to the same decided without opportunity having been given for at least one speech for and one against the said proposal; provided this right is claimed before the Chairman, or duly authorized member representing the Committee's report or the minority report, if there be such, is presented to close the debate.

When all have spoken who desire to do so, or when (and after) the previous question has been ordered, the Chairman or/and duly authorized member or members presenting the Committee's report (and the minority report if there be one) shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken.

This right of the Chairman and/or other member or members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner, to a limit of five minutes, when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone, to refer, or to lay on the table or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the report under consideration; provided that this five minutes limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a minority report for a regular (majority) report of a Committee.

Rule 37. LEGAL ENACTMENT

All actions of this General Conference of The Methodist Church shall become effective upon the final adjournment of the present session (1952) of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, unless otherwise specified.

VI. Suspending, Amending, and Supplementing

Rule 38. SUSPENSION OF RULES

The operation of any of the provisions of this Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Conference. Rule 26 (3).

Rule 39. AMENDING RULES

This Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference; provided the proposed change or amendment has been presented to the Conference in writing and referred to the Committee on Rules, which Committee shall report thereon not later than the day following. Rule 26 (3).

Rule 40. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER REVISED, SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY

In any parliamentary situation not clearly covered by this Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, the General Conference shall be governed in its action by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order:

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J. EDGAR SKILLINGTON, *Vice-Chairman*;
THOMAS B. LUGG, *Secretary*;
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THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS
OF THE BISHOPS
OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH
TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
1952

The presentation of an Episcopal Address on the opening day of the General Conference is a custom which has behind it a history of nearly a century and a half. It is a review of the life and thought of the Church and its responsibility in contemporaneous life. The address is written by a Bishop chosen by ballot by his colleagues. The contents are carefully and critically reviewed by the entire Council of Bishops and are finally presented to the Church bearing the signatures of all the Bishops of The Methodist Church.

The Episcopal Address was read by Bishop Paul B. Kern, Wednesday night, April 23, 1952. See JOURNAL, page 237.

DEARLY BELOVED IN CHRIST:

Pursuant to the custom of the Church, inaugurated by the first delegated General Conference of American Methodism in 1812, the Bishops herewith respectfully present their quadrennial message on the state of the Church. We bear grateful testimony concerning the spirit of comradeship and harmony which has characterized the Council since union was consummated. The names of each and all of the Bishops are affixed to this address because it sets forth the ideals and objectives which we cherish and under which we labor. It could hardly be expected that so large a company of men could be in agreement in every detail of one address covering so wide a range of subjects. Into this address are written, however, our deep convictions, and in its basic ideals and recommendations we are of one mind.

There should be no misunderstanding of the point of view from which the Council speaks. We represent the Church as a whole. The Methodist Church is more than an American church. Its work extends into more than fifty countries, and the churches within the territory of our Central Conferences are not mere appendages or colonies of the Church in the United States but are integral parts of the whole, with all the rights and dignities which belong to those in any part of the world. Nevertheless, because of the preponderance in the number of members in the United States of America and the personnel of this delegated Gen-

eral Conference it is inevitable that a larger amount of space and emphasis should here be given to general American conditions and needs, leaving the Jurisdictional and the Central Conferences to consider and deal with their varied local and national problems.

May grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit rest upon us as with humbled hearts and dedicated wills we seek to discover what God would say today to the Church we love.

IN MEMORIAM

Let us pause to remember, in everlasting gratitude, those who in our Church Universal, the Methodism of all lands, have passed through the portals of death into "the home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." For all the saints who from their labors rest we give thanks to God. Some of them have quietly fallen asleep within the love and security of their earthly homes; others have died in loneliness behind hostile barriers of hate, and still others have chosen to die rather than deny their faith and have thus shared with their crucified Lord the public humiliation of the Cross. The testimony of their martyrdom, written in blood, takes its place upon the crimson pages of the Church's eternal and indestructible witness.

Death, during this quadrennium, has robbed our own fellowship of some of our dearest and most trusted leaders. We have labored by their side, felt the uplift of their faith, joined hands in a common, world-wide task, and today, saddened in heart because of our earthly loss, we yet rejoice that they stand in the presence of their Lord and share the Kingdom of His glory.

BRENTON THOBURN BADLEY
BORN MAY 29, 1876
ELECTED BISHOP 1924
DIED FEBRUARY, 1949

JOHN CALVIN BROOMFIELD
BORN JULY 4, 1872
ELECTED BISHOP 1939
DIED JANUARY 8, 1950

EDWIN HOLT HUGHES
BORN DECEMBER 7, 1866
ELECTED BISHOP 1908
DIED FEBRUARY 12, 1950

GEORGE CARLTON LACY
BORN DECEMBER 28, 1888
ELECTED BISHOP 1941
DIED DECEMBER 11, 1951

EDWIN FERDINAND LEE
BORN JULY 10, 1884
ELECTED BISHOP 1928
DIED SEPTEMBER 14, 1948

JOHN MONROE MOORE
BORN JANUARY 27, 1867
ELECTED BISHOP 1918
DIED AUGUST 1, 1948

HARRY LESTER SMITH
BORN APRIL 15, 1876
ELECTED BISHOP 1920
DIED OCTOBER 7, 1951

THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

The Church stands today between an old world that is dying and a new world struggling to be born. We may with calmness and yet deep concern look out upon this civilization of which we are a part and seek better to understand it in order that we may better serve it. The maladies which afflict it grow out of its strength rather than its weakness. Because our world was rich and proud and felt strong, we thought it was healthy. Because it controlled power, and had behind it industrial resources, military might, and the atom bomb, we thought it was safe. But we have discovered that we cannot advance much further materially until we discover new spiritual resources. "Man is mounted on a bigger horse than he can ride." World order and peace and security rest upon moral principles. Democratic government, in fact self-government of any kind, is a moral adventure. Without self-restraint and inner discipline it lacks authority and is on its way toward collapse. What we witness is the exaltation of power politics and the frantic substitution of military expediency for those far-sighted and enduring attitudes and relationships out of which arise international understandings and the prospect of a world of peace.

The picture is no brighter in domestic life. We stand shocked and amazed at the revelations of immorality, greed, and dishonor in our world. We ask, with a famous newspaper editor: "Why has moral deterioration set in among us that brings corruption, loose behaviour, dulled principles,

subverted morals, easy expediences, sharp practices?" The answer ought not to be far to seek. The crumbling of our ethical standards goes back to our rejection of the authority of God, our refusal of the disciplines of a righteous society, and our unabashed faith in a secularist philosophy of life. We cannot sow the wind without reaping the whirlwind. In many high and influential circles, in education, in politics, in business, we have paid lip service to Christian principles but have carried on our enterprises without recognizing the supremacy of the moral law and the higher authority of the Christian ethic. God's judgment rests upon us today and the only way by which we may escape is by a resolute seeking of His will and an humbled obedience to His law. If the Church is spiritually alert she may lead our world into a new kingdom of clean living, disciplined rectitude, and selfless service.

" 'Tis time
New hopes should animate the world, new light
Should dawn from new revealings to a race
Weighed down so long."

In the face of this picture of the shortcomings of our present generation we must not yield to the complacency of dark despair or to the treachery of an easy optimism. This is not the first time our world has stumbled in the dark. Hysteria will rob us of moral perspective and political wisdom. We must never forget that our very awareness of widespread moral defection is an indication of a vast reservoir of righteous indignation within our people. Across this earth there are many millions of good people who still believe in God, in honor, in decency, in brotherhood, and in peace. The healing forces of the universe are greater than the forces of disease and death. We shall not undo our history or retrieve our mistakes by one masterful strategic blow. We must guard against impatience in seeking a sound solution to the world's present plight. God works slowly but He never quits. His purpose, made vibrant and available in Christ, is firm and unyielding. Every evil is by its nature transitory; every good is of its essence eternal. If we, in calmness and confidence, shall yield ourselves and the nation we love to the sway of His unfolding will, we shall yet see a spiritual rebirth from which shall spring an ordered and just society. The instrumentality for which God waits is an awakened Church, touched with fearless prophetic fervor and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. May Methodism find its place in this divine drama of a new world order.

THE BRIGHTER SIDE

Let us pause to look for a moment at the more hopeful aspects of American life. There is something to thank God for upon every remembrance of our country. We stand today in a position of unparalleled power in world affairs. With this power goes tremendous moral responsibility for the welfare of mankind. The issue of peace or war rests largely upon the people of the United States who have chosen to defend the Republic of Korea, through the United Nations, from the aggression of a Communist invasion. It has been a costly and sacrificial price to pay for a safer world in the Far East. The issues are confused but the peril was clear, and we pay in reverence our tribute to those who, in mortal combat, have given their all that freedom might not perish from the earth. The willingness to assume so large a share of this burden of tragedy, both at home and abroad, is the pledge to free men everywhere that the only war we seek is a relentless struggle against despotism, poverty, and human bondage.

Bitter are the memories of Pearl Harbor, of Corregidor, and the Coral Sea. The flaming war from the jungles of Burma to the shores of Lingayen Gulf found us ready and cold as steel in the face of aggression. Who then could ever have believed we would write a treaty with Japan and leave out of it vengeance and write into it mercy and hope and compassion? Former treaties have been the seed plots of future wars. It may be we have found a new and better way to prevent war and build peace. Let us be thankful that this country has had the courage and the faith to venture on these untried paths of reconciliation.

There are other touches of light on the horizon. Who shall tell the tale of the hungry who have been fed, the naked who have been clothed, the displaced who have been rescued, the friendless who have been befriended around the world because Americans believe in sharing? Our own Overseas Relief has poured over eleven million dollars into the distressed areas of the world; CARE has sent its packages across the earth like a beneficent shower of blessing upon a parched and hungry land. Through the United Nations last year we made 28 millions of dollars available for technical assistance and upward of 100 million through "Point Four" programs in 57 countries administered by 1,000 technical experts recruited from 37 countries. Never in history has any nation shown such concern for dispossessed and retarded peoples in lands other than their own. When you grow disheartened over your native land, think on these things.

"This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine;
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
This is my hope, my dream, my faith, my shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams and faith the same as mine."

WHAT METHODISTS BELIEVE

The beliefs of Methodism arise out of the experience of Methodists. Our Societies began as a passionate protest against the spiritual deadness which characterized English life in the eighteenth century. John Wesley was a rebel against the established order of religion. He was not concerned to exploit any unique view of Scripture or exalt any form of Church organization. He freed himself from the stifling atmosphere of a Church whose chief concern was more for intellectual regularity and liturgical correctness than it was for the good news in Christ and the heart hunger of a multitude that knew not God.

But Methodism is not indifferent to the intellectual basis of the faith it proclaims. There are great Christian doctrines which we most surely hold and most firmly believe. Our religious belief is not some weird individualistic interpretation of divine truth, nor is it some mandate from a so-called infallible hierarchy which must be believed upon peril of our very souls. It rests rather upon the revealed Word of God perceived and attested by the enlightened conscience of man. It grows up out of life and the character of the God in whom we believe. The final test of validity is not in the forums of theological discussion but in the hot arenas of life where men strive and stumble and sin only to rise again and yield themselves to the arms of an ever-loving and forgiving God.

The verities we hold are shared by the main body of Protestant believers. It is our glory that we are in the central stream of Christian thought throughout the world. This but reinforces the validity of our faith and emphasizes the broad acceptability of our confession. The past quadrennium has seen a helpful emphasis upon our faith, and it is therefore appropriate that we should attempt to state succinctly but clearly the main elements in *what Methodists believe*.

1. *We believe in God.* God is the creative and sustaining Power who works in and through all existing life. God is a Person. His personality transcends our limited human personalities but we are made in His spiritual likeness. He

knows each of us and we can have personal and conscious fellowship with Him. God is love. He loves every creature whom He has made and yearns for his salvation and perfection. Not only is His love self-giving but He craves our love in response. There is no conflict between the justice of God and the mercy of God; both spring out of His infinite love for His children.

2. *We believe in Jesus Christ.* Jesus is the Son of God, the eternal divine Word made flesh and dwelling among men. In His sinless life He revealed the nature of His Father and our Father. His infinite wisdom is our guide. His sacrifice upon the cross is our redemption, and His resurrection from the dead is our pledge of eternal life. He lives today, unseen though ever present, and in the acceptance of Him as Saviour and as Lord lies humanity's hope for the present and for the future.

3. *We believe in the Holy Spirit.* God manifests Himself upon the scene of our daily living as the Lord and Giver of life: interpreting the divine will to our human hearts, comforting us in our sore bereavements, awakening within us a hunger for the eternal, quickening our souls to repentance for sin, witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God. The nature of the Holy Spirit often lies beyond the limits of our knowledge and understanding, but the glorious fact of His presence in our minds and hearts is the central certainty of our Christian experience.

4. *We believe in the Bible.* The Scriptures are the record of God's progressive revelation of Himself through inspired men, and the story of His righteous purpose in history to bring mankind to final perfection in Christ. The Bible contains all that God requires for salvation and is the sufficient rule of both faith and conduct. It has withstood all efforts to destroy it; it has survived the scientific study of its pages, and by its enduring truth it has confounded its critics and stands today more historically credible and more spiritually indispensable than ever before. It is God's eternal Word to every generation.

5. *We believe in man.* We hold as central the dignity and sacredness of every human personality. Man is made in the spiritual image of God and partakes of His character and fellowship. He is greater than the world through which God produces and sustains His life. The Scriptures remind us that man is a sinner and has fallen short of the glory of God. He may, however, through grace, rise above his sin and the circumstances which surround him. His glory is in his humanity and not his race or color. Endowed with freedom

of choice, he may descend to the lowest hell or rise to the highest heaven. In him as a person all the moral ends of the universe and all the movement of God's eternal purpose find meaning and value.

6. *We believe in salvation from sin.* This experience comes through faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. The act involves penitence for past sins and the acceptance of His mercy and forgiveness. Salvation comes not by our own striving or any achievement of merit. It is the free gift of God's grace who "shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Thus God takes away our sins, restores His image in our hearts, and grants to us a new birth, another chance, through the unmerited love of His Son and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

7. *We believe in Christian experience.* It is the privilege of every redeemed soul to know his sins are forgiven and to be assured, through the co-operating witness of the Holy Spirit with his spirit, that he is a child of God. Reason, like the Law, may be the schoolmaster leading us to Christ. Yet our deepest assurance is not the result of reason but of repentance and faith. Our faith is often and unashamedly suffused with intense feeling. Yet our assurance arises not out of emotion but out of the radiant certainty of an indwelling Christ, whose mercy has cleansed us, whose love has saved us, and whose presence within our hearts has given us power and victory. The experience of the whole man, evaluating Scripture, tradition, and reason, through the vital action of the Holy Spirit, becomes the ultimate authority in religious certainty.

8. *We believe in Christian perfection.* God's grace is manifested not only in the forgiveness of our sins but is also creatively redemptive, the power that works in us to make us perfect in love. Nothing short of perfection, Christlikeness in thought, word, and deed, can measure God's loving purpose for us. It is our faith that the fundamental change wrought in the individual by regeneration is a dynamic process which by growth in grace moves toward "mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." We may quench the Spirit and fall from grace but our divine destiny is perfect love and holiness in this life.

9. *We believe in the Church.* The Church is not essentially a human institution but is the community of believers of which Jesus Christ is Lord and in which He works by his Holy Spirit. It is the gift of God for the salvation of the

world through the proclamation of the evangel of good news to all men. It asserts the claim of Christ as the incarnate Word of God to the lordship of all human life. It is universal in nature, standing greater than any group claiming exclusively to represent it, and above every nation and culture in which it finds its home. Belonging to all the ages, it defies the passing of the centuries and embraces within its visible and invisible membership both the living and the dead. Though composed of both human and divine elements, its nature is not abridged by the frailties of those forgiven sinners who composed its membership. It is His body, the instrument of His active power, and the bond of fellowship between all those who accept His lordship.

10. *We believe in the Kingdom of God.* It is the reign of God in every department of human society, the divine scale of values for every individual, group, and nation. As Christian perfection is the goal in the individual life, so is the kingdom of God in human society. Its creation is a co-operative task involving both God and man. The pattern of a redeemed society is the thought of God. Its achievement is through the spiritual energy imparted by His spirit in human hearts, but its final consummation comes slowly through the joint efforts of God and man, working side by side, in the struggle to create a new and divine order and to make His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

11. *We believe in the divine judgment.* God is not only the Creator but he is also the Judge of all the earth. All men and nations stand before His judgment bar. The moral law and the Christian ethic judge both sinner and saint. Beyond all human laws, customs, and opinions there is one divine Law which remains absolute and unchanging. Men may break themselves and their civilizations upon that Law but the Law itself stands forever. The judgments of the Almighty are true and everlasting.

12. *We believe in eternal life.* Man, whose earthly existence is so brief and uncertain, has nevertheless eternity set in his heart by the Creator. The words of Jesus and His resurrection from the dead bring to us the assurance that for the Christian death shall be swallowed up in victory. God is eternal, Jesus is the conqueror of the grave, and we, being united by faith with Him, share His everlasting life. Death is a doorway from a natural world into a spiritual world. Behind the thin veil that conceals from our human eyes the Blessed Country there stands One who has gone to prepare a place for us and who will one day receive us unto Himself in eternal glory. Heaven is the perfect com-

panionship of the believer with Christ, and death is but a transition into the deeper fellowship of His nearer presence.

The above treatise is in no sense an attempt to write a systematic theology for Methodists. It does not compass the whole range of Christian belief held among us. It is only an effort to lift up in brief and simple terms the central doctrines of the people called Methodists. Our theology has never been a closely organized doctrinal system. We have never insisted on uniformity of thought or statement. We have always reserved for our members freedom of reverent inquiry. We are proud to re-emphasize John Wesley's famous dictum: "As to opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think."

THE ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

For the past eight years the forces of our Church have been united and have moved with a new consciousness of power toward the achievement of certain great and worthy goals. To many of us there has come a new conception of the strength of Methodism. We have seen what can be accomplished for Christ when, with one mind and heart, we give ourselves to the program outlined by the General Conference. We should pause to give thanks to Almighty God for the tasks He has set before us and the power He has supplied for their accomplishment.

It is not easy to evaluate the Advance movement which reports to this session of the General Conference. We can be grateful for providential leadership in the administrative office and also for the tireless co-operation of District Superintendents, ministers, and lay members throughout the Church. We have seen a superb example of a great cause effectively promoted through the regular channels of our Church life. What Methodism ought to do Methodism can do through the remarkable efficiency of her own organization.

Full and detailed reports will bring to you the major accomplishments of The Advance for Christ and His Church. We call to your attention certain areas where our labors have been particularly blessed of God. We have come into a new awareness of our faith. Multiplied thousands of our people have restudied the basis of their belief in the great Christian doctrines. They have rejoiced to share in "the endless line of splendor" which began in the little town of Epworth in England in the beginning of the eighteenth century and today sheds its light in every corner of Method-

ism's world parish. We have come to feel a new sense of responsibility for the missionary enterprise at home and abroad. Through these specials accepted freely by our local churches we have added in four years the sum of approximately 12 million dollars over and above our World Service acceptances. The Week of Dedication has added more than 2½ millions. The day may not be far distant when the acceptance of a Missionary Special by each congregation will be the normal procedure throughout the Church. Such an act of sharing would strengthen our world enterprise and at the same time bring untold spiritual blessings to our local churches.

We have taken a long look at our ministerial personnel and have occasion for rejoicing at the upward turn of the number of candidates for our ministry. Our youth is responding to the call to give their lives to the full-time service for Christ. We shall ever need new and worthy recruits to take the place of those who lay their armor down. If Christian young people today are lost amid the confusions and the superficialities of our modern life, may they not turn with confidence to the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, where life discovers new meanings and joys unspeakable await those who make the supreme dedication?

The Advance has highlighted our concern for the Christian family. The pressures upon our family life everywhere have been devastating. The foundations of our social structure crumble when the homes of our people are invaded by secularism and worldliness. The Family Life Conference in Chicago was the climax of a long process of study and was at the same time the spark which lighted a widening and deepening interest in those problems which threaten the home today. The Week of Dedication has proved a glorious spiritual experience in the life of countless churches. Amid the maddening rush of our modern life we need a time when unitedly we can seek our altars in prayer and self-dedication. This movement is young in the life of the Church; it is capable of unbelievable development if only we can rightly appraise its potential power for a Church that stands in the need not of material things but supremely of the power of God in its life.

What of the future? We may desire to shift our emphasis, to strengthen our home base in the local church, but under no circumstances must we forfeit the gains we have made or fail to carry forward those accepted responsibilities to which we have committed ourselves. "Let us not be weary in well doing." Let no mood of restlessness turn our feet into easy paths. Let us take counsel of our faith, believing

in the ultimate and available resources of the God who has called us and will go before us from victory unto victory.

OUR WORLD PARISH

As our minds turn toward the world parish of our Church we are almost staggered by its diversity and intricacy. We share the common perplexities of peoples everywhere struggling through the dark corridors of time into the light of a new and living chapter in history. The revolutionary power of democratic ideas and Christian standards for human life, plus the technological skills of the West, has stimulated this world-wide ferment. Other countries have learned well what they think are the secrets of power. We no longer confront backward and servile peoples who will tamely submit to the pressure of our ideas or our arms. We must have something better to send abroad than the products of our modern industry and our armament plants. We must guide the feet of the world out of the Communist paths of destruction by showing a better way to peace. "This," says Arnold Toynbee, "is the West's next assignment, and no doubt it is the hardest one that has ever been put upon us Westerners. It is a call to rise above ourselves. This is a call we cannot refuse. But it is a call that we can only rise to with God's help."

This puts missions in the center of the picture of the world's unrest. It is no small-scale enterprise geared to the strength of a single denomination. It is rather a frontal attack upon the forces of paganism everywhere, demanding the undivided strength of a united Church. Today Methodism takes her place in this world-renewing enterprise. We work in fifty-eight different lands, using at least seventy-four languages and dialects. Our 1,536 missionaries, co-operating with many times that number of pastors, Bible women, and other workers, are spread across the world in your name and the name of Jesus, bearing their witness to the saving power of the gospel of Christ. They preach the Word, in season and out of season, to hungry masses sitting in the midnight shadows of ignorance; they help to lay the foundations for the young, indigenous churches; they lay their healing hands upon the broken bodies and fear-stricken minds of God's children who have lived beyond the pale of modern medicine. Like their Master, they go about doing good, scorning any thought of sacrifice, counting it all joy to suffer for the name of Jesus.

There are many signs of an awakened interest in foreign missions. This is evidenced by a substantial increase in the financial support of our overseas work and also by

the large number of highly consecrated and qualified young people offering themselves for missionary service. There have gone out 225 new missionaries within the past two years. It is estimated that there are 33,000 churches in Methodism taking a Missionary Special for home or foreign work. This growing concern of the Church is definitely a reflection of a wider feeling of unity thrust upon us by a shrinking world and a keener sense of inter-relatedness. We must match our message against world chaos. It is enough to send us to our knees seeking from Almighty God new and Pentecostal power to meet the challenge of a divided and stricken world, and a more faithful stewardship of our means to help redeem it.

But the recent years have not been without their reverses and losses. We should be untrue to the facts if we did not admit defeats and grave problems beyond our control. In some countries there has been a black-out of all Christian work. In others severe restrictions have been thrown around our educational program and our freedom to preach. Communist China has slammed the door upon Christian missions and has silenced or executed many of our trusted leaders. Korea has been plowed by the machines of war, her Christian population scattered and dispossessed, and the bitter wounds of this great nation will be long in healing. Government pressure has cut us off from the Christian remnant in most Communist satellite lands. We have suffered persecution, yea even unto death, for our witness in Roman Catholic dominated countries. And yet our work goes on. We are bent but not broken. We are oppressed but not unto despair. Our God is faithful and in His faithfulness is our strength.

What is the strategy for these distressful and critical days? Retreat? Never. We did not choose our world mission; we were commanded and commissioned by the Founder of the Church. We are men under orders and until those orders, "Go, preach, make disciples, teach—Lo, I am with you always," are countermanded, the Church has no option. She must obey or lose the presence of her Lord. Where then lie the emphases in the missionary program in the days just ahead? In four areas, we may find the wisdom for these times. *First*, build the Church. All roads of service lead to the central establishment of a Church which is a worshipping, witnessing, working fellowship of Christ-changed men and women. If the Church is there it will have its roots in two worlds, and from it will flow healing streams of living water. *Second*, develop the sense of unity on the field and in the sending churches. We should foster Christian co-operation and unity in other lands and thereby avoid the tragedy

of a divided Protestantism in the younger churches. This can be done effectively only when the same principle is accepted in the councils of our Mission Boards in America. *Third*, let the churches on mission fields share the responsibility of evangelizing other lands. As they give they grow. No Church can long remain in vigor which does not bear its missionary witness. *Fourth*, put evangelism once again in the center of our emphasis. Evangelism in all its richness and fulness, bringing the whole of life under the captivity of Christ. Twice-born men and women, bearing witness to the redeeming love of God in daily life, are the invincible answer to a callous world and the joy of an obedient Church.

No motive for missions is deep enough which does not bring us to share Christ's suffering for a lost world. It is the love of Christ which must constrain us. No humanitarian impulse goes far enough. No adventurous "do-goodism" will stand up under the pressure. But when His Church is willing to walk in the way of the Cross, pray as He prayed in Gethsemane, share His sacrificial compassion for a broken world and give itself to others as He gave Himself for us, then will come again the new Pentecost and God will bless His Church with a baptism of power equal to that which rested, in flaming tongues of fire, upon the disciples in the upper room.

WORLD SERVICE AND STEWARDSHIP

World Service is Methodism in action. Its program is pivotal and its support is the base line for our benevolent giving. If that line moves forward all the causes of the Church move with it; if it retreats it brings disaster to every agency carrying the work of Methodism at home and abroad. When therefore we talk about the importance of World Service we are really talking about the importance of the mission of the Church itself.

Gratifying progress has been made in the benevolent giving of our Church in the past decade. From \$4,166,262 in 1941 we have increased to \$8,136,170 in 1951. The average per member has grown from 63 cents to \$1.11, an increase of 76 per cent. Regrettably this increase must be measured against the devaluated dollar. In spite of a large increase in membership the low purchasing power of our money has given us an increase of only 11 per cent in financial resources in ten years.

It is also interesting to note how we spend our dollar in The Methodist Church.

Buildings and Improvements	33.6	cents
Ministerial Support	26.3	"
Current Expenses	24.5	"
All Benevolences within Annual Conferences	7.7	"
World Service (on apportionments)	3.2	"
Woman's Society of Christian Service	2.9	"
Advance Specials	1.8	"
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These figures show that only 15.6 per cent of the money given to the Church goes to benevolences for the support of Christian activities beyond the local church parish.

We have deep appreciation for the service our Commission on World Service and Finance has rendered and for the hearty response that has come from our people to the call for increased giving during these recent years. Had it not been for this co-operation and response every good cause for which we stand would have limped or fallen by the wayside. We face today a new and demanding situation. What happens in Methodism in the next four years will set the course of our Church for a quarter of a century. We need to move from the periphery into the center, to think less about causes and more about motives, to lay aside our emphasis upon this appeal or that and to attack the whole concept of the Christian stewardship of our money. There are being presented to this General Conference causes that cannot be denied. Wrapped up in their acceptance is the secret of God's favor upon this Church. We must face them as God's stewards, in remembrance of His goodness to us and in the light of the Cross upon which He died.

Methodists are not giving God His rightful share of their possessions. According to the report of the United Stewardship Council we stand in forty-fifth place in per capita giving to benevolences among the denominations of America. We have no right to keep back for ourselves so much of what God has entrusted to us. We can talk a long time about "stewardship" but for most Methodists it comes down to the question: "What am I doing with what I call *my* money?" We must give our people help. A lot of them are losing their Christian joy because they have only an unscriptural and haphazard rule for giving. There is a multitude of good men and women who need counsel about what they, as Christians, ought to be giving to the Church. A definite schedule of proportionate giving, with the tithe as the minimum, should be forcefully and persuasively put before our membership. Our solutions do not primarily lie in increasing

our World Service askings. They lie in a much more fundamental procedure: in creating in all our people a deeper desire to share and to support the work of Christ at home and abroad. Our people will respond but they want guidance. This is no appeal sent out by a single Board or Commission. This is a major operation involving all the agencies and resources of the Church, but it is the path to victory, and victory in the sector of giving means victory along the whole battle front. A hundred causes look to us, a million wistful faces are turned our way, a Church waits for the lift of our faith. We shall not desert them or withhold from Christ aught that He claims when He has given us so much more than we deserve.

THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

The most significant movement of modern religious history is the growth of the ecumenical Church throughout the world. The series of international gatherings which began within the memory of living men came to their glorious consummation in the organization of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam on August 23, 1948. Into this Council there have come one hundred and sixty-three denominations and the representatives of more than fifty countries. The bond which unites these widely scattered faiths is a common loyalty to Jesus Christ as Lord. As the Council declared: "The World Council of Churches is composed of Churches which acknowledge Jesus Christ as God and Saviour. They find their unity in Him. They do not create their unity; it is the gift of God." The Council is not a Super-Church. Its decisions cannot be forced upon any constituent member. Its validity rests upon a basic conception of the Church as the Body of Christ, a spiritual unity which arises out of its divine nature and which transcends variations in doctrine, in polity, and in worship. It has been the high privilege of our Church to make through all the years constructive contributions to this movement of world-wide Christian unity. For a long time we have been repeating: "I believe in the holy catholic Church." Now we are seeing upon the horizon of our troubled times the outline of this New Testament *ecclesia*, helping to answer our Lord's prayer for the oneness of His followers.

A further advance toward the goal of Protestant unity was taken when the National Council of the Churches of Christ was organized in Cleveland in November of 1950. This historic step brings into focus the power of our distinctive faiths, enlivens our common social conscience, and gives voice to the prophetic note in the Protestant message to our day. To conserve the freedom and creative initiative

of the participating bodies and, at the same time, give substance to united Inter-Denominational leadership is undoubtedly a difficult, even a baffling, task. But the machinery will adapt itself gradually to the multiform demands of our common religious need, and we shall all be stronger for sharing with one another the riches of our separate heritages and also implementing more effectively those means of spiritual warfare which God entrusts to all of every faith who obey His will.

We must be realistic in our ecumenical enthusiasms. There are some Christian bodies which will have no part in it, preferring their own free autonomous fellowships and their separate denominational loyalties. They fear the growth of a centralized, authoritarian hierarchy completely destroying the independence and vitality of the member Churches. Such procedures would contravene the sense of freedom which is the very genius of Protestantism and defeat the worthy ends for which we struggle. There is no conflict between denominational loyalty and adherence to the ecumenical ideal. The best way we can serve the Church Universal is to serve with intelligence and devoted loyalty the Church to which we belong. Unity within denominational groups is the first essential step toward the wider unities within Christendom. Our recent Ecumenical Conference in Oxford brought an exhilarating sense of oneness to the branches of Methodism scattered across the earth. Their unity is not an outgrowth of exclusivism in life, theology, or polity. It roots in a common spiritual tradition which is by its very nature catholic and co-operative. The formation of the World Methodist Council, with a distinguished member of our own body as its first President, is a prophecy of a deepening fellowship within world-wide Methodism. We shall hold in trust our precious historic heritage looking forward to God's good day when we shall be privileged to share it with all who seek their oneness in Christ. The words of Archbishop Temple, spoken on the day of his enthronement, still echo in our hearts: "We shall impoverish our service of the wider fellowship if we let our membership of our own Communion become hesitant or indefinite. Rather we have to make strong the bonds of our own unity, with gratitude for our splendid inheritance, so that we may bring to the Universal Church a life strong in faith, in order, in corporate devotion—maintaining all that we have received but recognizing also God's gifts to His people through traditions other than our own."

This ecumenical movement needs quickly to gravitate from official circles to the local church and the individual mem-

ber. We are not interested in a spectacular act of ecclesiastic strategy upon a world stage. What deeply concerns us is that this universal movement toward Christian unity should create within the hearts of individual believers and local churches a sense of the supernal grandeur of the Church to which they belong, and lift their eyes from the round of petty interests and sectarian rivalries to the lofty endeavor of making a whole world Christian. We shall move forward, both at home and abroad, as God gives us strength, to heal the broken body of Christ and unite our forces for the conquest of the powers of darkness.

THE NEGRO IN THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

No race in history has made progress comparable to that of the Negro race since its historic emancipation from slavery. Particularly has this been true in the past half century. There are astounding figures in the realms of educational and economic progress. Enrollment of college students in institutions for the higher education of Negroes rose from 2,624 in 1900 to 74,526 in 1950. Negro illiteracy, which was more than 90 per cent in 1865, and 44 per cent in 1900, is now well below 10 per cent. Today there are three million Negro children attending the public schools, about the same proportion as those of the white race. Fifty years ago Bachelors' Degrees were conferred on 156 students, last year on 13,108, an increase of 87 times. Negro faculty members in these institutions have increased from an estimated 150 to 5,851. The physical property of institutions of higher learning in 1900 was valued at \$7,930,949. In 1948 this had risen to \$119,857,859, an increase of 15 times. With all our shortcomings it cannot be said that we in America have shut the doors of learning in the face of eager Negro youth.

The advance of the Negro race in the ministry, the law, medicine, and business has been equally remarkable. The epic story of this phenomenal progress has taken place in spite of social barriers, widespread segregation, and terrific handicaps. We are happy to observe that these obstacles are lessening in every area of American life. To discriminate against a person solely upon the basis of his race is both unfair and unchristian. Every child of God is entitled to that place in society which he has won by his industry, his integrity, and his character. To deny him that position of honor because of the accident of his birth is neither honest democracy nor good religion. Any race that can produce a Marian Anderson in art, a Ralph Bunche in diplomacy, a George Washington Carver in science, a Jackie Robinson

in sport, and a Mary Bethune in education, may well be proud of its racial achievements and dignity.

We are concerned with the Church life of the Negro and especially with those who belong to The Methodist Church. Of the 9,285,698 members of Negro churches in America, 24.8 per cent belong to Methodist denominations and 75.1 per cent to two Baptist groups. This accounts for over 99 per cent of the total memberships in Negro churches. Of this total 3.6 per cent belong to The Methodist Church. The statistics bearing upon the membership growth of the Central Jurisdiction are not as favorable as we could wish. Since Unification there has been a gain of $4\frac{2}{3}$ per cent in comparison with a gain of 9.4 per cent for the entire Church. The number of ministers who serve the Central Jurisdiction and their qualifications for leadership constitutes an acute problem. Their additions on profession of faith remain at about the same level since 1940 as in the previous decade. In benevolent giving a gratifying increase is apparent.

These figures and the human elements behind them force us to give serious and constructive consideration to the welfare of the Negro in our Church. Our common labor and service together during the past three quadrenniums have been characterized by mutual fellowship and ever deepening appreciations, but we cannot be blind or indifferent to the problems and tensions which confront us. Unitedly and with brotherly frankness we should face them. Situations are never eased by taking refuge behind walls of sentiment or pride. Because the answer is difficult does not mean that it should not be diligently sought. There have been many suggestions as to the wise solution of these problems involved in our inter-racial relationships. (a) Some would stabilize the situation upon the basis of the present pattern, urging an enlarged effort to increase the effectiveness of the Central Jurisdiction and deepening our mutual services upon the local and community level. (b) Others would do away with the Central Jurisdiction, leaving five geographical Jurisdictions inclusive of all churches within the United States. (c) It has been advocated in some sections that the best answer is to do away with all Jurisdictions and abandon the Jurisdictional system. To this suggestion there would undoubtedly be strong objections. This system seemed to be the key to Unification in 1939, and some would contend that we are not far enough from that date to force this Constitutional issue upon our people. (d) A final suggestion has been brought forward. The General Conference can by majority action allow any existing Jurisdiction to

change by vote its boundaries and, upon concurrence of the Negro Annual Conferences within that Jurisdictional area, to merge all the Annual Conferences within that territory into one Jurisdiction. This elastic procedure recognizes the basic principle of democracy and grants the right of self-determination to each Jurisdiction.

Two principles appear to be clear: We must keep vividly before us a goal which is no less than the mind of Christ, recognized and made regnant in all our race relations, and secondly, we should at once take any practicable forward step, however short it may be of our goal. We face the critical adjustment between the absolute Christian ideal and the human level upon which a retarded and hesitating social conscience moves. Christian truth and strategy must reach us where we are and lead us by divine grace to where God would have us be. We owe it to our moral dignity to face the situation with steady seriousness and to do each day what is possible on that day. And every step forward brings another step forward within the realm of possibility.

One final word. Would we not be more likely to find a happier and more Christian solution to these questions if we approached them not from the standpoint of problems but from the standpoint of opportunities? The race situation in America is widespread and acute. It is in many ways a test of our democratic professions. Our failures are grist for the propaganda mills of our critics and enemies. We can and will ease these tensions and extend the benefits of democratic freedom to all races without fear or favor. Religion ought to do this. Christianity holds the answer if we are willing to apply its principles. The Methodist Church is in a peculiar position of responsibility and trust. We are a Church of many races, both in this country and abroad. There is no reason why we could not demonstrate by our patience, our forbearance, and our vision a solution of this problem which would be just and Christlike to all races. When we treat it as a human problem it baffles us; when we approach it as a God-given opportunity it thrills us.

HIGHER EDUCATION

We have in continental America \$318,551,475 invested in educational plants, grounds, and equipment. Added to this is \$245,496,167 in endowment funds. Using these facilities are 250,171 students, served by over 13,000 teachers and administrators. If you add to these totals the vast sums invested in institutions overseas you can see at one world-wide glance that Methodism places a high premium upon the value of education.

The strategic place which higher education holds in the conflict over the regulative ideals that control our modern age is readily seen. Our combination of physical power and moral and social waywardness is the crisis of the twentieth century. Education is power, and this power may be used for setting up goals and standards or for destroying them. Our Boards of Trustees hold a responsibility not alone for administrative details and fiscal policies. In a very true sense they are the guardians of the free spirit and the Christian idealism that should prevail in our colleges. Much depends upon the teaching staff. The faith and hope of any college depends upon the men and women who are on the faculty. If the urge which drives them originates in a materialistic philosophy of life then their contribution to the college is secular and spiritless. If, on the other hand, they hold to the conviction that Christianity gives meaning and value to every part of the curriculum and that "a Christian college is a community existing around a group of learners, both teachers and students, who confess Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord," then teaching is a high calling of God.

We rejoice that our colleges and Wesley Foundations are drawing closer to the Church which gave them birth. Ever more seriously they are seeking to give religion a full expression in life and at the same time conserve their intellectual integrity and their search for the truth. They are recognizing that our culture needs an integrating unity, a central core of reality which lends significance to the mystery of our fragmented existence, and this they are finding in a theistic conception of the universe. You cannot impose two hours of required Bible on a student and make him religious. Religion is caught quite as much as it is taught, and its vitality is determined by the climate of the campus and the atmosphere of the classroom. In all these respects we are happy to observe a real deepening of the religious attitudes in our institutions of higher learning. They are closer to the Church than they have been in a generation.

On the other hand, the Church must move closer to the colleges. At times we have taken pride in a chartered guarantee of ownership and the privilege of electing Trustees, but we have not faced up to an equal sense of responsibility for the financial support of the institutions we own. No student fully pays for the education he receives from college. From some source, either public taxation, endowment, or gifts, the "hidden scholarship" must be made up. Our Church-related colleges are in a peculiarly difficult spot. They must meet competition from tax-supported institutions into which millions of dollars are poured annually from

the public treasury. Endowment income grows less and less in our present investment market. Inflation raises the cost of every item in the budget from the professors' salaries to the price of a mop. And yet the demands for larger and better service to the student grows from year to year. Twenty per cent of all liberal arts colleges in America reported deficits in 1948-1949. The deficit doubled last year and the story is not told for this year. It all adds up to one inescapable conclusion. If the Church wants Christian higher education it must pay for it. This for years it has not done with either liberality or adequacy. We shall not get good education on a bargain counter. Our Conferences must accept much larger apportionments for their colleges, and our Methodist people should support, by their gifts, their loyalty, and their patronage, our own Methodist institutions. Unless the Church is concerned to pour into the stream of our democratic life men and women schooled in a Christian sense of values, and fired with a passion for public service, the drift toward materialism and nihilism will go steadily on to our confusion and shame.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

When Harvard College was founded the forefathers recited in quaint and classic words their efforts to build homes, rear churches, and settle civil government, and then they added: "One of the next things we longed for, and looked after was to advance Learning and perpetuate it to Posterity: dreading to leave an illiterate Ministry to the Churches, when our Ministers shall lie in the Dust." They saw with prophetic clearness that freedom of religion and the vitality of democratic institutions could not long endure in this new wilderness society without a trained and consecrated ministry. This vision has not always been so clear in The Methodist Church. Only slowly have we raised our standards for admission into the Annual Conferences. Our seminaries in other years were reaching only a fraction of our ministry. But today all that is happily changed and training in a theological seminary is the normal and expected course for every ministerial candidate. We list ten seminaries in this country ably manned by devoted, loyal, and scholarly men. Their curricula have been expanded, their classrooms are crowded, and the teacher-student load is too heavy for sound instruction. Most of our young ministers will be trained in our own theological schools. For education is not only of the mind, it is of the spirit, and there is a historic tradition, an evangelical emphasis, to which every young Methodist preacher is entitled, and which he can best find within the atmosphere of his own religious household.

This Conference must face with faith and generosity the support of its seminaries. It must also undergird our program for training missionaries for home and foreign service, and that vast number of young, unordained lay workers who serve on our Local Church and Conference staffs. All this means a large increase in our contributions to these institutions. If the amount seems disproportionate, let us remember that it goes into the most pivotal and creative spot as we look toward tomorrow's Church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

The religious growth of the person toward Christlikeness is the primary concern of those who work at the important task of Christian education. Here the central institution is the Church School, touching life from the cradle to the grave. The Methodist Church cannot get its task done without the Church School. It is dependent in large measure upon the Church School for the dissemination of knowledge about the Bible and for the stimulation of all phases of our Christian program in the local church, in the community, and in world affairs.

We rejoice in the growth of our Church Schools in practically every department of their life. Some idea of the vastness of this Christian impact may be gained by recalling that on any average Sunday in this country and abroad there are more than four million persons attending our Sunday Schools, that there are nearly twice that number enrolled, that last year they contributed three million dollars to World Service, and that out of the classes under instruction during the past four years 678,670 persons joined the Church on profession of faith. What hath God wrought? one might exclaim, when he recalls that Wesley, in one of his early Conferences, asked: "What shall we do for the rising generation?" The answer was: "Where there are ten children meet them an hour once a week." Today there are four hundred times ten thousand, of every age, who find their way to the doors of our Church Schools.

The task ahead of us is crowded with challenge. Just about one out of every two persons in America is unchurched. Every community is a field white unto the harvest. Our homes neglect the teaching of the Bible, our public schools are bluffed into timidity by a misconception of the relation of Church and State. The Church School is called upon to battle in behalf of the fragment of the population it can reach, against the floods of indecent magazines, vapid comics, sensuous movies, and silly television programs. The

home cannot stem this tide alone. It must have the vigorous and the intelligent help of the Church. And the Church must be prepared through every educational channel at its command to enter into the current struggle for a decent, healthful, and inspiring community life.

The Methodist Church has been painfully, almost tragically, slow to make use of such teaching media as the movies, radio, and television. A few churches, several Annual Conferences, and at least one Jurisdiction have done significant pioneering in this field, but we are only at the beginning of a modern process of education which must not be monopolized by secular and commercial agencies. The Radio and Film Commission has gone a long way in co-ordinating and unifying the entire audio-visual program of the Church. It is no idle dream to envision television programs that shall be the means of interpreting the gospel in the homes of the indifferent in America, and radio programs and educational films skilfully directed may reinforce the work and message of the Church in all parts of the world. Interest in and adequate provision for a program of audio-visual approach to our constituency is no longer an option. It is an imperative strategy offered us by modern science and holding undreamed-of possibilities in the field of modern religious education.

OUR CHURCH-SCHOOL LITERATURE

The Methodist Church is the largest distributor of Church-School literature in the world. In 1951, one hundred and five million pieces of Church-School literature were used by our churches. The quality of this vast output is attested by the fact that each year our subscriptions and orders have increased. Our distribution of lesson materials is at an all-time high. This significant testimonial, from our own people and from many other denominations, is one for which we are humbly grateful. We are determined that both in form and content our literature shall continue to meet the needs of an ever-widening circle of readers.

The Methodist Church is a broadly representative Church. Its members have different inheritances, insights, outlooks, and cultural backgrounds. There is nothing static or uniform about Methodists. They have deep convictions about many important questions. Since the days of the early disciples there probably has never been gathered into a single body of believers such a wide variety of intellectual outlook and Christian experience. To prepare Church-School literature that will be acceptable to this wide range of personal and social attitudes is a difficult, if not impossible, task. Our

editors must write for the whole Church and they must ever keep in mind these differences among our people. The framework within which they work must be composed of the Christian gospel as it applies to personal and social redemption; the Bible as the inspired Word of God; and The Methodist Church and its mission to the world. Behind the editors is a Curriculum Committee composed of soundly intellectual and devotedly loyal Methodists, and back of them is a Board of Education, chosen by the Jurisdictional Conferences. Editors are not free-lance writers. They are subject to constant supervision, advice, and counsel. They make mistakes like all the rest of us. Sometimes their material is misjudged and misinterpreted. Often the criticisms are positive and constructive, occasionally devastatingly unfair. Is this not to be expected in a time of nervous tension and almost universal fear? We live and operate in a free Church, but our freedom must always be tempered and conditioned by the liberty that is in Christ whose mind is our law and whose will is our goal.

CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY IN ECONOMIC LIFE

Because so much of our restlessness centers in divergent views regarding economic theories and social patterns, this may be the place where we should say a word concerning political and economic conditions which now confront us and the responsibility of the Church in this confused scene. It is perfectly clear that Christianity must not become identified with any particular school of economics. It remains a fact that Methodism preaches its gospel of the abundant life as a vital expression of religion in countries operating under many widely variant forms of social and economic philosophy. We may individually be firmly convinced of the superiority of one system as over against another, but the Christian faith is not the sponsor of any particular economic ideology, but rather is the judge of each and every one of them. "Know ye not that the saints shall judge the world?" We may be compelled to live under one or the other system and as good citizens render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, but as members of the Kingdom of God our first obligation is to render unto God the things that are God's. If Christianity had permitted itself, with earthly shrewdness, to become the protagonist of successive economic theories which through the centuries have risen and fallen, it would have suffered the fate of these passing and partial expressions of the economic good. It would have been discarded by the enlarging wisdom of men seeking progressively to find the answer to man's search for a sound and enduring pattern of material values. Thus the eternal qual-

ity of our faith would have been compromised by subservience to a contemporary and fragile interpretation of the good life. It should be clearly understood that our Church must not be maneuvered into the defense of any political party or economic philosophy. Almost everyone agrees that what people want is a free way of life, economic abundance, and social justice. However, the maintenance of a system of private property, free initiative, and competition does not imply a policy of leaving things as they are. No system is better than the men who administer it, or the motives that drive it, or the ends that it seeks. A faulty system administered by good men may finally prove better than a good system sponsored by bad men. Most people in America believe in the system of free enterprise but we know it is not a perfect answer to all economic needs. We have yet far to go to reach our dream of the City of God among men.

It is the mission of the Church to interpret the Christian message in the difficult situations arising from the tensions of a highly organized industrial society. As an interpreter, it seeks to judge irresponsible and concentrated wealth on the one hand, and excessive governmental controls on the other. The Church's duty is to cultivate Christian attitudes and to ask, not who is right, but what is right. It must proclaim that within any industrial group, whether trade union or trade association, the individual member shares moral responsibility for the acts of the whole group.

Because the Church sets as one of its ultimate goals the achieving of a society that recognizes the brotherhood of man, it is the duty of the Church to lead divergent groups within the nation into a common understanding. The Church must be an ever-expanding fellowship. This is the essence of its missionary heritage. Neither social nor economic status can be the determining factor for membership or leadership. The Church must not lose its own identity while fulfilling its social and industrial mission.

We rejoice that great progress has been made by the Church toward a sympathetic understanding of the problems of labor and management. Theological seminaries have provided clinical training in the area of social and industrial relations, and Pastors' Summer Schools have offered courses accompanied by field work and plant tours. Clergymen are meeting with industrial leaders, managerial groups, and rank-and-file employees. Chaplains of industrial relations have been appointed who seek to interpret group to group,

with the aim of preventing deadlocks in the resolving of industrial tensions. We heartily commend these efforts and urge their continuance and extension.

Let us here pay a tribute to that large number of Christian laymen who take their religion into their business and seek to apply the principles of the Sermon on the Mount in their daily life as employer and employee. They are to be found in every community, quiet, devoted, rigidly honest, graciously personal in every human relationship, "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Their love for the Church is as ardent as their devotion to business. They have undergirded our local budgets, supported our missionary enterprises, shared in our community services, strengthened our ecumenical movements, and sought everywhere to advance the Kingdom of God. These laymen who have chosen to be Christians and Churchmen claim no special privileges, but they can never be fairly judged or fully appreciated until they are set over in contrast against that large number of businessmen who in their mad rush for profits and power have forsaken recognized business standards, sound principles of economic co-operation, and their stewardship to Almighty God. Methodism is rich in the vast number of its lay men and women who, in every walk of life and every economic station, are seeking to follow Christ's way all the way.

OUR PUBLISHING INTERESTS

When, in 1789 in old John Street Chapel in New York, our fathers took action to organize a Book Concern for Methodism, they could hardly have envisioned the vast institution known today as The Methodist Publishing House. With assets, including plant and equipment, totaling over fourteen million dollars, with sales for this quadrennium totaling fifty-one millions, it is today the largest single producer in the world of religious publications and periodicals, and of religious books. It is the world's largest distributor of religious materials and one of the largest in the field of general book distribution. It operates the largest denominational printing plant in America, and during the past four years has used twenty-one hundred carloads of paper and has spread three-quarters of a million pounds of ink through its presses.

The present quadrennium has witnessed exceptional progress. In addition to paying \$1,600,000 from its produce to our retired ministers, it has invested \$3,645,651 in plant improvements and equipment in order to serve our people more extensively and effectively. This is a great business,

and the Board of Publication has shown commendable foresight in expanding its facilities to meet the increasing demands of tomorrow. The Publishing House is not an independent business concern operated primarily for profits. It is the Church meeting its responsibility for spreading the gospel through the printed page. It must be operated in the spirit of Christian ideals but it must also be operated on sound business principles. Its only dividends are its contribution to the support of superannuated preachers and the supplying of Christian literature to an ever-widening circle of readers.

The Survey Commission has made certain recommendations concerning the periodicals of the Church. It is not our purpose to discuss these in detail. Undoubtedly there is a surplus of publications growing out of the urge of Boards and causes to promote their own particular emphases. But Methodism needs at least one periodical that speaks its voice and really reaches its constituency. Every official member in every Methodist church ought to know what is going on in his Church and what are the life-and-death issues in the present struggle for a Christian way of life. Beyond this official group there is a vast reading public which we are not reaching today. There will be need for specialized journals of one kind or another but here we need a family paper coming into the homes of our people, available at a reasonable subscription rate. The Publishing Agents cannot produce this periodical without the united, insistent co-operation of every Bishop, District Superintendent, Pastor, and Official Board. Subscriptions for all officials might be included in the local church budget. It may need a new name, a new format, a new promotional strategy, but whatever it requires, who are we to say in this great Church of ours that it cannot be done? Our people perish for the lack of knowledge, our causes limp because the news and the appeal never reach the man in the pew, our unity and morale suffer because ignorance of great issues and Christian duties leads to fear and suspicion and disunity. We call for a bold venture for the creation of a Methodist periodical, combining the best of modern craftsmanship and editorial skill and aimed at a circulation within twelve months of not fewer than one million copies. It can be done and we are the people to do it.

A TRIBUTE TO YOUTH

There is a tendency among many of us to attribute the ills which afflict our society to the decline in behavior and morals of the young people of this generation. Nothing could be more unfair. They have their shortcomings and

their faults, but have we considered the era into which they were born and the tensions and conflicts which they confront? They have never known a peaceful and stable world. The youth of today were born in a depression, they grew to adolescence amid the sufferings and anxieties of World War II, and in their later years they are surrounded by the instabilities and the threats of a cold war which for them may at any moment suddenly become hot. If they did not react sensitively, yea even rebelliously, to all this tragedy that surrounds them they would betray their spiritual birthright and become a dead and spiritless drag upon the future. Then indeed they would be "the lost generation."

We had better turn our eyes upon ourselves. Adults made the world in which they live. Their moral defections are all in the pattern set by their elders. Our generation turned legalized liquor loose upon them. We broke their world up into power blocks and set their feet in the bloody paths of war. We reap the dirty profits from nationwide gambling joints, and then wonder why an occasional youth sells out his honor. The best way to clean up youth is to begin in the homes where they are born, and the new commandment may well be: Thou shalt be the kind of father and mother whom your child can honor.

We salute the vast multitude of Christian youth in our Church. Gathered Sunday after Sunday in your Methodist Youth Fellowships, seeking the Christian way in your numberless camps and assemblies, holding aloft the banner on every mission field, keeping your standards above reproach on college campuses across the world, and assembling together in great Youth Conferences to face through the eyes of the Master the confused issues of your day, we know that slumbering in your breast is the spirit of sacrifice and heroism waiting to be challenged. The Church needs the stimulus of your creative and daring thinking. We are glad to have you speak your mind as you discover the mind of Christ. We are happy that the dream of a warless world still flames as a bright hope in your eyes. We are not worried because you are restless about discriminations that are unchristian in our society, and critical of a social and economic order when it is unjust and unmerciful. We extend to you across the years that separate us the right hand of fellowship and pray that God will grant you "courage for the living of these days."

OUR CHANGING EPISCOPACY

There is much to be commended in the Jurisdictional method of electing Bishops, but there is also a manifest

need for a greater mobility in our Episcopal System. The value of "the general superintendency" is somewhat depreciated by the disciplinary limitations under which Bishops operate only in the Jurisdiction which elects them. It is possible for a Bishop to function in another Jurisdiction but the process by which this can be accomplished is so involved as to make it more difficult than it should be. We can preserve the values of a Jurisdictional system and, at the same time, enlarge the usefulness of the Bishops and bring a sense of unity to our Church through a less restricted Episcopal leadership.

The last two quadrenniums have accentuated a drift, which was already strong, to consider the Bishop the key man in all the major promotional programs of the Church. Once thrust into this role, he immediately becomes the indispensable leader in every Conference and almost every District enterprise. Thus he is pressured into an endless administrative task which consumes vast amounts of time and precious physical and spiritual energies which often might be used more effectively in his diminishing vocation as a thinker, a writer, or a preacher. The dynamic activism of our Methodist way of doing things has much to commend it, but it takes a heavy toll from both preacher and Bishop of those moods of quietness, those secret trysts with the Eternal, and those unhurried moments in which the tyranny of schedules does not blast the undisturbed continuity of thought. We must beware lest in the multiplicity of our endless emphases we lose our sense of direction.

We are not entering a complaint. We want to do to the best of our several abilities the task the Church lays upon us. If we are to be arch administrators, super-promoters of the whole program of the Church, the General Conference should gear its thinking into this interpretation of our responsibilities. It should bring under review the resources available in our Episcopal offices for promotion. Today they are totally inadequate. We are without the facilities and the personnel to get done effectively the tremendous job the Church asks of us. We have a great task to perform in our world and we must not be parsimonious with the means required to accomplish it. We should not be beholden to the patterns of yesterday except in so far as they insure a vital Episcopal leadership.

ORDINATION AND THE SACRAMENTS

There will come to the attention of this Conference a question of grave importance concerning the ordination of ministers and the conditions under which they may admin-

ister the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism. It is earnestly hoped that in the consideration of this problem we may be led of the Spirit of God to the right conclusion. For we shall be taking a step fraught with historic significance and implications as to the very nature of the Church itself.

Memorials have been presented asking that whenever an unordained Supply Pastor is appointed to a pastoral charge he shall automatically be granted the right to administer the Sacraments. Many reasons are urged for this position. Most of them are based upon a high interpretation of expediency. In recent years we have had to appoint so many Supply Pastors, because of the lack of fully qualified ministers, that these men face an embarrassment because of their inability to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Present provision allows them to perform the rite of marriage and the Sacrament of Baptism, but restlessness has come over the churches because of the inability of the unordained man to meet this demand for the Holy Communion.

The real question involved is not so much the availability of the Sacraments as it is the fundamental nature of the Sacrament itself, and the historic significance of the rite of ordination. The Sacraments are the divinely ordained symbols of the continuity of the Church held by Methodism from the beginning, together with the great majority of the Christians of the world. We have always taken our position that the Sacraments are effectual means of grace, appointed by Christ Himself, and, except for a brief period, that ordination is the historically accepted prerequisite for their administration. We are persuaded that to abandon this position would be a step fraught with peril to our historic tradition and a course of questionable spiritual benefit to our people.

The solution seems to lie in maintaining the present relation of ordination to the Sacraments but shortening and simplifying the requirements demanded before the young minister can be ordained. One of the gravest problems we have confronted with our Supply Pastors is their lack of interest in the Courses of Study prescribed for their better training. In other years many men have drifted along woe-fully unprepared for their high and difficult task. These men are faithful and devoted servants of the Church, and if the emergency of our present pastoral supply problem demands their use, the Church must offer them every inviting avenue of training for a better ministry. Since

ordination has been required before one can administer the Communion, it is a fact that the number of Supply Pastors completing the course of study has increased more than 500 per cent over the preceding quadrennium. We do not need to apologize for maintaining even these relatively low standards for our supply men. They will not be incited to prepare themselves for ordination if, by simply accepting an appointment at the hands of the Bishop, they enjoy all the benefits now accruing to the ordained man. We are not sacramentarians tied to forms of our historic traditions, but neither are we a chain of autonomous congregations, indifferent to the historic processes that gave us birth, and determined to meet every exigency by yielding to pressure for the expedient.

We believe this difficult question can be constructively answered by the General Conference, and every reasonable demand of both people and preachers fully met.

OUR ANCIENT AND UNCEASING BATTLE WITH INTEMPERANCE

Fifty years ago the Bishops in their address to the General Conference wrote that language failed them "to depict the poverty and squalor, the vice and crime, the political corruption, and the widespread depravation of morals" resulting from the legalized liquor saloon. If our fathers were disturbed over the dangers of the legalized liquor traffic in 1900 when the alcohol bill of the nation was \$1,172,000,000, what should we not feel in 1952 when our bill for intoxicants has reached the staggering total of nearly \$9,000,000,000?

We pay our tribute to the Board of Temperance for the vigorous, intelligent, and constructive battle it has waged, especially during this quadrennium. It has exposed the spectacular growth of the liquor menace since repeal; it has fought for decency and sobriety around our military camps; it has carried the battle into Congress for the Langer Bill, prohibiting the advertising of beverage alcohol; it has promoted Commitment Day and has in its files the names of more than 3,000,000 Methodists who have signed a pledge of total abstinence. Thus the battle goes on continuously, relentlessly, religiously.

It will little avail for us to pour out further our righteous censure of this abominable social curse. Since drinking has become so increasingly prevalent, and the saloon has exchanged its sawdust floor and its brass rail for the dim, carpeted luxury of the cocktail lounge, and the burly aproned bartender has given place to the girlish figure of a young

woman waitress, the whole matter of drinking has moved over into a new atmosphere of social respectability. It cannot be denied that many members of our Church, including some who bear official responsibility, have surrendered to this prevalent pressure and insist upon their right as individuals to indulge in social drinking. Is it wrong? Does the Church have anything, from the Christian viewpoint, to say to its members who assert that if they want to drink it is nobody's business but their own? Let us look at it.

Long ago the mother of John Wesley wrote to her son: "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things—in short, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may be in itself." How would drinking stand up to that test? Long before Susannah Wesley, the chief interpreter of the mind of Christ wrote: "All things are lawful for me but not all things are expedient." . . . "If meat causeth my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh forevermore that I cause not my brother to stumble." Will the drinker accept the burden of his weaker brother's stumbling? Immanuel Kant gave terse expression to the moral law which binds all men: "Act only by a rule fitly universal." Is it moral to do something as an individual which, if universally observed, would bring evil and disorder upon mankind? We are stewards of our bodies; we are stewards of our ability to think straight; we are stewards of our time; we are stewards of our money; we are stewards of our influence upon others. All this drives us to one inescapable conclusion: for a Christian, drinking intoxicating liquor is a fundamental moral question and must be faced in the light of conscience and the law of God. We call our people to the high doctrine of total abstinence and ask them to face their Christian duty and their social dilemma in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

THE CHURCH AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE

If peace is to be won it must be waged just as war must be waged if it is won. We do not drift into peace. We earn peace by deserving it. Peace does not follow inevitably from victory in war. Peace is not the absence of strife, it is the concerted will of a people to get along with their neighbors and share mutually in lifting the levels of human life everywhere. If we are to have it we must seek peace and pursue it. "We honestly desire peace in the dizzying confusion and terrifying strife of the global age now upon us, but we cannot give it substance because we lack the fearless

clarity of single-minded faith and the daring fiber of single-hearted love. We all want peace, but like the young man in the scripture, we go away sorrowful when we hear the clear-spoken word or see the clean incarnated deed."

Nothing could be more disastrous than a fatalistic acceptance of the inevitability of World War III. It is the most ominous specter that hangs over the life of our generation. To envision it is to dash to the ground every climbing hope for a more Christian world. Its toll in blood and tears, its cost in manhood and money brings to every sane man a deadly paralysis of heart. Former Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray has estimated that the ultimate cost of World War II, before the last pension is paid, will be for America alone one trillion, three hundred million dollars. No one can say what World War III would cost. It might conceivably collapse our civilization and use up all our capital resources.

There are definite steps that can be taken by those who are willing to make a Christian stand for peace. There is no magic formula for ending strife and insuring a peaceful world. But there is a way that leadeth unto life, and we as followers of Jesus Christ can set our feet in that way and keep walking onward and upward until the light of peace dawns for our earth.

1. *We can keep in our thinking always the people who live beyond the borders of political governments that are unfriendly to us.* In the main they are folks like us who hate war and dwell in fear of its coming. They have their work, their farms, their homes, their children, their churches and their faith. In many lands they are the helpless victims of blind national politics. Only 750,000 out of 200 million Russians belong to the Communist Party. It is estimated that fewer than 10 per cent of China's millions are in sympathy with Russian-inspired communism in Asia. Somehow the spiritual unity that binds together these peace-hungry multitudes in every land must be made vocal until they can lay a restraining hand upon the blind ambitions of those who govern them. We need a democratic diffusion of the power of decision when the life of a nation is threatened.

2. *We must keep disarmament before the nations as they seek an alternative to war.* The theory upon which the Western allies and their Communist antagonists are operating is that their only security lies in amassing such a weight of armaments that nobody will dare challenge them. This theory has repeatedly been tested in history. It has never yet brought peace. It is morally fallacious, and deep in our hearts we know it brings only a specious and trembling sense of security. In the United States, Congress not only demands our

money in stunningly pyramided taxes but the Pentagon would tap our sons on the shoulder and seek to place them in peace time in a military camp under the authority of a system of Universal Military Training. This radical departure from the American way of life is both unnecessary and morally dangerous. Gloss it over with every clever euphemism, conceal it under pages of propaganda, the fact remains: military training is training in the science of being an efficient killer. War is not glory, it is jungle strife. To take the successive generations of our youth from their normal relations to home and school and Church, and thrust them at the formative years of their early manhood into the abnormal associations of military encampments, under the authority of officers whose right to command is military preferment and not moral superiority, and subject them to all the temptations incident to camp life, is gravely to imperil the moral quality of our citizenship. And let no man say that the Church can view this growing militarization of our public mind without entering its protest against this philosophy of fear which threatens the very foundations of moral idealism in this country.

3. *We can unswervingly hold to our faith in the United Nations.* Because it has not turned out to be a miraculous preventive of all war, the unthinking are prone to discredit the tremendous task that it has performed. It is still our best hope for united action in behalf of peace upon an international scale. The record of its performances in these few years should make us proud; the confidence that its constitution can be adjusted to meet the exigencies of a changing world order should give us hope. The future of our dreams for world peace lies not in the keeping of strident nationalisms or greedy imperialisms, but rather in the will to work together for the common good and a deathless faith in the essential spiritual unity of all mankind. The United Nations is the symbol of this hope.

4. The last definitive step we present can best be put in the words of John Foster Dulles: "*Our greatest need is to regain confidence in the supreme value of our spiritual heritage.* The precepts of religion are and must be relevant to every kind of society through the ages past and those to come. They are relevant to the complex conditions of our present society. We need to have that burning conviction and carry it into daily life if we are to combat successfully the methods and practices that derive from a materialistic creed, and if we are to achieve leadership in a world that desperately craves spiritual sustenance." As the power of

the spirit gains ascendancy in our public life, so does the danger from the kingdoms of this world diminish.

On the wall of the room in Paris in which Victor Hugo died in 1895 is the following prophecy in autograph:

I represent a party which does not yet exist:
the party of revolution, civilization.

This party will make the twentieth century.

There will issue from it first

the United States of Europe, then

the United States of the World.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The problem of evangelizing the unreached areas of our American life still challenges us and is our unfinished task. There are vast sectors of our population which are unevangelized and thus become an easy prey for un-American and un-christian propaganda. The service which our Board is rendering to these areas is so often a quiet and unspectacular ministry that it often goes without full appreciation. The very circumstances surrounding these underprivileged minorities shut them out from our common avenues of contact and hence the helpful service our Church renders to them is not fully understood. The average Methodist seldom meets an Indian, has few acquaintances among Orientals on our shores, thinks of Mexicans mainly as a labor problem, and steers clear of city slums. City folks see the rural community only from the window of a speeding automobile. Hawaii and Alaska and Puerto Rico are less glamorous in missionary appeal than Japan or India or Korea. But the need at home is no less critical than the need abroad. If we must lengthen our cords we must strengthen our stakes. Our Home Mission program must be reinforced lest the powers of secularism and anarchy, latent within the shadowed portions of our dispossessed population, shall poison the cup of blessings. We cannot have prosperity unless we share it. Our American way of life ought to be as broad as America itself and as deep as every human need found within our borders.

The problems in our rural life continue to grow in range and intensity. The good earth is God's gift to His children, and upon it we are dependent ultimately for our very existence. Farm life was once a way of living for the vast majority of Americans. Today the family-size farm is slowly yielding to vast concentrations of land, operated by absentee owners, and worked by tenant farmers and migrant workers. There is a danger that farming may become simply a business of raising crops instead of a way

of rearing the right kind of people. There can be no sound, rich, rural life without the Church of God in the midst. We must meet the changing rural parish with alert, scientific intelligence, with a sound and far-sighted Church strategy, and with a ministry skilled in understanding and consecrated in spirit to the humbler but more rewarding task of ministering to the solitary whom God hath set in families along the highways and byways of the world.

Without in any sense relaxing our efforts in behalf of the welfare of the rural church, let us turn to an acute phase of our Home Mission responsibility, namely, that of establishing new congregations and building new churches. To the consideration of this problem we urge upon the part of this General Conference the most sober and realistic attention. The situation is critical and unless steps are taken promptly to reverse a trend in our life we shall find ourselves forfeiting the opportunity which God has placed at our very doors. Let us face the facts.

The *Yearbook of American Churches* reports a total number of local churches in this country in 1940 of 244,319. In 1950 this number had grown to 281,511, or an increase of 37,192 local churches within a period of ten years. The question immediately arises how many local churches Methodism contributed to this net increase of 37,192. The answer is not one to which we can point with pride. According to the *General Minutes*, Methodism lost a total of 2,104 local congregations between 1940 and 1950. While we frankly recognize that the processes of local unification and the abandonment or merging of many churches stranded in depleted or shifting population areas may account for this uninspiring record, there is another side to it. We have not grasped our opportunities to deploy our forces and claim new territory into which large numbers of families have moved. We have begun to grapple with this suburban situation but it is often "too little and too late." The problem presses upon us everywhere.

What has been happening? Twelve million civilians and military personnel are moving constantly, and seventy million Americans have changed their residences within the last ten years. Nearly one in five persons moves every year in the United States. Where are they moving? To the cities. Over 53 per cent of America's people now live in cities of 10,000 or over. But where do the Methodists live? Two thirds of them still live in communities of under 10,000. In other words, the people have moved away from us and we have not followed them. Methodist strength is not where the

people are. Boys and girls are moving away from the farms. While our population has increased by 75 million in the last half century, the total number of people living on farms is just about what it was in 1900, namely, 23.5 million. Those 75 million people who have moved to the city are in large part unshepherded. Fifty million people are out of touch with their Church. Among them we would discover many of our 1,600,000 "inactive" members. Many of the rest of them are living in new suburban developments without adequate Sunday schools or church facilities. Many others have gone into aggressive groups which have benefited from our slow motion and unstatesmanlike policies.

Basically, this is not a problem of denominational rivalries and a mere scramble for membership. It is a profounder problem than that. It stabs us awake with the inquiry as to how seriously we take our religion and whether we believe that Methodism has a responsibility for her normal share of these unrelated and unevangelized millions. There are 35 million children in America. Methodism is reaching 2.25 million of them. Of the unusually large crop of babies we have responsibility for 1.5 million. We are reaching a half million and neglecting one million. It is estimated that there are 71,272,000 adults in this Christian land of ours not reached by any Church School. Add over 21 million young people without religious instruction of any sort and you have the startling outline of the picture.

These figures may confuse you but you cannot escape from asking: What are we going to do about it? It is crystal clear that our present strategy is distressingly inadequate to meet this new situation. It is interesting to note that those Churches which have within the last few years overhauled their entire approach to this expansion program have grown by leaps and bounds. May we make three concrete proposals?

First, we must change the psychology of the average well-established city church. Too many of our large congregations are satisfied and unwilling to sponsor new suburban churches, especially when they have members living in those areas. They should enlarge their interest to sponsor and support new churches until they could stand on their own feet. There is almost no recorded instance where this has happened that the sponsoring church has not actually gained in membership and financial strength. Losing for Christ's sake it gains by a law of spiritual arithmetic.

Second, our base of strategy is too narrow. We are still operating in the main upon the pattern in church extension

of thirty years ago, while our whole basic problem has undergone a complete revolution. Our Board has done well with the resources in personnel and funds at its command. But these have been pathetically inadequate. The time has come to restudy our total approach to this pressing problem which holds nothing less for us than the place of Methodism in the life of America within the immediate and the distant future. Do we have the creative imagination and the bold courage to attack this problem upon the basis of an overall strategy which shall marshal the total leadership of this Church and adequate financial resources to get this job done?

Third, it will take a greatly increased investment in money. But let us note that we are talking about an investment and not an expenditure. What we put into these new churches will come back to us in World Service gifts within a short number of years. But at present the funds available through our Division of Home Missions and Church Extension are so pitifully inadequate that they do not seriously affect the problem before us. What these new Methodist groups need is an initial investment by their denomination, and in time any reasonable investment can be repaid. It moves in a circle; they have no capital assets, hence they cannot borrow from a commercial institution, and having no way to secure sufficient funds to establish a church, they can accumulate no capital funds. Hence they are blocked and often must wait only to see the territory and the unattached Methodist membership taken over by another denomination which has developed a financial strategy to meet exactly that kind of situation. This General Conference should not adjourn without facing constructively this impasse in the growth of our Church.

CHRISTIANITY AND COMMUNISM

The philosophy of atheistic communism must be frankly and aggressively faced by the Christian forces of the world. In the hundred years since Marx and Engels published the *Communist Manifesto* their narrow dogmas have moved with such speed and effectiveness over vast segments of the human race that they constitute today a major challenge to the whole Christian conception of life.

The Communist threat must be met. It openly derides and opposes Christianity. To surrender to it or be overcome by it is to forfeit the supreme values underlying our highest culture and our Christian gospel. We shall not serve the cause by impassioned attacks which substitute emotion for intelligence and denunciation for thorough acquaintance

with facts. Thinking men know that there are some very real reasons for communism's thriving existence in today's world, and those reasons are not always unrelated to the Church's failure to be dynamically effective in preaching the gospel and demonstrating Christian principles in human society. Emil Brunner, speaking at Amsterdam, bluntly declared: "The present social disorder is a judgment of God upon the Church."

Bullets cannot kill Communism. For example, you could destroy every communist in the world but your basic problem would still confront you. We believe we have the truth, we believe the Christian, democratic way offers the only solution, but if the earth-bound philosophy of Communism is not to be accepted by the multitudes of earth we shall need to out-think, to out-love, and to out-sacrifice the leaders who offer it. We reject their doctrine of dialectic materialism because it is based upon the denial of the existence and sovereignty of God. It seeks its *summum bonum* from the interaction of economic forces and recognizes no moral law superior to human standards and behavior. We oppose Communism because it rejects the essential dignity and worth of the individual man and insists that the ends of his existence can be met by satisfying his material needs through the proletarian class struggle. We strongly reject its doctrine of force and violence as a method of accomplishing its ends and exercising tyranny over the multitudes it holds in subjection. The denial to its subjects of those essential freedoms which we regard as basic to any decent society is to us a denial of the good life of which it so proudly boasts. Christianity with its faith in God, its belief in the essential worth of the individual, and its commitment to the creative power of redemptive love challenges this pagan philosophy in every area of national and international life. The Church has the right to know exactly where we stand on this issue. We reiterate our declaration contained in the Episcopal Address of four years ago.* We know no way in which to make our position clearer.

Our basic problem is world revolution. Humanity everywhere is in revolt. Hundreds of millions of human beings living in abject misery, oppressed, underprivileged, and disillusioned, are rising to demand release from squalor, poverty, famine, discrimination, and exploitation. They are

* "We reject Communism, its materialism, its method of class war, its use of dictatorship, its fallacious economics and its false theory of social development; but we know that the only way to defeat it permanently is to use the freedom of our own Democracy to establish economic justice and racial brotherhood."

the multitudes of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and every major land area on the globe. More than half of the babies born in India die before they are one year old; half the children of China have never had enough to eat; three fourths of the 200,000 babies born every day will never know how to read or write. They are sick and tired of hunger and racism and landlordism and colonialism, and they will grasp anything, any philosophy, any system of economics or government which seems to offer them hope. Our real problem turns out to be not Communism but revolution, and Communism is a perverted and godless way of directing revolution to its own evil ends. It is not Russia that is our real enemy but the evils in modern society which Russia falsely offers to eradicate. These millions adrift in a sea of wretchedness cling to the lifeline that Communism throws them, believing her false promise for rescue through world revolution and a planned economy. They will accept her tyranny for the moment because they have known naught in their lives save tyranny, but their God-given yearning for freedom will assert itself again when enough men of good will all over the world determine that people now in the throes of revolution shall have the health, the security, the education, and the sense of individual worth that they have a right to demand. This world tragedy lays upon the Church a high summons to self-examination, to cross-bearing devotion and a renewed dedication to her Lord who came that all men might have life and have it abundantly.

EVANGELISM

Nothing should make glad the heart of The Methodist Church so quickly and spontaneously as tidings of redemption and of newborn souls throughout our borders. No quadrennium in all our history has equaled the record made in evangelism during these last four years. Our nearest estimate indicates that 1,209,802 people have joined the Church on profession of faith. Under magnificent leadership through our Board of Evangelism we have moved steadily forward to make this supreme phase of our life effective in every part of the Church. But our greatest work lies out in front of us. This advance must lead us not only to seek new members but to bring every new communicant into a deep and growing sense of the richness of life in Christ. The best part, and perhaps the most important part, of evangelism cannot be put into a statistical table. It is in creating the mind of Christ and the power of Christ in the life of the believer. We should gather up the momentum of these victories and make it the inspiration of the most dynamic and redemptive advance in all our history.

This civilization of ours is sick. This nation we love suffers from the diseases of secularism, humanism, and cynicism. In an hour when God in history has thrust us into the perilous eminence of world leadership we are realizing to our shame that we lack the moral idealism and the religious insight to meet the destiny that is upon us. We need God. The decadence of a culture is always associated with the loss of religious standards and values. We must not fail God and man in these tempestuous days. To keep the soul of this country alive to spiritual ideals, to discipline her life in the stewardship of her strength, and to "crown her good with brotherhood" is a task that can be accomplished only by the Spirit of God working in and through those who love Him. The highest patriotism we know is to make the will of God and the mind of Christ regnant in the life of our times. Would that we knew "the things that belong unto our peace."

It is upon this high level that we would talk about evangelism. A redeemed society is possible only through redeemed individuals. And the Church has within its keeping this gospel that is the power of God unto salvation. We have done well but not well enough. There are eighteen million homes in America which do not have a single member in any Church—Protestant, Roman Catholic, or Jewish. There are thousands of young couples establishing homes every week without the recognition of God, half of them headed for shipwreck. There are millions of men and women caught in the meshes of business responsibilities and the vapid routines of social convention who are conscious of the emptiness of their lives but know not how to discover reality and meaning in life. There are vast areas of suburban developments, row upon row of new streets and neat, modest homes, where little families have taken the great adventure only to discover that they have everything in their neighborhood except a church. There is a vast multitude of young people upon college campuses today questing for reality and eager to invest their lives in creating a brave new world. Great continents, slumbering in darkness, victims of ancient but impotent religions, confused by the mirage of an economic heaven offered by the Communists, await the coming of those who bear good tidings, tidings of peace, the *good news* of the gospel in Christ. Everywhere, everywhere God is calling. Let us arise and be going.

Evangelism lies like a warm heart at the center of all our life. There are signs on hand that our ancient passion for souls is manifesting itself in renewed vigor in every quarter. We enter in 1953 upon a world-wide crusade of

evangelism with our Methodist brethren in every land. This concerted movement coming on the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley will prove an incentive to our deepest dedication. Our Church has shaken off the lethargy of a decade ago and is pressing the claims of Christ upon this generation with manifestations of God's power and blessing. The work of laymen in visitation evangelism cheers our hearts. The united Conference-wide and Area-wide campaigns have produced amazing results. The Sunday-night evangelistic service is recovering its lost appeal. The simple Christian witness of God's cleansing power to another person who has never found Him is still the blessed way that holds the secret for building up the fellowship of believers. When, out of a heart redeemed and filled with joy, we can say "Let me commend my Saviour to you," God will add daily to the Church those who are being saved. Let our pulpits ring with this insistent pleading note and let our people back up this deep concern with their lives, their prayers, and their witness, and nothing can prevent this Methodism of ours from becoming increasingly an instrument of God for saving our world.

FREEDOM IN AMERICAN LIFE AND IN METHODISM

It is a terrifying anomaly that after victory in two world wars, waged presumably to protect and establish our democratic freedom, we should at this moment in America be confronted by a widespread and sinister threat to the liberties we cherish. And yet that danger is real and serious. Personal and civil liberty cannot be separated from religious liberty. Not one can be abridged without affecting the existence of all related freedoms.

This threat to personal liberty stems from a prevalent widespread philosophy which is essentially anti-democratic and totalitarian. It denies that there is any valid moral law; it denies that man, by virtue of this law, possesses certain rights which are inherent and inalienable, and therefore superior to the authority of the State, and it denies that the purpose of government is to secure these inalienable rights. To quote revealing excerpts from some academic sources: "There are, of course, no such things as inherent and inalienable rights. . . . Only by collective action can men lay down universal rules of conduct . . . the attempt to trace human rights to any other source is sheer fantasy." "Each man may do things, ought to do things that will be for the benefit of the community, but he has not the right to demand anything from the community. . . . The citizen, then, may and must do what the community determines it is

best for him to do." Only recently the Chief Justice of the United States in an opinion declared: "There are no absolutes—all concepts are relative." One is tempted to call from the annals of history the men who wrote the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States. It was Montesquieu who said that a nation's decadence begins when it loses sight of the principles upon which it was founded.

No one among us would gloss over the real dangers that confront us. Espionage and sabotage are always threats to security. But we are succumbing to fear—to a fear that is, in large part, groundless and neurotic. This feeling of insecurity is being aggravated and exploited by reckless demagogues. It is becoming more and more impossible to shape foreign or domestic policies upon rational grounds. The democratic process cannot operate when disagreement is counted disloyalty. It is always easy to find a rationalization for the suppression of opinion, and the temptation to do so is very great when men are frightened and angry. The American people, with a revolutionary background, a tradition of independence and toleration, find themselves threatened by a growing dependence upon regimentation and uniformity and a weakening faith in the democratic process by which our nation has always found that inner security that rests not upon repression but freedom. And freedom is of God and not of men. Long ago William Penn said, "Unless we are ruled by God we shall be ruled by tyrants." No people can be secure in their rights any further than they believe that their rights are derived from God. Conscience can never be rooted in or bounded by society. It is God's inalienable gift to man and his inviolable birthright in a moral universe. Freedom is the right to choose; without this right of choice man is not a man but a thing. If he does not have the right to possess his mind and conscience he is a pawn or a puppet. And yet in at least three of the principal domains of our national life we are witnessing concerted and often vicious efforts to regiment thought and curb freedom of speech.

This pressure is very potent in the political life of our times. It denies liberty to men who by independence of thought claim the right to criticize the *status quo* and seek to improve it within the framework of the democratic process. It takes advantage of public anxiety over the East-West conflict and the struggle between Democracy and Communism to circumscribe our traditional liberty and to paralyze with fear those from whom we might expect wise leadership. This demagoguery smears the names of honest

men by unfounded charges of traitorous connections. Rumor peddlers, enjoying congressional and legislative immunity or hiding behind innuendos or hearsay evidence, break down confidence in our society and throttle the free voice of free men. Is character so unprotected that it may be assassinated by unchecked rumors uttered by party fanatics who, under the guise of super-patriotism, hold no truth in reverence if a lie will better serve their unholy purposes? Thomas Jefferson, in his famous First Inaugural Address, said: "If there be any among you who wish to dissolve this Union, or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed, as monuments to the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it."

This threat is equally alarming in the field of American education. There has broken out a rash of so-called loyalty oaths. They are, in reality, "non-disloyalty oaths." Take, for example, the story of the University of California. The efforts of the Regents to regiment every employee of the university by requiring him to subscribe to a pledge of "non-disloyalty" to his own country were, fortunately, declared unconstitutional by the courts, but the resultant affront to the sense of personal dignity and liberty lingers on. In one form or another this threat has invaded the campus of more than one university. The viciousness of this process evidences itself in the resultant stifling of the impulse to free and unbridled search for the truth. Universities are citadels of intellectual freedom, and it is against these citadels that the attack is launched because its aim is nothing less than the extinction of academic freedom. This is the road to sterile waste lands of intellectual death in American education. Hitler knew this deadly technique and regimented the once free and proud German universities. They were no longer a free voice but only the tool of a nefarious totalitarianism.

This process of controlling thought through fear of dismissal or withdrawal of support is moving in upon the public school system of America. Though the nature of the attack on the schools varies from place to place, the general pattern is identical. The attackers use the same techniques, the same literature and the same sweeping charges. They accuse teachers and textbooks of being subversive; they link modern educational practices with Communism; and they attempt to stampede parents into believing that our public schools are the breeding grounds of totalitarianism. A Committee of the House of Representatives declares: "The review of textbooks by self-appointed experts smacks

too much of the book-burning orgies of Nuremburg to be accepted by thoughtful Americans without foreboding and alarm." Often those who direct these campaigns of slander and insinuation are, themselves, not accredited educators but charlatans who parade as saviors of our public school system, seeking to resurrect outmoded methods in education and stir up strife and suspicion in the name of democracy. As Jesus said of the Pharisees: "Verily they have their reward."

Our country was founded upon what appeared to be a wild and reckless faith in the common man. Our strength has always been in the inquiring, individual human mind. We have long known that when you control the mind you control the man, and when you control the man, you have no longer a Democracy but a Slave State, subject to the whim of the demagogue or the will of the tyrant. Life is in the human spirit, the hungers and the longings that drive it, the sense of infinite personal worth that supports it, the feeling of freedom, of creativity, and of beauty that lifts it—this is God's gift to the free man and the heritage for which our sons have died on a hundred battlefields.

It would seem inevitable that this same trend should make itself felt in religion. And we suffer our share of it in Methodism. There have always been both preachers and laymen among us who want to declare "out of bounds" any Methodist who dares to think and preach independently and creatively upon the issues of the current social and economic order. They profess great love for their Church, they have a heavy stake in the preservation of the existing order, and they want their Church to stay off controversial subjects and proclaim what they so naively call the "old-fashioned gospel." They want to preserve "the original character of Methodism." Would God they knew their history better! Early Methodism stood in the center of a swirling century of revolution and preached alike its gospel of personal regeneration and social reform. Original Methodism was a bold and challenging defense of the rights of the underprivileged and the dispossessed against the predatory indifference of an economic aristocracy most of whom were perfectly decorous members of a Church that had forgotten its mission to the multitude. This social concern is in our bloodstream.

In recent years one of the bedrock principles of American Democracy has been widely and covertly assailed. From the time when Roger Williams founded the colony of Rhode Island upon the principle of soul liberty and the complete separation of Church and State we have steadfastly resisted

any attempt to make the Church the vassal of the State or to control the State by any ecclesiastical hierarchy. We do not believe in a State supported or controlled Church. We believe in a free Church resting upon the consciences and the support of free men. We want no ambassadors in our Church Councils save the ambassadors of Christ who come in the humble garb of servants of the Most High. We want no representatives to any Church-State, especially to one whose political entity is a fictitious presumption, and whose ecclesiastical autocracy is ill-concealed by the scanty robes of an artificial and diminutive State. This is not religious intolerance; it is plain, straight-thinking, honest Americanism.

We believe in a free pulpit but we also believe in a free pew. Ministers seek no immunity from criticism by hiding behind the cloth. The liberty we ask for preachers we gladly share with the layman. Search for truth, freedom of discussion, honest and open approach to every debatable subject—these are the paths to the goals we both seek. We all love our Church and obey the same Lord. But unity does not grow out of uniformity, it grows out of resolved conflict. We have room, thank God, in Methodism, for the conservative and the liberal and also for that vast multitude who are more interested in fighting the good fight than they are in fighting their fellow Methodists. Labels are often libels. We get nowhere by calling names or casting shadowy doubt around the character of honorable men. Black lists of supposed subversives are essentially unfair. We reassert our complete confidence in the fidelity, the loyalty, and the Christian character of the leaders of this Methodism of ours. We appeal to men to look for the best in Methodism and not for the worst, to give to the Church the lift of faith rather than the load of doubt. We want for all of us only the liberty wherewith God hath set us free. And when Methodists cannot make up their minds about any issue before them, their place is on their knees and the answer is to be found in the discovery of the mind of Christ.

This whole question of freedom is assuming alarming proportions in American life. In many instances we are redefining freedom and debasing the coinage of the word until it means "freedom to be like everybody else, to think as the majority in the town, or state or country thinks, to teach what the legislature or the dominant political or religious opinion wants taught." This is the creeping miasma of intimidation. It is not freedom as our fathers understood it, but totalitarianism as our enemies practice it in the

name of Democracy. Not only legislative Committees but vigilante groups of private citizens have taken it upon themselves to tell us to think as they decree or be listed as subversives. The defense of this country against Communism will not come through practicing the tactics of the police state. It will arise out of the wellsprings of liberty in the hearts of individual men who dare, untrammelled and uncontrolled, to search for the truth as God gives them to see the truth and to utter it without fear or favor because they are Americans in the glorious tradition of free men.

OUR MISSION TO THE MULTITUDE

A discerning magazine writer a few years ago referred to our Church as the "typical American Church." The implication was clear that we reached and represented a cross section of American life. Our nine million members in this country and our vast membership and constituency at home and abroad represents perhaps the most solid single Protestant group seeking to realize here on earth the Kingdom of God. We are, therefore, by virtue of our geographical spread and our historic emphasis, a people's Church. And such we must remain.

The trends of Church membership in the larger religious bodies of America present some interesting and startling facts. With few exceptions the Churches having a conspicuously rapid growth are the small, Protestant "sects" (so-called). These are of an intensely evangelistic type, strongly Bible-centered and frequently apocalyptic, emphasizing the Second Coming of Christ. Once they made their appeal to the socially disadvantaged, but today they are attracting larger numbers of middle-class families. It may be worthwhile to remind our modern Methodists that the Church they inherited had its origin among the socially dispossessed and was regarded as an unrespected "sect" in both England and America. In seeking the explanation of the phenomenal growth of these small conservative groups, we do not have to look far. Many of them exhibit the characteristics of early Methodism. Is their secret not to be found in their zeal for God and their Church, their increasing evangelistic fervor, their response to Bible-centered preaching, their tie-up of emotion with religious experience, their unquestioning acceptance of certain fundamental doctrinal emphases, and last of all, their almost universal expectation and requirement of tithing upon the part of all their membership? Without doubt they have their weaknesses and shortcomings, and few among us would want to work over Methodism into the conservative pattern of these religious enthusiasts.

But we are not as smart as we think we are if we do not seek to learn from them the basis of religious response among the common people and adjust our approach to their felt need. If we do not, we have forgotten the stories of George Whitefield and John Wesley and Francis Asbury.

Methodism has a message to the multitude, and in delivering it she does not need to go off after the swamp fires of a wild and unbiblical apocalypticism, nor does she need to debase her intellectual self-respect with an arid, dogmatic, legalistic literalism. She needs only to preach with warmth and vigor and conviction the gospel of God's redeeming love and our salvation in Jesus Christ who lived and died for us. What we need is to discover a great concern for people, a passion that flames in our heart to share with lost men and women our redemptive experience in Christ. We dare to assert that God raised Methodism up not to be a class Church. John Wesley did not envision a Church home where the intellectually elite might be free to roam at will and where the economically privileged might nurse their pride and escape the judgments of the Almighty. What we had in those days was a zeal for Christian perfection, a fervid evangelism that flamed like a fire in our blood, a message rooted in a sane and spiritual interpretation of God's Word, an experience of Christ in our hearts that rushed to our lips in testimony, and a practice of stewardship which, faced with poverty, built out of nothing the structure of our Methodism in the cities of England and in the wilderness that was America and laid the foundations of our modern missionary enterprise. These are not the mechanics of religion, they are its spirit. The secret was not superb organization, it was rather a dynamic earnestness which would not be denied. Our Church can once again discover the marks of a Methodist, and God can use to his glory our immense resources and our chastened spirits for the evangelization of this world—even in this generation.

WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

We stand at the end of the most momentous half century since the beginning of the Christian Era. Across our world there sweep cyclonic forces which shake the very foundations of our modern civilization. Amid all this welter of change and revolution the Church of Jesus Christ stands, stricken in conscience because of its disunity and its shortcomings, but resolute and unfaltering in the presence of a broken and heartsick world. Our hope is not in ourselves but in God who brought us to birth and gave us our high commission. His faithfulness is our security, and no cause is hopeless if we are on His side.

This is not the first dark hour in history. We have walked in the depths before. A world disillusioned by facile optimism must turn at last back home to God. The firm foundation still stands. The moral order is inviolate. Sin destroys itself. The goods of secularism turn to ashes before our eyes. Only the good lasts. Righteousness alone is eternal. The answer is to be found in Christ Who, from the foundation of the world, has willed not defeat but victory for the spirit of man. Some day these kingdoms that thwart His will shall be conquered by His irresistible love and bow before the sign of His authority which is the sign of the cross.

"O timorous Church of Christ! cease counting your gains and losses:

The Future, imperiled, is calling with the voice of a million crosses!

Calling for faithful prophets and seers to rise up and prophesy—

To kindle a fading vision afresh lest a visionless people die.

Our sins are many, our needs are sore, O prophets, show us the roll—

Take up the scales of God once more and weigh the things of the soul.

Point not wholly to the patriarchs for the guidance we need today.

Scrolls of the ancients we cherish, but the prophets must lead the way.

Waits the importunate world for a word to quicken its heart again;

Then speak, O Church, and rekindle the faith in a world of despairing men."

(Marshall Wingfield.)

If Methodism will walk with Him, obey His will, yield itself, with all its riches of life and possessions, to the sway of His eternal purpose, then the future is bright with promise, and God will crown our Church with the seal of His favor. "Now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you the inheritance among all those who are consecrated." "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control." "Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. AMEN."

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CHARLES W. FLINT	CLEMENT D. ROCKEY
MARVIN A. FRANKLIN	CHARLES C. SELECMAN
PAUL N. GARBER	ALEXANDER P. SHAW
JUAN E. GATTINONI	ROY H. SHORT
JOHN GOWDY	A. FRANK SMITH
WILBUR E. HAMMAKER	W. ANGIE SMITH
COSTEN J. HARRELL	J. W. E. SOMMER
LEWIS O. HARTMAN	JOHN M. SPRINGER
IVAN LEE HOLT	JAMES H. STRAUGHN
ROBERT E. JONES	JOHN A. SUBHAN
FREDERICK T. KEENEY	DONALD H. TIPPETT
EDWARD W. KELLY	JOSE L. VALENCIA
GERALD KENNEDY	RAYMOND J. WADE
PAUL B. KERN	RALPH A. WARD
WILLIS J. KING	WILLIAM T. WATKINS
W. EARL LEDDEN	HERBERT WELCH
FREDERICK D. LEETE	HAZEN G. WERNER
JOHN WESLEY LORD	LLOYD C. WICKE

NOTE: The names of certain Bishops who were unable to attend and participate in the formulation of the address do not appear.

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1952 GENERAL CONFERENCE THE METHODIST CHURCH

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Opening Session

The 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church (being the Fourth General Conference since the uniting of the three constituent Churches and the Forty-third General Conference since the establishment of Methodism in America in 1874) convened in the Civic Auditorium at San Francisco, California, Wednesday, April 23, 1952, at 10 o'clock A.M., with Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presiding.

Sacrament of Lord's Supper

Preceding the official opening of the General Conference, the Bishops, Delegates and visitors being assembled in the Civic Auditorium, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Bishop Herbert Welch, assisted by Bishops Raymond L. Archer, Theodor Arvidson, James C. Baker, Sante Uberto Barbieri, Newell S. Booth, John W. E. Bowen, Cyrus B. Dawsey (the Methodist Church of Brazil), Paul N. Garber, Wilbur E. Hammaker, W. Earl Ledden, Titus Lowe, J. Ralph Magee, Paul E. Martin, Clare Purcell, Clement D. Rockey, Alexander P. Shaw, Roy H. Short, John A. Subhan, Jose L. Valencia, Raymond J. Wade and Ralph A. Ward. For Order of Service see Appendix, page 811.

Business Session—Bishop F. P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson called the Conference to order for the first business session, and announced Hymn No. 162, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing." The Conference stood and joined heartily in the singing of the hymn.

Prayer—Bishop Baker

Bishop James C. Baker, Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, led in prayer, the Conference joining in the Lord's Prayer at its conclusion.

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Roll Call

Lud H. Estes (Memphis), Secretary of the last General Conference called the Roll as follows—

Deceased (Date of death follows name).

Deceased Bishops

While the Conference stood in silent tribute, the names of the deceased Bishops were called:

John Monroe Moore, August 1, 1948
 Edwin Ferdinand Lee, September 14, 1948
 Brenton Thoburn Badley, February 1, 1949
 John Calvin Broomfield, January 8, 1950
 Edwin Holt Hughes, February 12, 1950
 Harry Lester Smith, October 7, 1951
 George Carlton Lacy, December 11, 1951

Deceased Delegates-elect

Oregon Annual Conference—Edward L. Clark, March 25, 1952
 Southwest Germany Annual Conference—Immanuel Gutekunst (*), April 3, 1952

Reserve Delegates-elect

North-East Ohio Annual Conference—Irving Carpenter (*), August 17, 1951
 South Georgia Annual Conference—Silas Johnson, October 24, 1951
 North Georgia Annual Conference—Smith L. Johnston (*), November 4, 1951
 North Mississippi Annual Conference—Seamon Rhea, July 19, 1951
 Philadelphia Annual Conference—George A. Laughead, November 30, 1951
 Southwest Texas Annual Conference—David T. Peel (*), January 15, 1952
 Mississippi Annual Conference—Frank Y. Whitfield (*), March 17, 1952
 Delhi Annual Conference—Earle M. Rugg, April 25, 1952

Prayer—Bishop Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the Saint Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, led in an appropriate prayer, both for the families of the deceased, and for the Church.

Bishops Present—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of the Council of Bishops

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of The Methodist Church, reported the following members of the Council of Bishops in attendance:

Raymond L. Archer, Theodor Arvidson, James C. Baker, Enrique C. Balloch, Sante Uberto Barbieri, Hiram A. Boaz, Newell S. Booth, John W. E. Bowen, Charles W. Brashares, Fred Pierce Corson, Ralph S. Cushman, Dana Dawson, Charles W. Flint, Marvin A. Franklin, Paul N. Garber, Wilbur E. Hammaker, Costen J. Harrell, Lewis O. Hartman, Ivan Lee Holt, Robert E. Jones, Edward W. Kelly, Gerald H. Kennedy, Paul B. Kern, Willis J. King, W. Earl Ledden, John Wesley Lord, Titus Lowe, J. Ralph Magee, Paul E. Martin, William C. Martin, Francis J. McConnell, George A. Miller, Shot K. Mondol, Arthur J. Moore, H. Clifford Northcott, G. Bromley Oxnam, W. Walter Peele, Glenn R. Phillips, J. Waskom Pickett, Clare Purcell, Richard C. Raines, Marshall R. Reed, Clement D. Rockey, Charles C. Selecman, Alexander P. Shaw, Roy H. Short, A. Frank Smith, W. Angie Smith, J. W. E. Sommer, John M. Springer, James H. Straughn, John A. Subhan, Donald H. Tippet, Jose L. Valencia, Raymond J. Wade, Ralph A. Ward, William T. Watkins, Herbert Welch, Hazen G. Werner, Lloyd C. Wicke.

Absent Bishops

The following Bishops were absent—Robert N. Brooks, W. Y. Chen, U. V. W. Darlington, Hoyt M. Dobbs, Roberto Elphick, Juan E. Gattinoni, John Gowdy, Z. T. Kaung, Frederick T. Keeney, Frederick D. Leete.

Ecumenical Methodist Bishops

The following Bishops representing the Ecumenical Methodist Church were present:

Methodist Church of Brazil—Isaias Sucasas, Cesar Dacorso, Cyrus B. Dawsey.

Methodist Church of Mexico—Eleazar Guerra.

Methodist Church in Korea—Hyunki J. Lew.

Annual Conference Members

The Chairman of each Annual Conference Delegation, on a prepared blank, certified that the following Delegates were in attendance from that Annual Conference.

Alabama Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Thomas S. Harris, W. Fletcher Calhoun.

Lay—C. B. Gillmore, Clarence M. Dannelly, Taylor H. Kirby.

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Angola Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Sabastiao de Sousa e Santos.

Lay—Antonio F. de Nascimento.

Atlanta Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—J. Wesley Thomas.

Baltimore Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—J. Milton Rogers, Otwald B. Langrall, Orris G. Robinson, Fred G. Holloway, Norman L. Trott, Albert E. Day.

Lay—J. Harry Grace, D. Stewart Patterson, Charles W. Woodward, Mrs. E. Lester Keyser, Mrs. Fred C. Reynolds.

Belgium Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—William G. Thonger.

Bengal Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Preo N. Das.

Lay—Ashok B. Singh.

Bombay Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—James K. Mathews.

Lay—Miss Ivy Childs.

Burma Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Thangaraj Thangadurai.

Lay—Nyunt Thwin.

California-Nevada Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—A. Raymond Grant, R. Marvin Stuart, John R. Wilkins, John R. Kenney, Charles L. Warren, Dillon W. Throckmorton.

Lay—Frank Webber, Mrs. Fay W. Batten, Robert E. Burns, Lloyd M. Bertholf, G. Clifford Pettygrove, George H. Atkinson.

Central Alabama Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Walter L. Turner.

Lay—Vattel E. Daniel.

Central Congo Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—John Wesley Shungu.

Lay—Mrs. Inman U. Townsley.

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Central Kansas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Joseph S. Ploughe, J. Russell Throckmorton, Thomas Alfred Williams, Paul D. Womeldorf, LeRoy F. Arend.

Lay—William H. Becker, Mrs. Kenneth L. McGill, Mrs. Joe W. Rogers, John B. York, Ray G. Streeter.

Central New York Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Lester Schaff, Harold S. Swales, Henry G. Budd.

Lay—Mrs. Paul E. Thayer, George B. Ahn, B. Abbott Meech.

Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Charles F. Berkheimer, J. Edgar Skillington, F. LaMont Henninger, Lester A. Welliver.

Lay—Charles V. Adams, Richard W. Campbell, Mrs. L. O. Burkett, Paul C. Webb.

Central Provinces Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Daniel W. Ward.

Lay—Ernest P. Donald.

Central Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—G. Alfred Brown, L. Stanley Williams, Robert W. Goodloe, H. Brown Loyd.

Lay—Hubert Johnson, Eugene F. Jud, Mrs. B. B. Wedemeyer.

Central West Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Charles N. Richmond.

Lay—Bige Wyatt.

Chile Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Pedro Zotelle.

Lay—Arturo Venegas.

Colorado Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—Rufus C. Baker, Richard O. Gilpin, Harvey H. Potthoff.

Lay—Robert B. Spencer, Bernard Vessey, James W. Barrett.

Cuba Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Angel E. Fuster.

Lay—Jose Blanco, Jr.

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Dakota Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Frank E. Lochridge, Byron A. Davis.
Lay—Elmer F. Hurry, Mrs. Robert N. Kyburz.

Delaware Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Leon S. Moore, Noah W. Moore, Jr.
Lay—Hally P. Johns, James R. Webb.

Delhi Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Prabhakar C. B. Balaram.
Lay—James V. Walters.

Denmark Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Johannes Kofod.
Lay—Erik W. Sondergaard.

Detroit Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Chester A. McPheeters, Alfred P. Landon, Henry Hitt Crane, Paul Morrison, John E. Marvin, Gordon Phillips.

Lay—Howard C. Baldwin, Mrs. Alfred H. Lowther, W. Ralph Hileman, Mrs. John E. Martin, Harold M. Karls, Charles E. Tonkin.

East Oklahoma Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—H. Bascom Watts, Don H. LaGrone, Ira E. Williams.

Lay—William H. Wilcox, James A. Egan, Mrs. Walker Milam.

East Tennessee Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—James W. Haygood.

Lay—Mrs. Fetta Holland.

Erie Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—L. G. Wayne Furman, Arthur B. R. Colley, Thomas H. Morris.

Lay—Mrs. Alice (J. F.) Rentz, Leo H. McKay, Karl F. Shearer.

Florida Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—John W. Branscomb, Don A. Cooke, Harry H. Waller, Henry W. Blackburn, Edward J. Pendergrass.

Lay—Fred B. Noble, Mrs. Walter H. Beckham, R. Howard Berg, Charles B. Peeler.

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Florida Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Henry W. Bartley.

Lay—Mrs. Mary J. Todd McKenzie.

Genesee Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Ernest E. Davis, A. Merritt Dietterich, Carl A. Reppert.

Lay—Mrs. Joseph M. Henderson, Thomas B. Clay, Augustus S. Mertz.

Gujarat Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Ithiel V. Master.

Lay—Samuel V. Christian.

Holston Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Clyde E. Lundy, Cecil P. Hardin, D. Trigg James, Marvin S. Kincheloe, Elbert D. Worley, Mark M. Moore.

Lay—Earl Blazer, Lynn Sheeley, H. Leo Jackson, Charles C. Sherrod, Donald R. Youell, Shelby R. Brammer.

Hyderabad Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Gabriel Sundaram.

Lay—Kolloory V. Moses.

Idaho Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—Leslie B. Bailey.

Lay—Hugh M. Nelson.

Illinois Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—William G. Pulliam, Laren Spear, Thomas B. Lugg, J. Fred Melvin, A. Ray Grummon, Claude M. Temple.

Lay—Mrs. Harold W. Fitch, Elmer Jolly, Ray A. Dillinger, Mrs. Alan Kemp Laing, Meade McWilliams, Edwin I. Pilchard.

Indiana Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—William T. Jones, Merrill B. McFall, Norbert G. Talbott, Frank M. Templin.

Lay—Mrs. Estella C. Sharp, Russell M. Kibler, Stan H. Byram, Harold D. Hughes.

Indus River Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Eric N. Daniels.

Lay—Hector C. Masih.

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Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Raoul C. Calkins, Walter M. Scheuermann, Lauren D. Thomas, Claude W. Cooper, Edwin E. Voigt.

Lay—Mrs. Edwin E. Voigt, Paul V. Shearer, Allen Whitfield, Paul G. Williams, Mrs. John S. Wood.

Kansas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Eugene M. Frank, Herbert B. Cockerill, Oscar E. Allison.

Lay—T. Russell Reitz, Hubert L. Collins, Mrs. Lauren L. Plummer.

Kentucky Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Russell R. Patton, John O. Gross, Albert R. Perkins, Earl M. Fossett.

Lay—Carl W. Haggard, Mrs. Robert T. Brown, Dennis V. Snapp, Kelly J. Day.

Lexington Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Robert G. Morris, M. LaFayette Harris.

Lay—John T. Current, Dewey Lampkin.

Liberia Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—William N. Ross.

Lay—James B. Dennis.

Little Rock Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Connor Morehead, Aubrey G. Walton.

Lay—Roland M. Shelton, Travis W. McCoy.

Louisiana Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—W. Talbot Handy.

Lay—John R. Patterson.

Louisiana Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Guy M. Hicks, Virgil D. Morris, H. LeRoy Johns, J. Henry Bowden.

Lay—Robert P. Lay, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Robert J. O'Neal, Vincent M. Mouser.

Louisville Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—George S. Wood, Robert H. Wade, Edge W. Gamble.

Lay—Hollis C. Franklin, Mrs. Sam W. Crump, Osso W. Stanley.

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Lucknow Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Alfred J. Shaw.

Lay—Daniel L. Lorenz.

Maine Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Chauncey D. Wentworth, Louis S. Staples.

Lay—Mrs. Sara T. Wentworth, Clinton D. Baldwin.

Malaya Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Hobart B. Amstutz.

Lay—Joshua Baruch.

Malaysia Chinese Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Charles E. Fang.

Lay—Hun Kheng Geh.

Memphis Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—William S. Evans, Roy D. Williams, Franklin A. Flatt.

Lay—Robert E. Rooks, W. O. Inman.

Michigan Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—D. Stanley Coors, Richard D. Wearne, Glenn M. Frye.

Lay—Elmer H. Ormiston, Mrs. R. M. Willingham, William L. Helrigle, Jr., Henry H. Ford, Jr.

Minnesota Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Olin D. Jackson, Truman W. Potter, Charles W. Spear, LeRoy H. Klaus, Orval C. Dittes.

Lay—Fran H. Faber, Mrs. Marcus Maynard, Abbott L. Fletcher, Mrs. Albert F. Oberg, Bradshaw Mintener.

Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—J. Willard Leggett, Jr., Brunner M. Hunt, Thomas O. Prewitt.

Lay—James P. Stafford, John C. Satterfield, Sr., Ben M. Stevens.

Mississippi Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Charles H. Dubra.

Lay—Mrs. Jennie R. Crump.

Missouri Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Bradford P. Powell, Herbert K. Brower.

Lay—Mrs. J. J. McKinney, Loy Jones, Mrs. Wilbur E. Longstreth.

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Montana Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—J. Homer Magee.

Lay—Elmer E. Collins.

Nebraska Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—James S. Chubb, Carl C. Bracy, Richard E. Carlyon, C. Edwin Murphy.

Lay—Mrs. W. Max Gentry, Mrs. Wayne Harrington, Henry M. Cox.

New England Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—George Albert Fallon, H. Hughes Wagner, Emory S. Bucke.

Lay—Mrs. Hiram B. Gibbs, Howard W. Selby, James F. Farr.

New England Southern Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—C. Homer Ginns, G. Albin Dahlquist.

Lay—Robert L. Hammond, Mrs. Edmund A. Sayer.

New Hampshire Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Ray H. Cowen.

New Jersey Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Herbert J. Smith, William N. Raver, Henry L. Bradway.

Lay—Hammell P. Shipps, Frank C. Propert.

New Mexico Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—W. Carl Clement, Orbin M. Turner.

Lay—Frank Greathouse, Chester T. French.

New York Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Ralph W. Sockman, Ralph M. Houston, Samuel H. Sweeney.

Lay—Sven E. Stromberg, Chester A. Smith, George M. Northrup.

New York East Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Frederick B. Newell, Lester W. Auman, Loyd F. Worley, William H. Alderson.

Lay—Harry N. Holmes, Howard R. Brockett, Miss Edith F. Welker.

Newark Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Harry M. Taylor, John R. McLaughlin, Henry Lyle Lambdin.

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Lay—Charles C. Parlin, Edmund L. Tink, Mrs. James K. Mawha.

North Africa Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Elmer H. Douglas.

Lay—Christian V. Garcia.

North Alabama Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—J. Henry Chitwood, George M. Davenport, Marion E. Lazenby, R. Lambuth Archibald, L. D. Tyson.

Lay—Howell Thomas Heflin, Harry Denman, Clarence M. Pinson.

North Arkansas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Ethan W. Dodgen, W. Henry Goodloe, Albert W. Martin.

Lay—Matt. L. Ellis, Joe S. Pierce, Mrs. Johnnie McClure.

North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Chancie D. Barclift, C. Wade Goldston, Walter C. Ball.

Lay—H. H. Hodgin, William C. Chadwick, W. Jasper Smith, A. Hollis Edens.

North Carolina Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—J. Emmons Brower.

Lay—Commodore A. Barrett.

North Dakota Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—C. Maxwell Brown.

Lay—Albert D. Ottinger.

North Georgia Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—William R. Cannon, Lester Rumble, Pierce Harris, Nathaniel G. Long, Edward G. Mackay.

Lay—Nathaniel G. Slaughter, Mrs. Stewart Colley, William N. Banks, Virgil Y. C. Eady, T. Jack Lance.

North India Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Charles S. Khiyalie.

Lay—Issac A. Charan.

North Indiana Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—A. Wesley Pugh, Jesse W. Fox, Wesley H. Bransford, Thurman B. Morris.

Lay—Henry O. DeWeese, Roy R. Roudebush, George N. Fernstermacher, Mrs. Homer Roose.

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North Iowa Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Charles S. Hempstead, Lawrence D. Havighurst, Marvin B. Kober, Fred W. Ortmeyer, Lloyd A. Gustafson, Clayton B. Wittstruck.

Lay—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Earl Elijah, Robert D. Blue, Mrs. Robert Smyth, Ralph E. Sheffield, Francis Johnson.

North Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—William L. Robinson, John E. Stephens, Homer Ellis Finger, Jr.

Lay—Jamie G. Houston, Millard Franklin Pierce, Julius M. Foreman.

North Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—W. Harrison Baker, Marshall T. Steel, Cicero B. Fielder.

Lay—Joe J. Perkins, Willis M. Tate.

Northeast Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Ernst Scholz.

Lay—Willy Kabelitz.

North-East Ohio Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Oscar Thomas Olson, Harold F. Carr, Russell H. Hoy, Russell J. Humbert, William B. Robinson, Clarence H. LaRue, Howard W. Peterson.

Lay—Mrs. Paul E. Secrest, Harvey O. Yoder, A. W. Fitch, Vincent S. Hart, Amos L. Heer.

Northern New York Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—John W. Warren, Russell S. Brown.

Lay—W. Clyde Sykes, DeWitt C. LeFevre.

Northern Philippines (OS)

Ministerial—Ciriaco Inis.

Lay—Jose T. Simangan.

Northwest Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Walther Zeuner.

Lay—Heinrich Stehl.

Northwest Indiana Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Claude C. Young, Samuel E. Carruth, William E. Clark.

Lay—Harold C. Phend, Ralph M. Dunn, Mrs. J. Frank Kirkpatrick.

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Northwest Philippines Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Melanio M. Loresco.

Lay—Plegunte Balan.

Northwest Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Elmer D. Landreth, Marvin L. Boyd, J. Edmund Kirby, J. Howard Crawford.

Lay—Ray H. Nichols, Paul Cates, Jim M. Willson, Sr., R. Bernard Bryant.

Norway Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Alf Lier.

Lay—Monrad Teigland.

Ohio Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—J. Otis Young, William L. Steffens, F. Gerald Ensley, Lester L. Roush, Harold F. Kellogg, F. Bringle McIntosh, Warren W. Wiant, Lynn J. Radcliffe.

Lay—Mrs. Conrad C. Long, Mrs. Harold M. Baker, Lowell Densmore Burgoon, Dwight E. Walter, Leonard D. Slutz, Mrs. Frank W. McCall, Lester S. Ivins.

Oregon Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—Ralph Kleen, Daniel D. Walker.

Lay—Mrs. Jessie W. Bunch.

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—Owen J. Beadles, J. Henry Ernst, Willard E. Stanton, Cyrus E. Albertson.

Lay—Thomas C. Hall, Mrs. Mary H. Christopher, William E. Sander.

Peninsula Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Richard M. Green, Lawrence E. Wimbrow, Lester E. Windsor.

Lay—J. Millard Tawes, Wilmer Fell Davis, Mrs. Harry B. Hygate.

Philadelphia Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—John D. Heer, Alexander K. Smith, Leon T. Moore, Frank Prentzel, Jr.

Lay—Mrs. John H. Barnes, Jr., Albert W. Cliffe, Frank E. Baker, G. Stanley Lynch.

Philippines Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Ruben V. Candelaria.

Lay—Juan Nabong.

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Pittsburgh Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Harry Allen Price, Clarence C. Fisher, Walter F. Preset, Welsh Sproule Boyd.

Lay—Harry R. Hummer, Edmund K. Chaffey, William N. Gaskill.

Rhodesia Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Marshall J. Murphree.

Lay—Enoch Chieza.

Rio Grande Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Alfredo Nanez.

Lay—Juan de la Vina, Jr.

River Plate Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Carlos T. Gattinoni.

Lay—Juan A. K. Hand.

Rock River Annual Conference (NC)

Horace G. Smith, Ray Bond, Aubrey S. Moore, Charles R. Goff, George A. Fowler.

Lay—Henry V. Loeppert, Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Arthur O. Aldrich, George B. McKibbin, John R. Van-Sickle.

Saint Louis Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Frank C. Tucker, Bernell L. Schubel, John L. Taylor.

Lay—J. Clinton Hawkins, John F. Nunnelee.

Savannah Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—John H. Jackson.

Lay—A. M. Carter.

South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Carl Griffith, John O. Smith, Melvin K. Medlock, Benjamin B. Black, John Marvin Rast.

Lay—Walter K. Greene, J. Carlisle Holler, M. Randolph Mobley, L. E. Wooten, William O. Goodwin.

South Carolina Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Clarence F. Ferguson, John J. Seabrook, John W. Curry.

Lay—Mrs. Robert K. Gordon, Samuel T. Middleton, Julius E. Williams.

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South Florida Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—George T. Tyer.

Lay—Harvey J. Smith.

South Georgia Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Horace T. Freeman, Leonard H. Cochran, Leland Moore, George E. Clary, Sr.

Lay—Eugene D. Whisonant, Zach S. Henderson, Walter A. Blasingame, Benjamin I. Thornton.

South Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Karl Dahn.

Lay—Paul Bauer.

South India Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—H. G. Mitra.

Lay—S. Sumitra.

Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—Fred B. Trotter, Russell E. Clay, George A. Warmer, Harold C. Case, Ray W. Ragsdale, K. Morgan Edwards, Edward P. O'Rear.

Lay—J. Wesley Hole, Alpheus B. P. Wood, Mrs. Earle K. Scott, Joe M. Young, Mrs. Wray Andrew, Donald A. Odell, George V. Stead.

Southern Illinois Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Hubert G. Hurley, Farrell D. Jenkins, Earl C. Phillips.

Lay—Russell H. Grow, Lester J. Buford, W. Arthur McCracken.

Southwest Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—John H. Oliver.

Lay—John H. Cullins.

Southwest Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Gustav Knauss.

Southwest Missouri Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Willis L. Perryman, S. Ralph Roland, Elmer L. Hobbs.

Lay—Mrs. Willis L. Perryman, Robert G. Mayfield, J. Everett McCluhan.

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Southwest Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—R. Floyd Curl, Edmund Heinsohn, L. U. Spellman, Kenneth W. Copeland.

Lay—Moulton T. Cobb, Lester L. Keyser, Miss Annie M. Smith, Will W. Jackson.

Sweden Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Henry Atterling, Mauritz Goranson.

Lay—Bengt J. Melin, Harald Lindstrom.

Switzerland Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Ferdinand Sigg.

Lay—Theophil Opplinger.

Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—James W. Henley, Classie B. Cook, Dean Stroud.

Lay—R. Kenneth Morgan, Mrs. Sadie Wilson Tillman.

Tennessee Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Dubro M. Grisham.

Lay—Samuel R. Brown.

Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Stewart Clendenin, Joe Z. Tower, Monroe Vivian, W. Kenneth Pope, Stanley Carter, D. L. Landrum.

Lay—Pat Thompson, W. A. Pounds, Mrs. William E. Horton, Jr., John R. Peace, Tom E. Acker.

Texas Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Cosum M. Luster, Julius S. Scott.

Lay—Frank L. Lane.

Troy Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Frank W. Bevan, Ernest F. Tripp, Harold W. Griffis, J. Edward Carothers.

Lay—Miss Georgia Harkness, Neil P. Benway, Davis E. Greelis, L. Ray Lewis.

Upper Mississippi Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—John H. Graham.

Lay—Mrs. Mary A. Rodgers.

Virginia Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Walter C. Gum, Nolan B. Harmon, Roland P. Riddick, W. Aiken Smart, John H. Pearson, Harold H. Hughes, R. Orman Bryant, J. Manning Potts.

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Lay—Donald W. Shriver, John E. Easter, Luther W. Wells, J. Earl Moreland, Louis Spilman, Mrs. Roscoe M. White, Henry W. Field.

Washington Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Edgar A. Love, Robert M. Williams.

Lay—William E. Fletcher, Mrs. Fannie Tyler.

West Oklahoma Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Leland Clegg, Harry G. Ryan, Phil Deschner, Virgel W. Russell.

Lay—Mrs. Virgil Neely, Donald B. Darrah, B. Clyde Clark, Carl S. McFall.

West Texas Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—Frederick D. Young, Robert S. Mosby.

Lay—Samuel L. Brown, Mrs. Mattie R. Bell.

West Virginia Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Rosseau S. McClung, George M. Curry, Walter S. Overstreet, John E. Hanifan, Alfred E. Bennett, John W. Hollister, Ross Linger.

Lay—Mrs. Byron W. John, George W. Bright, E. Ray Jones, Clyde O. Law, T. E. Campbell, Mrs. Ward M. Downs, Charles W. Evans.

West Wisconsin Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Merrill R. Abbey, Paul B. White.

Lay—George P. Extrom.

Western North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Embree H. Blackard, Philip L. Shore, Herman F. Duncan, W. Arthur Kale, Carl H. King, Lee F. Tuttle, Clarence E. Rozzelle, Edgar H. Nease.

Lay—Paul F. Evans, Edwin L. Jones, Oscar V. Woosley, Guy C. Weaver, Paul R. Ervin, Mrs. James W. Payne, Luther L. Gobbel.

Wisconsin Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Ernest J. Mathews, Clifford M. Fritz, Earl E. Allen.

Lay—Mrs. E. E. Kinkel, Clem O. Miller, Edwin S. Godfrey.

Wyoming Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Roswell W. Lyon, Roy T. Henwood, Norman W. Clemens.

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Lay—Walter L. Hunt, G. Wesley Lewis.

Wyoming State Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—Charles A. Nowlen.

Lay—Len L. Newton.

Substitutions

The following Reserve Delegates were seated in the place of Principal Delegates.

Alabama Annual Conference (SE)

Wilbur Walton, Ministerial, for Cecil L. Ellisor.

Atlanta Annual Conference (C)

James P. Brawley, Lay, for Virgil W. Hodges.

Baltimore Annual Conference (NE)

W. Carroll Beatty, Lay, for Claude C. Lanman.

Central Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Joe B. Witherspoon, Lay, for Hal H. Cherry.

Florida Annual Conference (SE)

Mrs. F. Bartow Godfrey, Lay, for Robert A. Gray.

Memphis Annual Conference (SE)

Richard E. Womack, Lay, for James H. Seabrook.

Michigan Annual Conference (NC)

William L. Helrigle, Sr., Ministerial, for Richard D. Wearne.

Missouri Annual Conference (SC)

David K. Pegues, Ministerial, for Ralph L. Woodward.

Nebraska Annual Conference (SC)

Wade Stevens, Lay, for Niles H. Barnard.

New Hampshire Annual Conference (NE)

Clarence C. Sanborn, Lay, for Arthur R. Clinton.

New Jersey Annual Conference (NE)

Howard S. Stainton, Lay, for Mrs. W. Orvyle Schalick.

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New York East Annual Conference (NE)

Henry F. Thomas, Lay, for Percy D. Chamberlain.

North Alabama Annual Conference (SE)

Ben L. Ingram, Lay, for Ellie M. Creel; Claude R. Wood, Lay, for Van B. Taunton.

North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Cecil W. Robbins, Ministerial, for Howard P. Powell.

North Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Merle T. Waggoner, Lay, for John V. Folsom.

North-East Ohio Annual Conference (NC)

James Cherry, Lay, for J. Fred Essig; George R. Klein, Lay, for Frank R. Billman.

Ohio Annual Conference (NC)

John M. Versteeg, Ministerial, for Gaston Foote; Harold A. Rosser, Lay, for John H. Doan; Dwight A. Swisher, Lay, for Arthur S. Fleming.

Oregon Annual Conference (W)

Charles G. Howard, Lay, for Edward L. Clark, deceased.

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference (W)

Chapin D. Foster, Lay, for S. Town Stephenson.

Pittsburgh Annual Conference (NE)

Mrs. Alice (Edgar H.) Singer, Lay, for Harold S. Metcalfe.

Saint Louis Annual Conference (SC)

Mrs. Mildred M. Davis, Lay, for Walter W. Parker.

Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)

Nathaniel C. Beasley, Lay, for Lee Davis.

Texas Annual Conference (SC)

B. J. Butts, Lay, for Claude A. Edge.

Texas Annual Conference (C)

Theodore W. Patrick, Lay, for Mrs. Pinkie D. Johnson.

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Virginia Annual Conference (SE)

Gordon M. Scarborough, Lay, for John C. Simpson.

Western North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Mrs. W. Frank Redding, Jr., Lay, for Herbert M. Wayne,

Wyoming Annual Conference (NE)

Harold Tippet, Lay, for A. Taylor Lord.

Annual Conferences—No Delegates

Because of conditions arising out of World War II the following Annual Conferences in Europe had no Delegates to the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church—Baltic-Slavic Annual Conference, the Central Germany Annual Conference, and the Czechoslovakia Annual Conference.

Because of conditions arising out of World War II, the following Annual Conferences in China had no Delegates to the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church—East China Annual Conference, Foochow Annual Conference, Hinghwa Annual Conference, Kiangsi Annual Conference, Mid-China Annual Conference, North China Annual Conference, Shantung Annual Conference, West China Annual Conference, and Yenping Annual Conference.

Affiliated Autonomous Churches

In accordance with the provisions as set forth in Par. 605 (2) 1948 Discipline, The Methodist Church; Par. 1153 (a) and 5 (d), 1936 Discipline, The Methodist Episcopal Church; and, Par. 85, 1938 Discipline, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the following Affiliated Autonomous Churches sent Delegates.

Methodist Church of Brazil

Ministerial—William Richard Schisler.

Lay—Mrs. Otilia de Olivera Chaves.

Methodist Church of Mexico

Ministerial—Rolando Zapata O, Milton C. Davis.

Provisional Annual Conferences

Under the provisions of Par. 613, 1948 Discipline, the following Provisional Annual Conference sent a representative.

Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference

Ministerial—Ragnar Alm.

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Quorum Present

The Secretary of the last General Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis), properly certifying to the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, that a quorum of the Delegates of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church were present, Bishop Corson stated that "this session of the General Conference is therefore competent to transact business," and called for the Report of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.

Plan of Organization and Rules of Order Presented by J. Edgar Skillington—Tentatively Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, presented the Report of the Committee found on pages 163 through 187 inclusive in the Handbook for Delegates, and moved that they be tentatively adopted until they could be permanently adopted, and that the consideration of the same be made a Special Order of the Day for Thursday morning, April 24th, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Journal; and further, that no proposed amendments to the Report shall be considered except such as shall have been submitted to the Secretary of the General Conference before 2:30 P.M., this afternoon for presentation to and consideration of the Commission on Rules. The motion was duly seconded.

Proposed Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) presented the following Resolution (DB-1):

"WHEREAS, it is desirable as a matter of democracy and brotherly practice that the Lay Members of this Conference share equally with the Ministerial Members in the Chairmanship of the Legislative Committees,

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we request the members of the odd-numbered Legislative Committees that they elect Laymen to the Chairmanship of those Committees."

(Signed) CHESTER A. SMITH

Amendment Seconded—Wilmer Fell Davis ()*

Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula) seconded the amendment.

Chester A. Smith () Speaks for Resolution*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the Resolution.

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John D. Heer Against Resolution

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) spoke against the Resolution.

Wilmer Fell Davis () for Resolution*

Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula) spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Amendment Not Adopted

On being put to a vote the Resolution to amend was not adopted.

Report of Commission Tentatively Adopted, and Made Special Order of the Day

The Report of the Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order was tentatively adopted by the vote of the General Conference, and its consideration set as an Order of the Day for Thursday morning, April 24, 1952, following the Report of the Committee on Journal.

Secretary Nominated—Ralph W. Sockman

Bishop Corson called for nominations for Secretary of the 1952 General Conference.

Ralph W. Sockman (New York) in well chosen words nominated Lud H. Estes (Memphis) to be Secretary of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church.

William S. Evans Seconds Nomination

William S. Evans (Memphis) seconded the nomination.

Chester A. Smith () (New York) Seconds Nomination*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) also seconded the nomination.

Nominations Closed—Walter L. Turner

Walter L. Turner (Central Alabama) moved that the nominations be closed. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Lud H. Estes Elected Secretary

Lud H. Estes (Memphis) was elected by acclamation as Secretary of the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Secretarial Staff

Lud H. Estes (Memphis) nominated the following for the Secretarial Staff and they were duly elected:

(*) Indicates Layman

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- First Assistant Secretary—Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina)
Second Assistant Secretary—Richard E. Carlyon (Nebraska)
Secretaries Journal—Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina); Richard E. Carlyon (Nebraska)
Secretary Calendar—Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia)
Secretary Committee Reports—J. Otis Young (Ohio)
Secretary Committee Books—Don A. Cooke (Florida-SE)
Secretary Discipline—Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia; Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona); Henry Atterling (Sweden)
Secretary Reference of Memorials—Stewart Clendenin (Texas-SC)
Secretary Ballots and Tellers—Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia)
Assistant Section A—Robert M. Williams (Washington)
Assistant Section B—Walter C. Ball (North Carolina-SE)
Assistant Section C—Bradshaw Mintener (*) (Minnesota)
Assistant Section D—Carl S. McFall (*) (West Oklahoma)
Secretary Standing Votes—D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore)
Assistant Section A—Henry Ford, Jr. (*) (Michigan)
Assistant Section B—Robert E. Rooks (*) (Memphis)
Assistant Section C—Dennis V. Snapp (*) (Kentucky)
Assistant Section D—Robert G. Morris (Lexington)
Secretary Telegrams and Greetings—Mrs. Conrad C. Long (*) (Ohio)
Secretary Documents—Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon)
Assistant—Glenn M. Frye (Michigan)
Secretary Organization Committees—Cicero B. Fielder (North Texas)
Secretary Roll Calls—Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona)
Assistant—William N. Ross (Liberia)
Secretary Printed Documents—Lewis S. Staples (Maine)
Secretary Credentials—Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey)
Secretary Reference to Council of Bishops—Willard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest)
Secretary Distribution Printed Matter—Ernest E. Wilson (California-Nevada)

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Secretary Committee Rooms—Norman L. Conard (California-Nevada)

Secretary Reserved Seats—J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona)

Secretary Cross Reference—John W. Haywood (East Tennessee)

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES

Meeting at 2:30 P.M.

12. Hospitals and Homes, Fred P. Corson, Bishop; Dennis V. Snapp (*), (Kentucky), Assistant Secretary
13. Interdenominational Relations and Activities, W. Earl Ledden, Bishop; Robert M. Williams (Washington), Assistant Secretary
14. Judicial Administration, Costen J. Harrell, Bishop; John W. Haywood (East Tennessee) Assistant Secretary
15. Ritual and Orders of Worship, Paul E. Martin, Bishop; Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia), Assistant Secretary
16. Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Glenn R. Phillips, Bishop; Luther W. Wells (*), (Virginia), Assistant Secretary

Meeting at 3:30 P.M.

1. Conferences, Arthur J. Moore, Bishop; Edward P. O'Rear (California-Arizona), Assistant Secretary
2. Education, J. Ralph Magee, Bishop; Don A. Cooke (Florida-SE), Assistant Secretary
3. Lay Activities, Marshall R. Reed, Bishop; Ernest W. Peterson (*), (Oregon), Assistant Secretary
4. Membership and Evangelism, William C. Martin, Bishop; J. Otis Young (Ohio), Assistant Secretary
5. Ministry, James C. Baker, Bishop; Lewis S. Staples (Maine), Assistant Secretary
6. Missions and Church Extension, Charles W. Flint, Bishop; Mrs. Conrad C. Long (*), (Ohio) Assistant Secretary
7. Pensions, Clare Purcell, Bishop; Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia), Assistant Secretary
8. Publishing Interests, G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop; Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Assistant Secretary
9. State of the Church, A. Frank Smith, Bishop; Willard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest), Assistant Secretary
10. Temperance and Prohibition, Alexander P. Shaw, Bishop; Robert G. Morris (Lexington), Assistant Secretary

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11. Temporal Economy, Ivan Lee Holt, Bishop; Dennis V. Snapp (*), (Kentucky), Assistant Secretary

No. 1. Entertainment—F. B. Newell

Quadrennial Reports Made Official—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) moved that the printed volume of "Quadrennial Reports of the Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church to the General Conference 1952" be made the Official Publication of said Reports for their presentation to and consideration of the various Standing Committees of the General Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion Amended—D. Stewart Patterson ()—Accepted*

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore), Executive Secretary of The Methodist Commission on Chaplains, stated that the transcript of the Report of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains for the Book of Quadrennial Reports was lost in the mails, and that the replacement had not been received in time for its inclusion in the printed book of Reports; that the Publishing Agents had published it for distribution to the Delegates and requested that it be included in the Official Quadrennial Reports.

Amendment Accepted—

There being no objection raised by any member of the Commission on Entertainment, or by any member of the General Conference, the Report of The Methodist Commission on Chaplains was received and ordered to be included in the Book of Official Quadrennial Reports.

Microphones—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the Commission on General Conference Entertainment, made an important announcement relating to the use of the microphones in expediting the business of the Conference.

Order of the Day, Advance for Christ—F. B. Newell

Motion of Frederick B. Newell (New York East), duly seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day for Thursday morning, April 24, 1952, immediately following the adoption of the Report of the Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, the presentation and consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Advance for Christ and His Church during the past quadrennium.

Order of the Day, Support of Theological Schools—F. B. Newell

Motion of Frederick B. Newell (New York East), duly

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seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day for Thursday, April 24, immediately following Recess at the morning session, the presentation and consideration of the Report of the Committee to Study the Support of Methodist Theological Schools.

Time Extended—J. E. Skillington

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed, extending the time of this session to take care of all matters germane thereto.

No. 2 Report Commission on Entertainment, Presented, Adopted—F. B. Newell

The Report of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment of the 1952 General Conference (DCA-21, Col. 1-2-3), was presented by Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, who explained it in detail and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Proposed Amendment—Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) moved to amend Section 13 (DCA-21-Col. 3) relating to the *per diem* by having the *per diem* to cover one day in advance where necessary for those Delegates who had to arrive prior to the beginning of the Conference this morning. The motion was duly seconded.

Proposed Amendment Withdrawn

After discussion and explanation by Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the Commission, and Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund, with the consent of the seconder, Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) withdrew his proposed amendment.

The Report of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment was then adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1055.

Travel Expense Blanks—T. B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund, by common consent was granted permission to pass out to the Chairman of the various Annual Conference Delegations "Travel Expense Blanks," to be filled in by each Delegate in the Delegation, same to be returned to the office of the Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund by the Chairman of the Delegation. After an explanatory statement by Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund, the envelopes containing the blanks were distributed.

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Order of the Day—Our Ecumenical Relations, C. C. Parlin

Motion of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), duly seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day for Tuesday morning, April 29, 1952, immediately following Reports from Administrative Committees, one hour for the presentation of our Ecumenical Relations, with fifteen (15) minutes each allotted to the World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, World Methodist Council, and the Methodist Commission on Church Union.

Order of the Day—Report Survey Commission, H. C. Case—Adopted

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) moved that presentation and consideration of the Report of the Survey Commission be made the Order of the Day for Friday morning, April 25, following the Report of the Committee on the Journal, and that sufficient time be allowed for the presentation and discussion of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

H. Bascom Watts Asks Question

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) asked for an explanation of "sufficient time be allowed."

J. Edgar Skillington Against Motion

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the question of the allocation of "sufficient time."

Time Section Withdrawn—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) withdrew that part of his motion relating to "sufficient time," with the consent of the seconder of the motion. The motion to set as the Order of the Day the presentation and consideration of the Report of the Survey Commission, on Friday morning, April 25, following the Report of the Committee on Journal, was adopted.

Nomination of Council of Bishops—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops for the Administrative Committees (DCA-19; Col. 1-2-3) and certain Legislative Committees (DCA-20; Col. 1-2), and, on motion of Richard E. Carlyon, duly seconded, they were confirmed, by the vote of the General Conference as follows:

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Administrative Committees*Presiding Officers*

Adams, Charles V. (*), (Central Pennsylvania)
Cannon, William R. (North Georgia)
Chubb, James S. (Nebraska)
Coors, D. Stanley (Michigan)
Daniel, Vattel E. (*), (Central Alabama)
Dannelly, Clarence M. (*), (Alabama)
Fallon, George A. (New England)
Fletcher, Abbott L. (*), (Minnesota)
Merlin, J. Bengt (*), (Sweden)
Moore, Leon S. (Delaware)
Nichols, Ray H. (*), (Northwest Texas)
Spencer, Robert E. (*), (Colorado)
Stuart, R. Marvin (*), (California-Nevada)
Sundaram, Gabriel (Hyderabad)

Correlation and Editorial Revision

Leiffer, Murray H. (Southern California-Arizona)
Loucks, Charles O. (*), (Rock River)
Marsh, Daniel L. (New England)

Courtesies and Privileges

Balaram, Prabhaker C. B. (Delhi)
Blackard, Embree H. (Western North Carolina)
Clark, Edward L. (*), (Oregon)
Cullins, John S. (*), (Southwest)
Davis, Lee (*), (Tennessee-SE)
Ellis, Matt L. (*), (North Arkansas)
Jackson, John H. (Savannah)
Johnson, Leslie W. (*), (West Wisconsin)
Heinsohn, Edmund (Southwest Texas)
Holmes, Harry N. (*), (New York East)
Kheng, Geh Hun (*), (Malaysia Chinese)
Ragsdale, Ray W. (Southern California-Arizona)
Olson, Oscar Thomas (North-East Ohio)
Smith, Alexander K. (Philadelphia)

Credentials

Bradway, Henry L. (New Jersey)
Brower, J. Emmons (North Carolina-C)
Clement, W. Carl (New Mexico)
Collins, Elmer E. (*), (Montana)
Evans, William S. (Memphis)
Sigg, Ferdinand (Switzerland)
Young, J. Otis (Ohio)

Fraternal Delegates

Grummon, A. Ray (Illinois)
Gum, Walter C. (Virginia)
Metcalfe, Harold S. (*), (Pittsburgh)
Mosby, Robert S. (West Texas)
Murphree, Marshall J. (Rhodesia)
Potthoff, Harvey H. (Colorado)
Tucker, Frank C. (Saint Louis)

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General Conference Entertainment

Brooks, Robert B. (*), (Saint Louis-SC)
 Crump, Mrs. Jennie R. (*), (Mississippi-C)
 Elijah, Earl (*), (North Iowa-NC)
 Hole, J. Wesley (*), (Southern California-Arizona-W)
 Kenney, John R. (California-Nevada-W)
 Moore, Aubrey S. (Rock River-NC)
 Morris, Robert G. (Lexington-C)
 Newell, Frederick B. (New York East-NE)
 Noble, Fred B. (*), (Florida-SE)
 Robinson, William L. (North Mississippi-SE)
 Selby, Howard W. (*), (New England-NE)
 Watts, H. Bascom (East Oklahoma-SC)

Journal

Becker, William H. (*), (Central Kansas)
 Clary, George E., Sr. (South Georgia)
 Law, Clyde O. (*), (West Virginia)
 Lier, Alf (Norway)
 Roudebush, Roy R. (*), (North Indiana)
 Stanton, Willard E. (Pacific Northwest)
 Webb, James R. (*), (Delaware)

Reference

Clendenin, Stewart (Texas)
 Davis, Ernest E. (Genesee)
 Holler, J. Carlisle (*), (South Carolina)
 Johnson, Hubert (*), (Central Texas)
 Lundy, Clyde E. (Holston)
 Lindstrom, Harald (*), (Sweden)
 McKay, Leo H. (*), (Erie)
 Pettygrove, G. Clifford (*), (California-Nevada)
 Rodgers, Mrs. Mary (*), (Upper Mississippi)
 Roush, Lester L. (Ohio)
 Shearer, Paul V. (*), (Iowa-Des Moines)
 Thomas, J. Wesley (Atlanta)
 Thonger, William G. (Belgium)
 Walker, Daniel D. (Oregon)

Plan of Organization and Rules of Order

Harris, M. LaFayette (Lexington)
 Lambdin, Henry L. (Newark)
 Moorehead, Conner (Little Rock)
 Pugh, A. Wesley (North Indiana)
 Swales, Harold S. (Central New York)
 Young, Joe M. (*), (Southern California-Arizona)
Ex Officio, Secretary General Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis)

Sifting

Baker, Rufus (Colorado)
 Barrett, Commodore A. (*), (North Carolina-C)
 Baker, W. Harrison (North Texas)
 Faber, Fran H. (*), (Minnesota)
 Holloway, Fred G. (Baltimore)
 Mathews, James K. (Bombay)
 Rooks, Robert E. (*), (Memphis)

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Tellers, Group 1

Bell, Mrs. Mattie R. (*), (West Texas)
Cliffe, Albert W. (*), (Philadelphia)
Davis, Byron A. (Dakota)
Fritz, Clifford M. (Wisconsin)
Ginns, C. Homer (New England Southern)
Hammond, Robert L. (*), (New England Southern)
Haywood, John W. (East Tennessee)
Henwood, Roy T. (Wyoming)
Hileman, W. Ralph (*), (Detroit)
Hodges, Virgil W. (*), (Atlanta)
Hurley, Hubert G. (Southern Illinois)
Johns, Halley P. (*) (Delaware)
Kibler, Russell M. (*), (Indiana)
Kinkle, Mrs. E. E. (*), (Wisconsin)
Loeppert, Henry V. (*), (Rock River)
Luster, Cosum M. (Texas-C)
Mawha, Mrs. James K. (*), (Newark)
McClung, Rosseau S. (West Virginia)
Patterson, John R. (*), (Louisiana-C)
Peterson, Howard W. (North-East Ohio)
Rentz, Mrs. Alice (*), (Erie)
Richmond, Charles N. (Central West)
Sweeney, Samuel H. (New York)
Thayer, Mrs. Veda (*), (Central New York)
Turner, Walter L. (Central Alabama)
Tyer, George T. (South Florida)
Voigt, Mrs. Edwin E. (*), (Iowa-Des Moines)
Warren, John W. (Northern New York)
Wittstruck, Clayton B. (North Iowa)
Wyatt, Bige (*), (Central West)

Reserves, Group 1

Ahn, George B. (*), (Central New York)
Bradway, Henry L. (New Jersey)
Cooper, Claude W. (Iowa-Des Moines)
Cowen, Ray H. (New Hampshire)
Dunn, Ralph M. (*), (Northwest Indiana)
Frye, Glenn M. (Michigan)
Greelis, David E. (*), (Troy)
Grisham, Dubro M. (Tennessee-C)
Grow, Russell H. (*), (Southern Illinois)
Heer, Amos L. (*), (North-East Ohio)
Hollister, John W. (West Virginia)
Hummer, Harry R. (*), (Pittsburgh)
La Rue, Charles H. (North-East Ohio)
McKenzie, Mrs. Mary J. Todd (*), (Florida-C)
Moore, Noah W., Jr. (Delaware)
Ottinger, Albert D. (*), (North Dakota)
Potter, Truman W. (Minnesota)
Reppert, Charles A. (Genesee)
Robinson, Orris G. (Baltimore)
Sayer, Mrs. Edmund A. (*), (New England Southern)
Sheffield, Ralph E. (*), (North Iowa)
Tyler, Mrs. Fannie J. (*), (Washington)
Webb, Paul (*), (Central Pennsylvania)
White, Paul G. (West Wisconsin)

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Tellers, Group 2

Bailey, Leslie B. (Idaho)
Barclift, Chancie D. (North Carolina-SE)
Batten, Mrs. Fay W. (*), (California-Nevada)
Brammer, Shelby R. (*), (Holston)
Brown, G. Alfred (Central Texas)
Bunch, Mrs. Jesse W. (*), (Oregon)
Clegg, Leland (West Oklahoma)
Cobb, Moulton (*), (Southwest Texas)
Cooke, Don A. (Florida-SE)
Erwin, Paul R. (*), (Western North Carolina)
Folsom, Jack V. (*), (North Texas)
Frank, Eugene M. (Kansas)
Henley, James W. (Tennessee-SE)
Kleen, Ralph (Oregon)
Laskey, Mrs. Glenn E. (*), (Louisiana-SC)
Moore, Leland (South Georgia)
Morris, Virgil D. (Louisiana-SC)
Neely, Mrs. Virgil (*), (West Oklahoma)
Nelson, Hugh M. (*), (Idaho)
Newton, L. L. (*), (Wyoming State)
Nowlen, Charles A. (Wyoming State)
O'Rear, Edward P. (Southern California-Arizona)
Perryman, Mrs. Willis L. (*), (Southwest Missouri)
Pierce, Millard F. (*), (North Mississippi)
Powell, Bradford V. (Missouri)
Prewitt, Thomas O. (Mississippi-SE)
Scott, Mrs. Earle K. (*), (Southern California-Arizona)
Snapp, Dennis V. (*), (Kentucky)
Warren, Charles L. (California-Nevada)
Wells, Luther W. (*), (Virginia)

Reserves, Group 2

Carolyn, Richard E. (Nebraska)
Cates, Paul (*), (Northwest Texas)
Chadwick, William C. (*), (North Carolina-SE)
Current, John T. (*), (Lexington)
Curry, John W. (South Carolina-C)
Eady, Virgil Y. C. (*), (North Georgia)
Fletcher, William E. (*), (Washington)
Franklin, Hollis C. (*), (Louisville)
Fuster, Angel E. (Cuba)
Goodloe, W. Henry (North Arkansas)
Graham, John H. (Upper Mississippi)
Gray, Robert A. (*), (Florida-SE)
Harris, Thomas S. (Alabama)
Horton, Mrs. W. E. (*), (Texas-SC)
James D. Trigg (Holston)
Johnson, Mrs. Pinkie D. (*), (Texas-C)
Keyser, L. L. (*), (Southwest Texas)
Mackey, Edward G. (North Georgia)
Medlock, Melvin K. (South Carolina-SE)
Nanez, Alfredo (Rio Grande)
Oliver, John H. (Southwest)
Rietz, T. Russell (*), (Kansas)
Roland, Ralph S. (Southwest Missouri)
Shelton, Roland M. (*), (Little Rock)
Stafford, James P. (*), (Mississippi-SE)
Turner, Orbin (New Mexico)

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Legislative Committees*Enabling Acts and Legal Forms*

Carter, A. M. (*), (Savannah)
Curl, R. Floyd (Southwest Texas)
Dennis, James B. (*), (Liberia)
Farr, James F. (*), (New England)
Gilmore, Clifton B. (*), (Alabama)
Havighurst, Lawrence D. (North Iowa)
Wilkins, John R. (California-Nevada)

Hospitals and Homes

Andrew, Mrs. Wray (*), (Southern California-Arizona)
Beadles, Owen J. (Pacific Northwest)
Blue, Robert D. (*), (North Iowa)
Brown, C. Maxwell (North Dakota)
Clark, B. Clyde (*), (West Oklahoma)
Dodgen, Ethan W. (North Arkansas)
Batten, Mrs. Fay W. (*), (California-Nevada)
Extrom, George P. (*), (West Wisconsin)
Gordon, Mrs. Robert K. (*), (South Carolina-C)
Hunt, Brunner M. (Mississippi-SE)
Kofod, Johnannes (Denmark)
Landreth, Elmer D. (Northwest Texas)
Lay, Robert P. (*), (Louisiana-SC)
Linger, Ross (West Virginia)
Magee, J. Homer (Montana)
Meech, B. Abbott (*), (Central New York)
Moore, Leon S. (Delaware)
Nabong, Juan (*), (Philippines)
Oliver, John H. (Southwest)
Prentzel, Frank, Jr. (Philadelphia)
Rodgers, Mrs. Mary (*), (Upper Mississippi)
Slaughter, Nathaniel G. (*), (North Georgia)
Temple, Claude M. (Illinois)
Tink, Edmund L. (*), (Newark)
Wood, George S. (Louisville)
Woosley, Oscar V. (*), (Western North Carolina)

Interdenominational Relations and Activities

Barnard, Niles H. (*), (Nebraska)
Barrett, James W. (*), (Colorado)
Brown, Samuel L. (*), (West Texas)
Chitwood, J. Henry (North Alabama)
Greathouse, Frank (*), (New Mexico)
Henderson, Zach S. (*), (South Georgia)
Hoy, Russell H. (North-East Ohio)
Gattinoni, Carlos T. (River Plate)
Kleen, Ralph (Oregon)
Lochridge, Frank E. (Dakota)
McKibben, George B. (*), (Rock River)
Patterson, D. Stewart (*), (Baltimore)
Ploughe, Joseph S. (Central Kansas)
Powell, Howard P. (North Carolina-SE)
Roose, Mrs. Homer (*), (North Indiana)
Sander, William E. (*), (Pacific Northwest)
Seabrook, John J. (South Carolina-C)
Schubel, Bernell L. (Saint Louis)
Shearer, Karl H. (*), (Erie)

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Singh, Ashok B. (*), (Bengal)
 Tillman, Mrs. J. Fount (*), (Tennessee-SE)
 Warren, Charles L. (California-Nevada)
 Webb, James R., Sr. (Delaware)
 Welliver, Lester A. (Central Pennsylvania)
 Worley, Loyd F. (New York East)
 Young, Frederick D. (West Texas)

Judicial Administration

Albertson, Cyrus E. (Pacific Northwest)
 Amstutz, Hobart B. (Malaya)
 Atkinson, George H. (*), (California-Nevada)
 Barrett, Commodore A. (*), (North Carolina-C)
 Branscomb, John W. (Florida-SE)
 Bransford, Wesley H. (North Indiana)
 Clay, Thomas B. (*), (Genesee)
 de la Vina, Juan, Jr. (*), (Rio Grande)
 Dubra, Charles H. (Mississippi-C)
 Duncan, Herman F. (Western North Carolina)
 Godfrey, Edwin S. (*), (Wisconsin)
 Heflin, Howell Thomas (*), (North Alabama)
 McKenzie, Mrs. Mary J. Todd (*), (Florida-C)
 Morris, Robert G. (Lexington)
 O'Rear, Edward P. (Southern California-Arizona)
 Price, Harry A. (Pittsburgh)
 Russell, Virgel W. (West Oklahoma)
 Scheuermann, Walter M. (Iowa-Des Moines)
 Slutz, Leonard D. (*), (Ohio)
 Stanley, Osso W. (*), (Louisville)
 Steed, George V. (*), (Southern California-Arizona)
 Stehl, Heinrich (*), (Northwest Germany)
 Thompson, Pat (*), (Texas-SC)
 Tower, Joe Z. (Texas-SC)
 Wentworth, Chauncie D. (Maine)
 Woodward, Charles W. (*), (Baltimore)

Ritual and Orders of Worship

Benway, Neil P. (*), (Troy)
 Crump, Mrs. Jennie R. (*), (Mississippi-C)
 Edwards, K. Morgan (Southern California-Arizona)
 Ferguson, Clarence F. (South Carolina-C)
 Finger, Homes Ellis, Jr. (North Mississippi)
 Grant, A. Raymond (California-Nevada)
 Greene, Walter K. (*), (South Carolina-SE)
 Harris, M. LaFayette (Lexington)
 Hicks, Guy M. (Louisiana-SC)
 Holland, Mrs. Fetta (*), (East Tennessee)
 Jenkins, Farrell D. (Southern Illinois)
 Long, Mrs. Conrad C. (*), (Ohio)
 Martin, Mrs. John E. (*), (Detroit)
 Masih, Hector G. (*), (Indus River)
 McFall, Merrill B. (Indiana)
 McGill, Mrs. Kenneth L. (*), (Central Kansas)
 Perryman, Mrs. Willis L. (*), (Southwest Missouri)
 Rogers, J. Milton (Baltimore)
 Rumble, Lester (North Georgia)
 Schaff, Lester (Central New York)
 Scholz, Ernst (Northeast Germany)
 Shriver, Donald W. (*), (Virginia)

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Smith, Herbert J. (New Jersey)
Stephenson, S. Town (*), (Pacific Northwest)
Vessey, Bernard (*), (Colorado)
Woodward, Ralph Lee (Missouri)

Correlation and Editorial Revision—L. L. Roush

Motion of Lester L. Roush (Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed, that the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision be granted the privilege of being seated on the platform, in order that they might more efficiently discharge their responsibilities.

Welcome—Bishop Tippet

Bishop Donald H. Tippet was recognized, and, in well chosen words, in a brief manner, warmly welcomed the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church to the hospitable city of San Francisco, California.

Rules Suspended—For Evening Session by Common Consent

Bishop Donald H. Tippet called attention to the fact that unavoidable circumstances had arisen that made it imperative that the Conference convene at 7:30 P.M., tonight instead of 8 P.M. as set forth in the Plan of Organization. By common consent, the Rules were unanimously suspended, and the time of the evening session advanced to 7:30 P.M. Committees that were scheduled to hold their first meeting tonight at 7:30 P.M., will hold their first meeting tomorrow night at the scheduled time.

Rules Not Suspended—J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) called attention to the late hour of the adjournment of this session, and, the time of meeting of the Committees for organization this afternoon at 2:30 P.M. and 3:30 P.M., and moved a suspension of the Rules to change the time of the meeting of said Committees to 3 P.M. and 4 P.M. The motion was duly seconded, but did not prevail by the necessary two-thirds vote of the General Conference.

Presiding Officer—Evening Session—Motion Adopted

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, stated that the Council of Bishops, in accordance with the long custom of the Church that the Resident Bishop of the Area in which the General Conference meets always presides at the session in which the Episcopal Address is read, had sent a request to the Committee on Presiding Officers to assign Bishop Donald H. Tippet

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to preside at the evening session, and that the Committee apparently had not been able to meet in time to bring in its recommendation, and that therefore the matter was in the hands of the Conference to take such action as it saw fit.

Motion by Robert G. Mayfield ()—Adopted*

Motion of Robert G. Mayfield (*), (Southwest Missouri), duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference, designating Bishop Donald H. Tippet as the Presiding Officer for the evening session.

Benediction—Bishop Mondol

After various announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Shot K. Mondol of the Hyderabad Area, Southern Asia Central Conference.

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Opening—Bishop Tippet

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, in the evening session of the First Day, Wednesday, April 23, 1952, at 7:30 P.M., with Bishop Donald H. Tippet, of the San Francisco Area, Western Jurisdiction, presiding.

Bishop Tippet announced, and the Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 12, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee."

Prayer—Bishop Glenn R. Phillips

The Conference was then led in prayer by Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of the Denver Area, Western Jurisdiction.

**Kansas Wesleyan Philharmonic Choir—George C. Brown
(*), Director**

The Kansas Wesleyan Philharmonic Choir, under the direction of George C. Brown (*), rendered "The Alleluia," by Randall Thompson.

Welcome, Governor Earl Warren

Bishop Donald H. Tippet Introduces Governor Earl Warren

In well chosen words, Bishop Donald H. Tippet presented and introduced Governor Earl Warren of the Commonwealth of California to bring words of welcome to the General Conference. The Conference rose and applauded.

Governor Earl Warren, in the true spirit of all Cali-

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fornians, warmly welcomed the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church to the metropolitan city of San Francisco, California. The Conference stood in applause.

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson Responds

Bishop Donald H. Tippet presented Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, who in well chosen words made a most appropriate response to the words of welcome of Governor Earl Warren.

No. 1 Presiding Officer—Bishop Arthur J. Moore—George A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented their Report (DB-4) designating Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of the Atlanta Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, to preside at the morning session of Thursday, April 24, 1952. For Report see page 1086.

Communication From Mayor Robinson (*)

The Secretary of the General Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis), read the following communication (DB-5) :

Office of the Mayor
San Francisco

ELMER E. ROBINSON

**TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH ASSEMBLING IN SAN FRANCISCO**

To you and to the millions whom you represent, it is with great pleasure that I extend San Francisco's cordial greetings and heartfelt welcome.

San Francisco is sensitive to the honor which this Conference confers on San Francisco, for we thoroughly realize that this is the first such session held on the West Coast.

You are met in a city dedicated to friendship among men and to the pursuit of the highest ideals. It is here that the United Nations met to give expression to the conscience of the world in international affairs. It is here that the nations of the world assembled to bring peace to the vast areas of the Pacific.

We are deeply grateful to you for having selected San Francisco as the site of this Conference, and our earnest best wishes and prayers are for the complete realization of your purposes during this meeting. It is heartening to know that the interesting and dramatic Circuit Riders are spreading the news throughout this area.

May you enjoy every moment of your stay in San Francisco.

Again, a most heartfelt welcome.

(Signed) ELMER E. ROBINSON, *Mayor*

(Great Seal)

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Second Hymn—Bishop Tippet

Bishop Donald H. Tippet announced, and the Conference, standing, joined in singing Hymn No. 2, "Come, Thou Almighty King."

Episcopal Address—Bishop Kern

Bishop Donald H. Tippet stated that it is traditional and customary in The Methodist Church for the Council of Bishops to select one of their number to prepare and present the Episcopal Address. The Address is prepared, presented to the Council of Bishops, discussed and amended by them, and finally presented to the Delegates composing the General Conference; that Bishop Paul B. Kern of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, had been selected to prepare this great Church document, and that he would now present it to the General Conference. The Conference applauded.

Bishop Kern Reads Episcopal Address

Bishop Paul B. Kern then read the Episcopal Address prepared for the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church. At the conclusion of the reading the Conference stood in prolonged applause. For the Episcopal Address see page 150.

Bishop Tippet—Closing Remarks re Gavel Used

Bishop Donald H. Tippet requested the Conference to stand for the benediction, and stated that the gavel being used tonight was used by Bishop Asbury at the first Conference in Kentucky, on May 13, 1790, and had since been used by forty-five (45) Bishops in General and Annual Conference sessions.

Benediction—Bishop Kelly

The Conference adjourned at 10:55 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Edward W. Kelly of the St. Louis Area, Central Jurisdiction.

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Opening—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the morning session of the Second Day, Thursday, April 24, 1952, at 8:30 A.M., in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Cali-

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fornia, with Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of the Atlanta Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, presiding.

Devotions—Bishop John Wesley Lord

Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Boston Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, conducted the Devotional Service.

The Call To Worship—Bishop Lord

"O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 117.

Bishop Lord announced, and the Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 1, "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty."

Apostles' Creed—Scripture—Prayer

Bishop Lord led the Conference in the recital of the Apostles' Creed. He then read the Scripture from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 and led in prayer.

Hymn 387

The Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 387, "Break Thou The Bread of Life."

The Devotional Address

Bishop Lord brought a timely message on "A Diagnosis Of Our Spiritual State, And Its Remedy."

Closing Hymn and Benediction—Bishop Lord

The Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 378, "Walk In The Light!" and Bishop Lord pronounced the benediction.

No. 1. Journal—Clyde O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*), (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented the Report (DB-6) and it was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal of the opening session, Wednesday morning, and has found it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW, *Chairman*

Judicial Council Announcement—Charles B. Ketcham

Charles B. Ketcham, Secretary of the Judicial Council, was recognized, and stated that The Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas was requested a Declaratory Decision from the Judicial Council on the matter of "A

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Retirement Age for Bishops in Central Conferences," and that all parties interested would meet at 2:30 P.M. today in the room assigned to the Judicial Council.

Nominations Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, was recognized and stated that there was a vacancy on the Committee on Fraternal Delegates caused by the illness of one of the members, and that the Council of Bishops were nominating Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), to fill the vacancy, and suggested that Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), call the Committee for organization at the earliest moment; also that the nominating of Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates had caused a vacancy on the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, to which he had originally been nominated and elected, and that to fill this vacancy on the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, the Council of Bishops were nominating Welsh Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh).

Motion to Elect—Edgar H. Nease—Adopted

Motion of Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina), duly seconded, prevailed, that the changes be made and the nominations confirmed by the General Conference.

Order of the Day—Report Plan of Organization Presented; Amended; Adopted—J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, elected by the 1948 General Conference to prepare A Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for the 1952 General Conference, was recognized and presented the Report of the Commission, as printed in the Handbook for Delegates, pages 162 to 187 inclusive, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment No. 1—Delete Rule 21 And Add to Rule 26—J. Edgar Skillington—Not Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), at the suggestion of several of the Bishops, moved to amend the Report by deleting Rule 21, subject, "Tabling Related Motions," page 180. Handbook for Delegates, and to add to Rule 26, subject, "Exceptions to Majority Vote," Section (3) the words "to lay on the table." (DB-7.) The motion was duly seconded.

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Amendment No. 1—Not Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the amendment, explaining the intent of it.

The vote was taken, and the Chair being in doubt as to the results, called for a second show of hands. On the second vote the amendment was declared not adopted.

Amendment No. 2—Add words "Without Vote" to Par. (6), Page 167—J. Edgar Skillington—Adopted

J. E. Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), for the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, presented Amendment No. 2 (DB-8), to insert the words "Without vote," following the words "ex officio," found in line 8 of Par. (6), page 167 Handbook for Delegates. The motion was duly seconded by H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma).

H. Bascom Watts For Amendment

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) spoke for the amendment, explaining why the General Commission on Entertainment desired to have it inserted.

Amendment No. 2 Adopted

On being put to a vote Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

Amendment No. 3—Proposals to Change The Discipline—A. Wesley Pugh—Not Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) presented Amendment No. 3 (DB-9), to add a new Paragraph at the proper place providing a new Rule subject, "Proposals to Change the Discipline," as follows:

"All motions and Resolutions which propose changes of the *Discipline* shall be referred for consideration and report by an appropriate Committee or Commission before being considered for action by the General Conference, provided, however, that this Rule shall not operate to prevent the presentation of an amendment which is germane to any such Report of a Committee or Commission."

A. Wesley Pugh Speaks For Amendment

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) spoke for its adoption.

John D. Heer Against Amendment

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) spoke against the amendment.

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A. Wesley Pugh Replies

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) replied to the argument of John D. Heer (Philadelphia).

Raoul C. Calkins Against Amendment

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke against the amendment.

A. Wesley Pugh Replies

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) answered the argument of Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines).

J. Edgar Skillington Speaks Against Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, spoke against Amendment No. 3.

Amendment No. 3—Not Adopted

The vote being taken, Amendment No. 3 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 4—General Conference Committee on Nominations—LeRoy H. Klaus—Not Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) presented Amendment No. 4 for LeRoy H. Klaus (Minnesota) (DB-10) as follows:

"There shall be a General Conference Committee on Nominations made up of seven Bishops, one of whom shall be from Overseas, elected by the Council of Bishops; and three Ministers and three Lay persons from each Jurisdiction, and three Ministers and three Lay persons from Overseas, elected by ballot by the General Conference Delegates of each Jurisdiction and the Overseas group concerned."

(Signed) LEROY H. KLAUS

LeRoy H. Klaus Speaks For Amendment

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, LeRoy H. Klaus (Minnesota) spoke in favor of Amendment No. 4.

J. Edgar Skillington Speaks Against Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, spoke against Amendment No. 4.

Amendment No. 4—Not Adopted

The vote being taken Amendment No. 4 did not prevail.

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Amendment No. 5—Withdraw Section (b) Parliamentary Assistant—J. Edgar Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, requested unanimous consent to withdraw Section (b) of Paragraph 2 at the top of page 165 Handbook for Delegates, and which reads as follows:

"(b) Upon nomination of the Council of Bishops, one additional Assistant Secretary whose particular responsibility shall be to give attention to parliamentary procedure in the process of Conference business, and render such assistance and guidance to the Presiding Bishop, as the latter may desire."

Amendment No. 5—Withdrawn

Unanimous consent was granted and the section was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 6—Call Of The Conferences—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order) stated that Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), had a series of Amendments to offer, and that the time of the Conference would be saved if Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), would present them himself, instead of through the Commission.

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) moved to amend Section B at the top of page 164 Handbook For Delegates by adding (DB-11) by adding B-1 to read as follows:

"There shall be on the third day of the Conference a call of Conferences, under which any Delegate may present any matter to the Conference after which, unless the question of consideration be raised and sustained, he may address the Conference in support thereof."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) spoke to the pending amendment.

J. Edgar Skillington Opposed Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, in behalf of the Commission, spoke against Amendment No. 6.

Amendment No. 6 Not Adopted

The vote being taken, Amendment No. 6 did not prevail.

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*Amendment No. 7—Correlation And Editorial Revision—
Chester A. Smith (*)—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) moved to amend Par. (2) page 165 Handbook For Delegates, subject "Correlation and Editorial Revision" (DB-12), by deleting the words "not members of the General Conference," found in line 4.

The motion to amend being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) spoke to the pending amendment.

J. Edgar Skillington Opposed Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, in behalf of the Commission, spoke against Amendment No. 7.

Amendment No. 7—Not Adopted

The vote being taken on Amendment No. 7, it was not adopted.

*Amendment No. 8—Substitute "And" For "Or"—Chester
A. Smith (*)—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) moved to amend section (a) of Par. (2) Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, by deleting the word "or" following the word "concerned," in line 3 of the section, and substituting therefore the word "and." (DB-13)

The motion to amend being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) spoke to the pending amendment.

J. Edgar Skillington Spoke Against The Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, spoke against Amendment No. 8.

Amendment No. 8—Not Adopted

The vote being taken, Amendment No. 8 was not adopted.

*Amendment No. 9—Sifting Committee—Chester A.
Smith (*)—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) moved to amend Par. 11, at the bottom of page 168 Handbook For Delegates (DB-14) by deleting the words in the second line "without motion or debate," and by adding after the word "Organization." in line 4, top of page 169 Handbook For Delegates, the words, "After their proponents shall have stated the same to the

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General Conference,” and starting the next sentence where the word “This” begins the sentence with a small “t.”

The motion to amend being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) spoke briefly to the proposed amendment.

J. Edgar Skillington Against Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, in behalf of the Commission, spoke against Amendment No. 9.

Amendment No. 9 Not Adopted

Amendment No. 9, on being put to a vote was not adopted.

Amendment No. 10—Sifting Committee—Substitute “three” for “twenty”—Not Adopted

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) moved to amend item (11) Sifting Committee, by substituting the word “three” for the word “twenty” found in line seventeen at the top of page 169 Handbook for Delegates. (DB-14)

The motion being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) spoke to the pending motion.

No Remarks—J. Edgar Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, stated that he had nothing further to say on this amendment.

Amendment No. 10 Not Adopted

The vote being taken, Amendment No. 10 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 11—Nominations From The Floor—Not Adopted

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) moved to amend Item 1, “3. Membership of Committees,” by adding at the end of the fourth line which reads “of the Council of Bishops.” the words, “and the General Conference.”

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) spoke to the pending amendment.

J. Edgar Skillington Against Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, spoke against the amendment.

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Amendment No. 11—Not Adopted

On being put to a vote, Amendment No. 11 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 12—Tie Vote Sustains Appellant—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) moved to amend Rule 3, "II. Presiding Officers," page 175 Handbook for Delegates, by substituting the word "**Appellant**" for the word "*Chair*" in line eleven. (DB-16)

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) spoke to the pending amendment.

J. Edgar Skillington Against Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, spoke against the amendment.

Amendment No. 12 Not Adopted

The question being put on the adoption of Amendment No. 12, it was not adopted.

Amendment No. 13—Non-Concurrent Reports—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) moved to amend Rule 28. Calendar, page 182 Handbook For Delegates, by deleting everything in the second paragraph beginning with the words "*kept upon a separate Calendar*" and continuing to the end of the sentence, and substituting therefore the words, "**reported in regular order with Reports recommending concurrence.**"

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) spoke to the pending motion.

Leon T. Moore Asks Question

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) asked for an explanation of the amendment being offered by Chester A. Smith (*), (New York).

J. Edgar Skillington Makes Statement

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, explained the intent of the proposed amendment.

Amendment No. 13 Not Adopted

The vote being taken, Amendment No. 13 was not adopted.

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Report As Amended Adopted

The Report of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, as amended, was then adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 133.

Order of the Day—Advance for Christ—Time Extended

The Order of the Day having arrived, presentation and consideration of the Report of the Committee having in charge "The Advance For Christ And His Church" during the past quadrennium, Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas Area, South Central Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Committee was recognized.

Bishop William C. Martin stated that the time given for the presentation and consideration of the Report would take the Conference slightly beyond the time of recess, and suggested an extension of the time to meet the situation.

Time Extended—Leon T. Moore

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed, extending the time to give at least forty-five minutes to its consideration.

General Outline—Bishop William C. Martin

Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas Area, South Central Jurisdiction, Chairman and General Director, briefly outlined the imperative world needs that resulted in the formulation of the Quadrennial Program known as "The Advance For Christ And His Church"; called attention to the printed Report found on pages 47-57 of the Quadrennial Reports; and stated that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop Costen J. Harrell and Dr. Harold E. Mohn would present the different emphases of the Advance.

The Teaching And Preaching Mission Of The Advance—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, graphically described the results of the "Teaching and Preaching Mission" of "The Advance For Christ And His Church."

Mission Specials and the Week of Dedication—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, succinctly gave the thrilling financial emphases of "The Advance For Christ And His Church."

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Achievements of The Advance for Christ and His Church
—E. Harold Mohn

E. Harold Mohn (North-East Ohio) Executive Director, in well chosen words depicted the tangible and intangible achievements of this Church-wide and world-wide Quadrennial Program of "The Advance For Christ And His Church."

Closing Remarks—Introductions—Bishop William C. Martin

Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas Area, South Central Jurisdiction, Chairman and General Director of "The Advance for Christ and His Church," appropriately made the closing remarks concerning the Report, and presented the following to the Conference:

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
Bishop Costen J. Harrell
G. Harold Mohn
O. Lloyd Simpson
Bishop Paul B. Kern
Bishop Fred P. Corson
Bishop Hazen G. Werner
Frederick B. Newell
Thomas B. Lugg
Members of the Committee present

Bishop William C. Martin requested all the following to stand:

The Bishops, Active and Retired
The District Superintendents
The Pastors
The Laymen
The Laywomen

The Conference stood in prolonged applause.

The Doxology—James R. Houghton ()*

Under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, the audience heartily and feelingly joined in singing:

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Message From Korea—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Presiding Bishop, recognized Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam for a matter of high privilege for the General Conference.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, and Secretary of the Council of Bishops, read the following communication which had been sent to Bishop Arthur J. Moore:

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"Sincere congratulations to the General Conference assembled in San Francisco. I recall with joy the great Conference of 1912 in Minneapolis when I was a Lay Delegate.

"We are deeply grateful for the contribution of Methodism to Korea, both before and since 1950.

"Christ's way will eventually triumph."

(Signed) PRESIDENT SIGMUND RHEA OF KOREA

Recess

The Conference recessed for ten minutes at this time.

Re-Convene—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of the Atlanta Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, called the Conference to order at the close of the recess period, and requested James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music to announce the pending program.

Philharmonic Choir, Kansas Wesleyan University—George C. Brown (*)—James R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, presented the Philharmonic Choir of Kansas Wesleyan University, and announced, that under the direction of Professor George C. Brown (*) they would sing:

"I Beheld Her Beautiful as a Dove," by Healey Willan

"Dark Waters," a Negro Spiritual by Will James

"Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One," by Healey Willan

Bishop Moore, in behalf of the General Conference, appropriately thanked Professor Brown (*) and the Choir.

Order of the Day—Support of Methodist Theological Schools—Horace G. Smith

The Order of the Day having arrived, the presentation and consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed by the 1948 General Conference on The Support of Methodist Theological Schools, Bishop Arthur J. Moore called upon Horace G. Smith (Rock River) to present the Report.

Statement of Horace G. Smith (Rock River)

Horace G. Smith (Rock River) made a statement and called upon Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area, North Central Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Committee, to present the Report.

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The Report—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area, North Central Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Committee on The Support of Methodist Theological Schools, presented the Report, and stated there was a typographical error in the first line of page 4, and requested that the figure "350" be changed to "219." Bishop Raines gave a brief, but succinct, resume of the Report. For Report see page 1641.

Question Raised by Leslie B. Bailey

Leslie B. Bailey (Idaho) asked if the Committee had been requested to look into the matter of establishing any further institutions for the training of our theological students.

The Answer—Bishop Raines; Horace G. Smith

Bishop Raines stated that the Committee did not feel that the General Conference had asked the Committee to consider this particular matter, and called upon Horace G. Smith (Rock River) for further information.

Horace G. Smith (Rock River) stated there was a Memorial coming to the General Conference requesting that a Committee be set up for the purpose of studying this particular matter during the forthcoming quadrennium, and to report to the next General Conference.

Motion to Receive Report—Fred G. Holloway—Adopted

On motion of Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore), duly seconded, the following Resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That we receive the Report with the understanding that its recommendations will be implemented in the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance and in the Report of the Committee on Education."

Episcopal Address—Resolution—Horace T. Freeman; T. Russell Reitz (*)

The following Resolution was presented by Horace T. Freeman for the members of the South Georgia Annual Conference Delegation, and seconded by T. Russell Reitz (*) for the members of the Kansas Annual Conference Delegation. (DB-19)

A RESOLUTION

The Episcopal Address was delivered last evening to a session of the General Conference, and a large assemblage of visitors. Frequent applause indicated the approval of the Delegates and visitors. Yet it seems fitting that the General Conference this morning should give permanent expression to its gratitude to God and its deep apprecia-

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tion to the Council of Bishops, and especially to Bishop Paul B. Kern, who delivered the Address, for this masterful message.

The Address reviewed the work of The Methodist Church in the past, commending it for its successes and pointing out the areas of our life in which the Church has come short. It emphasized the importance of the present moment and urged the Church to improve its opportunities. It was prophetic, in that it pointed the way The Methodist Church, and all mankind must travel, if the world shall ever realize that glorious estate which Jesus Christ our Lord described as the Kingdom of God.

This Address should have a wholesome influence upon the actions of this General Conference.

Having such leadership in our Chief Pastors, the Council of Bishops, as this Address reveals, we thank God, and take courage.

(Signed)

HORACE T. FREEMAN
LEONARD H. COCHRAN
LELAND MOORE
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR.
EUGENE D. WHISONANT (*)
ZACH S. HENDERSON (*)
WALTER A. BLASINGAME (*)
BENJAMIN I. THORNTON (*)
EUGENE M. FRANK
HERBERT B. COCKERILL
OSCAR E. ALLISON
T. RUSSELL REITZ (*)
HUBERT L. COLLINS (*)
MRS. LAUREN L. PLUMMER (*)

Report Commission to Study the Ministry—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Commission appointed by the last General Conference to Study The Ministry and report to this General Conference, was recognized and presented the Report of the Commission.

Motion to Receive and to Refer—W. Kenneth Pope

W. Kenneth Pope (Texas-SC) moved to receive the Report and refer it to the General Conference Standing Committee on Ministry. The motion was duly seconded. (DB-20)

J. Edgar Skillington Moves to Substitute by Amendment—Accepted by W. Kenneth Pope—Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved an amendment by substitution, that consideration of the Report be made the Order of the Day for Monday morning, April 28, 1952, immediately after the Report of the Committee on Journal. (DB-21) The amendment was accepted by W. Kenneth Pope (Texas-SC), with the consent of the seconder of his motion.

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Refer to Committee With Instructions—Chester A.

Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) moved that the Report, now in the process of being referred to the Committee on Ministry, be referred with instructions to strike out that portion under the heading of the "Minister's Personal Habits" on pages 13 and 14. (DB-22) The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—Clarence M. Dannelly ()—Not Sustained*

Clarence M. Dannelly (*), (Alabama) raised the Point of Order that the motion of Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) would throw us into immediate consideration of the Report. The Chair ruled that Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) had the right to make his motion.

Point of Order—J. Edgar Skillington—Sustained

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made the Point of Order that the original matter was not before the General Conference, but his amendment by substitution to make the consideration of the Report an Order of the Day.

The Chair ruled that there was a principal motion to refer; that there was an amendment by substitution that its consideration be made an Order of the Day.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) then spoke relative to the parliamentary situation.

Point of Order—H. Bascom Watts—Not Sustained

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) raised the Point of Order that Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) had made a motion after he had made a statement.

The Chair ruled that debate had not been shut off, because Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) had agreed to withdraw his pending motion, pending a decision as to whether the Report goes direct to the General Conference or to the Committee on Ministry.

Point of Order—A. Wesley Pugh—Sustained

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the Point of Order that according to Rule 23, before a motion to substitute may be considered, the original motion must be perfected, which in this case is the motion to refer. The Chair ruled the Point of Order well taken.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke in behalf of this position.

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Fred B. Noble () for Reference*

Fred B. Noble (*), (Florida-SE) spoke in favor of the reference of the Report.

Question Before the General Conference—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Bishop Arthur J. Moore stated that the amendment to the motion is to refer with instructions, and was before the General Conference for action.

Thomas C. Hall () Against Instructing*

Thomas C. Hall (*), (Pacific Northwest) spoke against the motion to refer with instructions.

Motion To Refer With Instructions Not Adopted

On being put to a vote the motion of Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) to refer with instructions, was not adopted.

Consideration of Report Made Order of the Day

The vote was taken on the amendment of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) to make the consideration of the Report the Order of the Day for Monday, April 28, 1952, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Journal.

On the first show of hands the vote was so close that the Chair was in doubt.

Count Vote Ordered—Taken—D. Stewart Patterson ()*

A count vote was called for by more than the one-third of those voting for the same.

A count vote was taken under the direction of D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore), Secretary of Standing Votes and resulted (DB-23), for the amendment 357; against the amendment 285, and the amendment prevailed.

Order of the Day—Report of the Commission on Study of the Ministry

The motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, was adopted setting as the Order of the Day immediately following the Report of the Committee on Journal on Monday morning, April 28, 1952, the consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Ministry.

Appreciation of J. Edgar Skillington—Roswell W. Lyon

The following Resolution was presented by Roswell W.

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Lyon (Wyoming) and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted by a rising vote.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. James Edgar Skillington has served as Vice-Chairman and spokesman for the Commission on the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order since 1940, which was the first session of the General Conference of the United Church, and

WHEREAS, the Church under his leadership has acquired a set of Rules which serve admirably to help us do business with speed, efficiency and greatest possible democracy, and

WHEREAS, this will be an inheritance serving the Church for many years to come, and, inasmuch as Dr. Skillington has come to the time of retirement,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this General Conference of The Methodist Church express its high regard and sincere gratitude for the services of Dr. James Edgar Skillington, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we pray God's richest blessing in many years of continued service to the Church, and joy in the fellowship of his friends and of his Christ.

(Signed) ROSWELL W. LYON

The Conference unanimously adopted the Resolution by standing, and prolonged applause.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made a most appropriate and feeling reply.

Legislation for Report of the Commission to Study the Ministry

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the Commission to Study The Ministry, called the attention of the General Conference that the legislation which goes with the Report had been prepared only for the members of the Committee on Ministry, and that if the Delegates should like to have it for information and guidance it ought to appear in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Motion to Print in the Daily Christian Advocate—Lester Rumble

Lester Rumble (North Georgia) moved that the Legislation for the Report of the Commission to Study The Ministry be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* on Monday or preferably Saturday. The motion was duly seconded.

Objection Raised to Printing—Oscar Thomas Olson

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) Chairman of the Committee on Ministry stated that he doubted that the legislation was in such form that it could be sent to printer at this time.

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Point of Order—James S. Chubb—Not Sustained

James S. Chubb (Nebraska) raised the Point of Order that legislation, customarily and traditionally in the General Conference, has been referred to Committees before it has been brought to the General Conference.

The Chair ruled that the matter had been determined here this morning.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke in support of the ruling of the Chair.

Motion to Reconsider Order of the Day—John D. Heer—Adopted

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) moved that we reconsider the action of the General Conference whereby consideration of the Report of the Commission to Study The Ministry had been set for Monday, April 28, 1952, following the Report of the Committee on Journal. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference.

Order of Day Postponed Indefinitely—J. Edgar Skillington

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed, postponing indefinitely the fixing of an Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of The Ministry.

Order of the Day—Committee to Study Field for Social Action—Dillon W. Throckmorton—Motion Adopted

Motion of Dillon W. Throckmorton (California-Nevada), duly seconded, prevailed, setting as an Order of the Day for Saturday, April 26, 1952, following the Report of the Committee on Journal, the consideration of the Report of the Committee to Study the Field of Social Action.

Report of Quadrennial Committee Presented—Bishop Costen J. Harrell—To Be Published—A. K. Smith—Motion Adopted

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, South-eastern Jurisdiction, presented the Report of the Quadrennial Committee, and, on motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), duly seconded, it was ordered to be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Friday, April 25, 1952.

Pension Legislation Referred—Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Russell E. Clay

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, South-eastern Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the Commission on Pension Legislation, presented the Report of the Commis-

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sion, pages 492-512 inclusive, Quadrennial Reports, and asked that the word "not" be stricken out of Paragraph 1637, page 503, as it had inadvertently been inserted by the printer.

On motion of Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded, the Report was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

No. 3. Commission on Entertainment—Reserved Seats—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, was recognized, and made an explanation and a request concerning the reserved seats.

Committee Room Changes

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, stated that it was necessary to re-assign some Committee rooms because of crowded conditions in some and too much space in others, and that the Committee on Conferences would meet in Room 409 instead of 201; the Survey Commission in Room 209; the Committee on Missions in Room 405 instead of Room 105; the Committee on Temporal Economy in Room 405 instead of Room 105; the Committee on Lay Activities in Room 404 instead of Room 104; the Committee on Membership and Evangelism in Room 104 instead of Room 404.

Accidents in Auditorium

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, requested all Delegates, and visitors, to be careful in going up and down the stairs, as there had been a minor accident this morning.

Evening Program

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, announced that the Program for the evening would start promptly at 8 P.M., and that there would be a choir of 500 voices on the platform.

Order of the Day—Recruitment for the Ministry—Oscar Thomas Olson

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) moved that on Saturday morning, April 26, 1952, following the considera-

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tion of the Report of the Committee to Study The Field Of Social Action, that the Report of the Committee on Ministerial Training be taken up, and that Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona) present the Report. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

**Order of the Day—Report World Service and Finance—
Thomas B. Lugg—Motion Adopted**

Motion of Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), duly seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day for Wednesday, April 30, 1952, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Journal, consideration of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

**No. 1. Courtesies and Privileges—World Outlook Awards—
Alexander K. Smith**

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, called attention to the fact that on Friday, April 18, 1952, the United Church Press of the United States and Canada, had made two awards of merit to the "World Outlook," and he was presenting them to Bishop Arthur J. Moore to be presented to the Editors of the "World Outlook," Miss Dorothy McConnell and Dr. Elmer T. Clark.

Awards Presented by Bishop Arthur J. Moore—Miss Dorothy McConnell; Elmer T. Clark

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Atlanta Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, called Miss Dorothy McConnell (*), (New York) and Dr. Elmer T. Clark (Western North Carolina) to the platform, and presented the awards which have the following citation:

"The United Church Press in the United States and Canada makes the award of merit to the 'World Outlook,' in the first place for general effectiveness, and second, illustrative material."

The Conference stood and applauded.

Order of the Day—Commission on the Study of the Local Church—Alexander K. Smith—Motion Adopted

Motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed, that an Order of the Day be established for Monday morning, April 28, 1952, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Journal, at which time consideration would be given to the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church.

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No. 2. Presiding Officer—Bishop William C. Martin—George A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England) Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction, would preside at the session of Friday morning, April 25, 1952. (BB-26)

Standing Committee on Conference—Duties Defined—Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, raised a question of the responsibilities of the functions of the General Standing Committee on Conferences and the General Commission to Study the Local Church, calling attention to the fact that the Rules of Order adopted this morning, specifically states in black face type, that the General Standing Committee on Conferences shall consider **"The Organization of the Local Church."**

Explanation—J. Edgar Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, stated that there was no conflict; that the present Rules had been prepared not for this General Conference only, but for future General Conferences likewise, and that there were probably some Memorials for the General Standing Committee on Conferences touching on matters that the General Commission on the Study of the Local Church had not included in their Report, and that would need the consideration and action of the General Standing Committee on Conferences. The explanation was accepted by all concerned as being perfectly satisfactory.

Report for the Study of the Field of Social Action—Dillon W. Throckmorton

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) called attention of the Delegates to the Report of the Committee to Study the Field of Social Action, found on pages 602-603 of the Quadrennial Reports, and requested that they make themselves conversant with the same.

Memorials—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis), Secretary of the General Conference, called attention to the fact that the deadline for the presentation of Memorials had been set, by action this

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morning, as the third day of the Conference, and urged all who had any Memorials to bring them to the office of the Secretary.

Thanks—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Bishop Arthur J. Moore thanked the members of the General Conference for their splendid co-operation in the conduct of the business of the morning.

Announcements

Necessary announcements were made at this time.

**Evening Program—The Methodist Publishing House Night
—The Interpreter's Bible—Roy L. Smith**

Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona), one of the Publishing Agents, called attention to the great program of the evening being presented by The Methodist Publishing House in the presentation of The Interpreter's Bible, and urged all present to attend.

Benediction—Bishop J. W. E. Sommer

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Conference adjourned at 12:30 P.M. with the benediction pronounced by Bishop J. W. E. Sommer of the Frankfort-on-Main Area, Germany Central Conference.

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Opening—Bishop William C. Martin

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the Third Day, Friday, April 25, 1952, in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, with Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction, presiding, who announced that the devotions would be conducted by Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction.

Devotions—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Sidney Tretick ()—James R. Houghton (*)*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, introduced Sidney Tretick (*) from Kansas Wesleyan University, who played Bach's "Violin Suite," as a violin Prelude to the Devotional Service.

The Call to Worship—Bishop Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Portland Area, Western

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Jurisdiction, opened the Devotional Service with the Call to Worship, found in John 4:23:

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."

Bishop Kennedy announced, and the Conference joined in the singing of Hymn No. 4, "O Worship the King," after which all joined in the Affirmation of Faith.

Scripture and Prayer and Hymn

Bishop Kennedy read as the Scripture lesson Matthew 23:37-39, after which he led in prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, in which the General Conference joined.

Hymn No. 266, "O Young and Fearless Prophet of Ancient Galilee," was then sung.

Devotional Message

Bishop Kennedy brought a timely and stirring message on "The Prophets, and Our Treatment of Them."

Closing Hymn—Benediction

The closing Hymn, No. 267, "Rise Up, O Men of God!" was heartily sung by the Conference, after which Bishop Kennedy closed the morning Devotions with the Apostolic Benediction.

Business Session—Bishop Martin

Bishop William C. Martin called the Conference to order for the business session.

No. 2. Journal—Clyde O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*), (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented the Report (DB-27), and it was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal of the sessions of Wednesday evening, April 23, 1952, and Thursday morning, April 24, 1952, and have found them correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*), *Chairman*
WILLIAM H. BECKER (*), *Secretary*

Personal Privilege—Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), as a matter of personal privilege, called attention to an error on pages 94 and 133 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, which incorrectly had him speaking to motions instead of John D. Heer of the Philadelphia Annual Conference.

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The Secretary of the General Conference called attention to the fact that the Report of the Committee on Journal covers the transcript of the Journal Secretaries, and not the printed *Daily Christian Advocate*.

John D. Heer—Bishop Fred P. Corson—President Truman

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) was recognized, and stated that many congratulatory messages had been received by Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, on his election as President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, and read the following telegram from President Harry S. Truman (DB-28):

April 23—11:17 A.M.

Ralph G. Luff
St. Francis Hotel
San Francisco

"Please give my kind personal regards and hearty congratulations to Bishop Fred Pierce Corson. His election as President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church is a fitting recognition of his many contributions to his country as well as to his Church. On the various Commissions to which I have appointed him he was outstanding in his searching endeavor for wise and humane solutions. It is an honor to join his fellow Churchmen in expressing esteem for a man who has greatly aided the spiritual life of his country."

(Signed) HARRY S. TRUMAN

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) moved that the Secretary of the General Conference send greetings to President Harry S. Truman, taking into consideration the telegram sent to Bishop Fred Pierce Corson. The motion was duly seconded.

Message to President Truman—Chester A. Smith ()—Referred*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) stated that he had a Resolution prepared to be sent to President Truman.

Motion to Refer—J. Edgar Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) suggested, and then moved that both of these matters come to the General Conference through the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges. The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—Chester A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) stated he desired to present his Resolution first, and then have it referred.

Point of Order—J. Edgar Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the Point of Order that these matters should come through the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.

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Well Taken Point of Order—Both Matters Referred

Bishop William C. Martin ruled the Point of Order was well taken, and the General Conference, by vote referred both matters to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.

**Structure of Methodism Overseas—Bishop W. Angie Smith
—Leon T. Moore**

Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, South Central Jurisdiction, stated that the Report of the Commission on Methodism Overseas would appear in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Friday morning, May 2, 1952, and that an Order of the Day should be set for its presentation and consideration.

Order of the Day—Leon T. Moore—Adopted

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed, setting as an Order of the Day, the presentation and consideration of the Report of the Commission on The Structure of Methodism Overseas on Saturday morning, May 3, 1952, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Journal.

Order of the Day—Report of the Survey Commission

The Order of the Day having arrived, the presentation and consideration of the Report of the Survey Commission appointed by the last General Conference was taken up under the following "Order of Procedure":

Order of Procedure—J. Edgar Skillington—Adopted

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference, that the Report of the Survey Commission be considered under the following Order of Procedure: that Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona), Vincent M. Mouser (*), (Louisiana-SC), and Thomas A. Harwood (*), (Rock River) be given one hour between them for the initial presentation of the Report, in behalf of the Commission, and that one hour be given Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) to present the other side, in behalf of those opposed to some of the recommendations of the proposed Survey Report.

Harold C. Case—Eight Years of History

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) gave the historical background of the events that led up to creation of the Survey Commission, starting with the General Conference of 1944, and the various steps that had been

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taken, the meetings and conferences with all interested parties involved that had resulted in the findings of the present Survey Report.

Vincent M. Mouser ()—Organizational Arrangement of Boards and Agencies*

Vincent M. Mouser (*), (Louisiana-SC) next presented the proposed Organizational Arrangements of the General Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church.

Thomas A. Harwood ()—The Technical Technique*

Thomas A. Harwood (*), (Rock River), President of George Frey & Associates, then gave a brief exposition of the Technical Technique by which the findings of the Survey Commission could be put into practical effect.

Resolution of Appreciation—Marshall T. Steel—Survey Commission

The following Resolution of Appreciation (DB-29), on motion of Marshall T. Steel (North Texas), duly seconded, was unanimously adopted:

"BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Conference express its genuine appreciation of the untiring efforts and sacrificial services of the Survey Commission."

(Signed) MARSHALL T. STEEL

Recess Nearing—Further Discussion Postponed

Bishop William C. Martin stated that the time of Recess was only fifteen minutes off, and suggested taking up incidental matters for that period of time, or recessing at this moment, in order to give Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) the time of one hour allotted to him.

Charles C. Parlin (), Method of Procedure*

Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) was recognized and stated that under the Rules of the General Conference he was unable to make available to the Delegates a copy of the "Motion of Reference" he intended making, and suggested that he be permitted to distribute it to the Delegates at this time, and to discuss the same after Recess.

Concurring Motion—Oscar Thomas Olson

Motion of Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference, that the "Motion of Reference" be distributed at this time for the consideration of the Delegates during the Recess period.

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Nomination Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the follow nomination of the Council of Bishops: On the General Standing Committee of Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, Chancie D. Barclift (North Carolina-SE) in place of Howard P. Powell (North Carolina-SE) unavoidably absent.

Motion to Approve—Cecil P. Hardin

On motion of Cecil P. Hardin (Holston), duly seconded, the nomination was approved.

Tenight's Program—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, made an important announcement concerning the Youth Program tonight.

Recess

The Conference adjourned for a ten minute recess.

Re-Convene

Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction called the Conference to order at the close of the Recess period.

Opening Hymn—James R. Houghton (*)

Under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, the Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 238, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine."

Phillip J. Cartwright (*)—James R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, introduced and presented Phillip J. Cartwright (*), who had been born in China, son of Frank T. Cartwright (Newark), Administrative Secretary for China, Malaya, Sumatra and Burma of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions, who sang two solos, to the delight of the Conference, the solos being "The Blind Ploughman," and "The Stranger of Galilee."

No. 2. Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, requested that

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Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam be recognized for an introduction at this time.

Presented—Ivan L. Bennett—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, presented Chaplain Colonel Ivan L. Bennett, nominated by President Harry S. Truman to become Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army.

Order of the Day—Prayer for Chaplains, Etc.—Introductions of Chaplains—Alexander K. Smith—Adopted

On motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, an Order of the Day was established for twelve o'clock noon, Wednesday, April 30, 1952, at which time the Conference will pause for a prayer for our Chaplains and youth in military service, following which the Chaplains present will be presented, the service to be under the direction of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Study of the Local Church—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia) as a matter of privilege for the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission had placed in the hands of the Delegates a copy of the Report of the Commission and earnestly desired them to acquaint themselves with the contents before the consideration of the Report on Monday morning, April 28, 1952.

Consideration of Survey Report Resumed

Consideration of the Report of the General Conference Survey Commission was resumed.

Motion of Reference to Co-ordinating Commission—Charles C. Parlin ()—Amended (Page 272)—Adopted (Page 274)*

Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) presented a motion of reference (DB-30), and moved its adoption, as follows:

There shall be a Co-ordinating Commission set up for this quadrennium to which shall be referred the findings and recommendations of the Survey Commission. This Commission shall be composed of:

Two Bishops from each Jurisdiction selected by the respective Jurisdictional Colleges of Bishops.

Eight persons from each Jurisdiction: three ministers, four laymen, two of which shall be women, and one youth, all selected by the Jurisdictional Conferences.

Ex-officio members, without vote, as follows:

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The Executive Secretary of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

The Council of Secretaries.

The President and Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

One Publishing Agent, selected by the Board of Publications.

To this Commission shall be committed the following instructions and powers:

1. To work with the General Boards and Agencies in eliminating overlapping and duplication of program and literature, and to encourage the Boards and Agencies to put into effect as soon as possible and feasible during the quadrennium 1952-56 such recommendations of the Survey Commission as may be done within the present structure and framework of the Church. In doing so due account should be taken of the fact that responsibility for unification and co-ordination of promotion of all financial causes has been placed with an Agency provided in the Report of the Quadrennial Committee of Twenty-eight.

2. To work out and recommend to the 1956 General Conference such changes and re-organization as seem to be to the best interests of The Methodist Church in America and overseas, these changes to be such as will provide harmony and continuity in program and organization on the levels of the local church, the Annual Conference, the Jurisdiction, and the General Church.

This Commission may set up such Committees as it deems necessary to facilitate its work. This Commission shall be convened not later than December 1, 1952, by a Bishop selected by, and from among the Bishops who are members of the Commission.

The expenses of this Commission shall not exceed a total of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the quadrennium, and shall be paid out of the Administrative Fund.

CHARLES C. PARLIN

The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Point of Order—Abbott L. Fletcher () Not Sustained*

Abbott L. Fletcher (*), (Minnesota) raised the Point of Order that under Rule 14 the Report of the Survey Commission was before the General Conference without a formal motion, and that the motion of Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) could not be considered, until consideration of the Report of the Survey Commission had been completed or voted down.

Ruling of Bishop William C. Martin

Bishop Martin ruled that the Report of the Survey Commission is properly before the General Conference under motion for adoption.

Parliamentary Situation—J. Edgar Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) stated that the motion was in order as a "Motion of Reference," fully complying with all the parliamentary requirements for such a motion.

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Time Not Taken Out on Charles C. Parlin ()—Bishop Martin's Statement*

Bishop William C. Martin stated that eight minutes of the time of Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) had been consumed in these preliminary and parliamentary matters, and that under the provision made before Recess, Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) had been allotted one hour for his remarks, and raised the question "Should the eight minutes be charged against the time of one hour, allotted to Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark)?"

No member of the Survey Commission or of the General Conference, raising any objection, the full hour originally assigned was allotted to Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark), for his remarks.

Charles C. Parlin (), Speaks*

Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) discussed the Report of the Survey Commission, giving a brief history of the factors that entered into the creation of the Commission and then analyzed the Report in its procedural and organizational recommendations, stating the areas of agreement, and the areas where honest men can differ, in their appraisal of the intent and purposes of the Report of the Survey Commission.

Lynn J. Radcliffe Against Reference

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) spoke against the motion to refer.

Question of Precedence of Consideration—Bishop William C. Martin

Bishop William C. Martin stated that in reply to the question raised by Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) that should the discussion carry past the time of adjournment this morning, would it have precedence at tomorrow morning's session over an Order already established for Saturday morning, April 26, 1952:

"that it will have such precedence in view of the fact that it was the first Order established."

Bishop William C. Martin further stated that Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) and Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) had given the Chair a list of persons they considered could "discuss this matter in such fashion as to make it enlightening to the General Conference," and suggested that they now be heard.

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Lay on the Table—John M. Versteeg—Out of Order

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) moved that the motion to refer be laid on the table. The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—J. Edgar Skillington—Ruling—Bishop Martin

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) called attention to Rule 21, and raised the Point of Order, that the motion to table the motion to refer would also take with it the Report of the Survey Commission.

Bishop William C. Martin ruled the Point of Order well taken, and that the motion to lay on the table the motion to refer was out of order.

Selected Speakers for and Against—General Conference Votes to Hear

The General Conference voted to use the method of debate suggested by Bishop William C. Martin, that of using selected speakers for and against the motion to refer, said speakers to be heard alternately, and each to be heard for the space of ten minutes, or less; the list of speakers suggested by Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) to speak against the motion to refer being Leonard D. Slutz (*), (Ohio), Emory S. Bucke (New England) and Paul R. Ervin (*), (Western North Carolina); the list of speakers suggested by Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) to speak in favor of the motion to refer being Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*), (North Iowa), Robert G. Morris (Lexington), and D. Stewart Patterson (*), (Baltimore). The speakers spoke in the following order: Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*), (North Iowa) to refer; Leonard D. Slutz (*), (Ohio) against reference; Robert G. Morris (Lexington) to refer; Emory S. Bucke (New England) against reference; D. Stewart Patterson (*), (Baltimore) for reference; Paul R. Ervin (*), (Western North Carolina) against reference.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (), for Reference*

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*), (North Iowa) spoke for reference.

Leonard D. Slutz (), Raises Question*

Leonard D. Slutz (*), (Ohio) raised the following question:

"whether we are proceeding properly in debating the merits of the Survey Commission Report, when as I understand it, the motion that is before the house is one to refer the entire Report, and defer action on any portion of it for another quadrennium?"

Ruling of Bishop William C. Martin

Bishop William C. Martin made the following statement:

"The Chairman is ruling rather liberally here with respect to the debate as it relates to the Report, and unless a Point of Order is made by some member of the General Conference, I shall not call you on any discussion that relates to the merits of the Report."

Point of Order—J. Edgar Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) called attention to Rule 19,

"The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: To adopt, to commit, to substitute, to postpone, and to reconsider,"

and stated that the main question is open to debate under the motion to refer.

Leonard D. Slutz (), Speaks Against Reference*

Leonard D. Slutz (*), (Ohio) spoke against the motion to refer.

Robert G. Morris Speaks for Reference

Robert G. Morris (Lexington) spoke in favor of reference.

Emory S. Bucke Speaks Against Reference

Emory S. Bucke (New England) spoke against the motion to refer.

D. Stewart Patterson (), Speaks for Reference*

D. Stewart Patterson (*), (Baltimore) spoke for the motion to refer.

Method of Procedure—Harold C. Case—Charles C. Parlin () Approved*

Before the last speaker on the presented lists was heard, Paul R. Ervin (*), (Western North Carolina), Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) moved that following the remarks of Paul R. Ervin (*), (Western North Carolina) that further discussion be postponed until the next session of the General Conference. The motion was duly seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark).

Motion for Afternoon Session—John O. Gross—Not Adopted

John O. Gross (Kentucky) moved that the Rules of Order be suspended, and that the General Conference order a ses-

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sion for 2:30 P.M. this afternoon. The motion, duly seconded, on being put to a vote was not adopted.

Postponement of Further Discussion Adopted

The motion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) was adopted by the General Conference, that following the remarks by Paul R. Ervin (*), (Western North Carolina) further discussion should be postponed until the next session of the General Conference. (See page 272.)

Paul R. Ervin () Speaks Against Reference*

Paul R. Ervin (*), (Western North Carolina) spoke against the motion to refer.

Time Extended—Roy D. Williams

Motion of Roy D. Williams (Memphis), duly seconded, prevailed that the time be extended to complete the business of this session.

Report Relation of Editorial Division Ordered Printed—Clarence M. Dannelly (*)—Motion Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), presented the Report of the General Conference Committee to Study the Relations of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education, and moved that it be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

No. 4. Commission on Entertainment—Frederick B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment was recognized, and announced that the Commission desired to meet all the practical and necessary needs of the Delegates as far as possible; that a Delegate with an arthritic condition had been furnished with a suitable chair; that the two Delegates from the Angola Annual Conference, who could not understand a word of English, were being furnished an interpreter for the remainder of the General Conference sessions.

Sympathy to Frank Webber ()*

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment announced that the father of Frank Webber (*), (California-Nevada) Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Entertainment Committee, had died this morning. The General Conference unanimously, by common consent, expressed their deep

sympathy to the bereaved family and assured them of their prayers for God's sustaining grace in their hour of sorrow.

Daylight Saving Time Goes Into Effect Sunday

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, urged all Delegates to remember that Daylight Saving Time goes into effect Sunday morning, and that the time of meeting of all sessions thereafter would be advanced one hour.

Distribution of Literature—Ernest E. Wilson

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, announced that literature of every kind that was intended to be distributed to the Delegates should first be cleared through the office of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, and that the Secretary for Distribution of Printed Matter was Ernest E. Wilson (California-Nevada).

No. 3. Presiding Officer—Bishop James C. Baker—George A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-31) and stated that Bishop James C. Baker of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, would preside at the session of Saturday morning, April 26, 1952. For Report see page 1086.

Appreciation—Bishop William C. Martin

Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction, expressed his thanks to the General Conference for the patience and very generous co-operation of all parties concerned.

Announcements

Announcements of various kinds were made by the Secretary of the General Conference.

Benediction—Bishop Charles C. Selecman

The morning session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, of Friday, April 25, 1952, adjourned at 12:42 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Charles C. Selecman, of the South Central Jurisdiction, with further consideration and discussion of the Report of the Survey Commission pending.

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Opening—Bishop James C. Baker

Pursuant to adjournment the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the Fourth Day, Saturday, April 26, 1952 at 8:30 A.M., in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, with Bishop James C. Baker of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, presiding, who announced that Bishop Edward W. Kelly of the St. Louis Area, Central Jurisdiction, would conduct the devotions of the morning.

Devotions—Bishop Edward W. Kelly

Bishop Edward W. Kelly of the Saint Louis Area, Central Jurisdiction, conducted the Devotional Service of the morning.

The Call to Worship

Bishop Kelly, for the Call to Worship, repeated the 117 Psalm

"O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord."

Hymn and Affirmation of Faith

Bishop Kelly announced, and the Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 2, "Come, Thou Almighty King," after which Bishop Kelly led in the Affirmation of Faith, The Apostles' Creed.

Prayer of Confession

The Conference, being seated, turned to page 504 in the Hymnal and joined in the Prayer of Confession, under the leadership of Bishop Kelly.

Scripture

The Scripture lesson was read from Luke 11:1-4.

Hymn and Prayer

Bishop Kelly announced, and the Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 256, "Faith of Our Fathers!" after which Bishop Kelly led in prayer.

Devotional Message—Bishop Kelly

Bishop Edward W. Kelly of the Saint Louis Area, Central Jurisdiction, then brought a timely and thoughtful message on "The Kingdom of God on Earth."

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Closing Hymn—J. R. Houghton ()—Benediction—Bishop E. W. Kelly*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, announced, and the General Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 483, "From All the Dark Places," after which Bishop Kelley pronounced the benediction.

Business Session—Bishop James C. Baker

Bishop James C. Baker of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, called the business session of the Fourth Day to order at 9 A.M., with further consideration of the Report of the Survey Commission pending.

No. 3. Journal—Clyde O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*), (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-32), and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal of the session of Friday morning, April 25, 1952, and have found it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*), *Chairman*

WILLIAM H. BECKER (*), *Secretary*

Survey Report—Consideration Resumed

Bishop Baker briefly, but clearly, stated the parliamentary situation as it existed at the close of the last session of the 1952 General Conference, stating that it was his understanding that we were still under the instruction of a speaker being heard on either side, in the consideration of the Report of the Survey Commission.

Chester A. Smith (), Desires to Speak—Out of Order*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) requested the floor to speak. The Chair ruled him out of order at this time, under the parliamentary situation.

Amendment to Motion of Reference—Harold C. Case—Seconded—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the Motion to Refer, previously made by Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) which had been duly seconded, and was before the General Conference for consideration and action at this time by proposing the following (DB-33):

"The General Conference shall appoint a Committee on Conference, composed of six persons, three from the Survey Commission, and

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three from the Delegates who are known to be in opposition to the Report. This Committee shall study the Report and receive suggestions in writing by any Delegate, with the view to adjustment of differences, establishment of areas of agreement, and presentation of the basic conflicts.

"This Committee shall be instructed to report to the General Conference when the Report shall be the Order of the Day, following the Order of the Day already established for Monday."

(The Order of the Day for Monday, April 28, 1952, following the Report of the Committee on Journal, is the consideration of the Report of the Commission of the Study of the Local Church. Editor)

The motion to amend was seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark).

Harold C. Case—Charles C. Parlin () Speak to the Amendment*

The motion to amend being seconded, Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) spoke to the same.

Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) briefly stated his reasons for seconding the motion to amend his previous motion to Refer.

Previous Question—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Ordered

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) moved the Previous Question on the motion to amend presented by Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the Previous Question was ordered.

Motion to Delete "Organized"—James K. Mathews—Accepted

James K. Mathews (Bombay) requested that the words "organized opposition" in the original draft of the motion to amend be changed to read to "those known to be in opposition to the Survey Report."

Harold C. Case Accepts Suggestion

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied the request would gladly be complied with.

Direction of General Conference Asked for Appointment of Special Committee of Six

Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) raised the question of how the "three from the Delegates who are in opposition to the Report," were to be selected? By common consent it was unanimously agreed that Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) should be one of the three, and that he should have the privilege of selecting the other two.

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Later in the session Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) announced that Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*), (North Iowa) and Ray H. Nichols (*), (Northwest Texas) would assist him in presenting their side of the Report.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) stated that Howard W. Selby (*), (New England), and Vincent M. Mouser (*), (Louisiana-SC) would serve with him in presenting their side of the Report.

Motion to Amend Adopted—Order of the Day

The motion to amend by creating a Committee of Six, made by Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) and seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference, and consideration of the Report of said Committee was set as the Order of the Day for Monday, April 28, 1952, following the Report of the Commission to Study the Local Church. (See page 293.)

Special Privilege for J. E. Skillington—C. V. Adams (*)

Charles V. Adams (*), (Central Pennsylvania) moved that J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, be given a seat on the platform where his valuable services as a Parliamentarian would be speedily available, thus saving time for the General Conference, and that he also maintain his rights and privileges as a Delegate to the General Conference while seated on the platform.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) protested against such motion, and Charles V. Adams (*), (Central Pennsylvania), with the consent of the seconder of his motion, withdrew the same.

Order of the Day—Report of Committee to Study Social Action—Dillon W. Throckmorton

The Order of the Day having arrived, the presentation and Consideration of the Report of the Committee to Study the Field for Social Action, the Chair recognized Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada), Chairman.

Point of Order—James W. Henley—Not Sustained

James W. Henley (Tennessee-SE) raised the Point of Order that according to "VI. Proposal to Establish New Board, Commission or Committee," found on page 173 of the Handbook for Delegates, the Report should be referred to the General Commission on World Service and Finance, and so moved.

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Ruling by Bishop Baker

Bishop James C. Baker ruled that the motion was out of order, as the Rule indicated "automatically" referred the Report.

Motion to Refer—James W. Henley—Not in Order

James W. Henley (Tennessee-SE) then moved that the Report be referred to the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church.

Ruling by Bishop Baker

Bishop Baker ruled that the motion to refer was not in order, as the Report had been referred to a Special Committee.

Report Presented—D. W. Throckmorton

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada), Chairman of the Committee began the presentation of the Report, stating it would be found on pages 602-603 of the Book of Quadrennial Reports.

Point of Order—John C. Satterfield, Sr. ()—Not Sustained*

John C. Satterfield, Sr. (*), (Mississippi-SE) raised the Point of Order that according to "VI. Proposal to Establish New Board, Commission or Committee," found on page 173, Handbook for Delegates, that the Report should first be referred to the General Commission on World Service, or its Executive Committee.

Ruling of Bishop Baker

Bishop Baker stated that he had already ruled that the Report automatically goes to the General Commission on World Service and Finance, and that no further action was necessary, as the Chair saw it.

Report Summarized—D. W. Throckmorton

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada), Chairman of the Committee gave a brief resume of the vital points of the Report.

Point of Order—George M. Davenport—Not Sustained

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) raised the Point of Order that the General Conference had no right to discuss the Report of the Committee to Study the Field of Social Action until the General Commission on World Service and

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Finance had reported on the financial status of the new Board.

Ruling of Bishop Baker

Bishop Baker ruled that the matter was rightly before the Conference.

Parliamentary Statement—J. Edgar Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) clearly set forth the parliamentary situation, stating that the Report had been automatically referred for the matter of a Budget, to the General Commission on World Service and Finance; that this did not prevent the General Conference from considering any other phase of the Report, but only estopped the General Conference from ordering the creation of the new Board until the General Conference had a report from the General Commission on World Service and Finance on the financial factors involved.

Refer to the Committee on the State of the Church—D. W. Throckmorton—Adopted

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) moved that the Report of the Committee to Study the Field of Social Action be referred to the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church for the purpose of framing proper legislation. The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—V. M. Mouser ()—Not in Order*

Vincent M. Mouser (*), (Louisiana-SC) raised the Point of Order that the motion to refer would call for a vote of the General Conference; that the vote constituted action by the General Conference, and therefore was out of order until the General Commission on World Service and Finance had reported its findings.

Statement J. Edgar Skillington re Parliamentary Situation

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, stated that the motion to refer is not out of harmony with "VI. Proposal to Establish New Board, Commission or Committee," found on pages 173-174 Handbook for Delegates.

Ruling Bishop Baker on Matter

Bishop Baker ruled that the motion to refer was entirely in order.

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Refer With Instructions—C. A. Smith ()—Not in Order*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) moved to amend the motion to refer to the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, by adding the words "with instructions." The motion was duly seconded.

Ruling of Bishop Baker

Bishop James C. Baker ruled that such an amendment was not in order.

Chester A. Smith () Appeals to General Conference—Appeal Not Sustained*

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) appealed to the General Conference from the decision of Bishop Baker.

Bishop Baker stated the grounds for his decision.

Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) stated the grounds for his appeal from the decision of Bishop Baker.

The appeal of Chester A. Smith (*), (New York) on being put to a vote was not sustained by the General Conference.

Report Referred

The motion of Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) to refer the Report of the Committee to Study the Field of Social Action to the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, for the purpose of framing proper legislation duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 1725.

Order of the Day—Third Quadrennial Report on Ministerial Retirement and Recruitment—Murray H. Leiffer

The Order of the Day having arrived, the presentation and consideration of the Third Quadrennial Report on Ministerial Retirement and Recruitment, Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) was recognized, and presented Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona), Director of the Bureau of Social and Religious Research of Garrett Biblical Institute, to present the Report, assisted by Corliss P. Hargraves (Ohio), Executive Secretary, General Conference Committee on Theological Education, Richard G. Belcher (New England Southern), Executive Secretary of Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, and J. Richard Spann (Southwest Texas), Educational Director of Ministerial Training. For Report see page 1664.

Report Received—Oscar Thomas Olson—Adopted

At the conclusion of the presentation of the Report, mo-

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tion of Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed that the General Conference receive the Report.

J. Richard Spann Introduced—Oscar Thomas Olson

J. Richard Spann (Southwest Texas) Executive Director of Ministerial Training, was presented to the General Conference by Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio).

Nominations Council of Bishops—Judicial Council—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 901 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, presented the following nominations for membership on the Judicial Council (DB-34) :

Class of 1960—Laymen—F. Murray Benson (Baltimore)

Fred B. Noble (Florida-SE)
 Vincent P. Clarke (New England)
 Clarence M. Dannelly (Alabama)
 Leon E. Hickman (Pittsburgh)
 Osso W. Stanley (Louisville)
 Charles G. Howard (Oregon)
 William H. Wilcox (East Oklahoma)

Ministers—Ralph M. Houston (New York)

Charles B. Ketcham (North-East Ohio)
 J. Fielding Winton (Southwest Missouri)
 Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania)
 Edward G. Mackay (North Georgia)
 A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana)
 James A. Bays (Holston)
 Harold H. Hughes (Virginia)

W. H. Wilcox () Ineligible for Membership*

W. H. Wilcox (*), (East Oklahoma) was recognized, and stated that as the calendar catches up with him in February he was ineligible for membership on the Judicial Council.

Nominations From the Floor

Bishop Baker called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Use "Incumbent" and "Reserve Incumbent"—Oscar Thomas Olson—Motion Adopted

The Secretary of the General Conference stated that in former elections the term "Incumbent," or "Reserve Incumbent," had been placed after the name of the nominee as warranted, and asked for instructions.

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Motion of Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference, that such indication be made for the ballots for the 1952 election of members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Substitution for W. H. Wilcox ()—James I. Dolliver (*)*

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, announced that as W. H. Wilcox (*), (East Oklahoma) had withdrawn his name from the list of the laymen, nominated, the Council of Bishops nominated James I. Dolliver (*), (North Iowa) in his place.

By common consent the General Conference approved this substitution.

Order of Day—Election of Judicial Council Members—Cecil P. Hardin—Motion Adopted

Motion of Cecil P. Hardin (Holston), duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference, setting as the Order of the Day for Wednesday, April 30, 1952, following the presentation and consideration of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, the taking of the first ballot for members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church of the Class of 1960.

Nominations to Be Published in Daily Christian Advocate

The Secretary of the General Conference stated that in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 901, 1948 *Discipline*, The Methodist Church, the list of nominees would be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of the issues of Monday, April 28, 1952, and Tuesday, April 29, 1952.

J. Stewart French—Resolution of Judicial Council—Clyde E. Lundy—Read to General Conference

Clyde E. Lundy (Holston) was recognized on a question of high privilege, and stated that since coming to the seat of the 1952 General Conference, news had been received of the death of J. Stewart French (Holston) who had retired from the Judicial Council on account of age at the 1948 session of the General Conference, and that the Judicial Council had prepared and adopted a statement and Resolution concerning the vision and labors of J. Stewart French in setting up the Judicial Council in The Methodist Church, and moved that the Judicial Council be invited to have one of its members read such statement to the General Conference at this time. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

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Statement and Resolution Presented—Marvin A. Childers—Waight G. Henry, Sr.

Marvin A. Childers (*) (West Texas), President of the Judicial Council was recognized, and presented Waight G. Henry, Sr. (North Alabama), Vice-President of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church and a life long friend and associate of J. Stewart French (Holston) to read the statement and Resolution.

W. G. Henry, Sr. Reads Statement

Waight G. Henry, Sr. (North Alabama) read the statement that had been prepared by the Judicial Council to be placed in the minutes of their proceedings. (DB-35)

Statement Ordered to Record—Clyde E. Lundy

Motion of Clyde E. Lundy (Holston), duly seconded, prevailed that the statement and Resolution be approved and adopted by the General Conference, and that it be printed in the Journal of this session of the General Conference. The statement and Resolution, as read by Waight G. Henry, Sr. (North Alabama) is as follows:

The Reverend J. Stewart French, D.D.

Since the last meeting of the Judicial Council, the Reverend Dr. J. Stewart French, our former colleague and friend, has gone to be numbered with the saints in glory everlasting. This sad news came to us through the following telegram:

"My husband had hoped to attend General Conference now being held in the Golden Gate City, San Francisco. But man proposes and God disposes. He deemed it wise to send Stewart to another Golden Gate into the Eternal City of God. He left us at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 17. The Judicial Council was his 'pet' for which he worked four years before it became a reality.

"MRS. J. STEWART FRENCH"

Dr. French served in the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with notable distinction. He was a pastor in Jacksonville, Florida, Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., and Nashville, Tenn., besides serving in many of the leading appointments in the Holston Conference over a term of years.

He was often consulted by the leaders of our Church and was always found to be a trusted counselor. He was a man of sound judgment and penetrating insight; firm in his opposition to what he thought to be erroneous, but never lacking in charity in his final decisions. At more than one General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he received a substantial vote for Bishop. Though not elected to that high office he was entirely worthy and competent.

Dr. French was a delegate to each session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from 1910 to and including 1934. At the 1926 session of the General Conference a Committee was appointed to revise the Constitution of the Church. Dr. French

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was a member of this Committee. To the task of preparing an acceptable provision for a Judicial Council to be inserted in the revised Constitution he devoted himself with both zeal and fidelity. In this task he was greatly aided by Judge Martin E. Lawson, a member of the present Judicial Council.

To the 1930 session of the General Conference this Committee submitted the result of its labors. The revised Constitution as a unit was rejected by the General Conference, but the provision for a Judicial Council was lifted out of the Report of the Committee and adopted as a Constitutional Amendment. During the succeeding quadrennium this Amendment was adopted by the members of the several Annual Conferences of the Church.

At the 1934 session of the General Conference this Amendment to the Constitution of the Church was put into operation. Dr. French was elected as one of the clerical members of the body which had been brought into existence largely through his efforts. On organization of the first Judicial Council he was elected Secretary, a position in which he served with characteristic fidelity until union became a reality.

If anything more is necessary to proclaim Dr. French' statesmanship in the legal realm of the Church he so loved and served, it is found in the fact that when the legality of union was brought into question at the 1938 session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, it was he who drafted the major portion of the Decision of the Judicial Council upholding the validity of union—a Decision that has commanded the respect of the highest appellate courts of our States and Nation in all litigation that has reached them involving disputes over property rights growing out of Union.

But Dr. French's services did not end with Union. He was a delegate to the Uniting Conference in 1939, and was elected by it to the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, a position he held until his retirement on account of age at the 1948 session of the General Conference.

In our counsels we shall miss the warmth of his great Christian personality, the depth of his understanding and the impelling force of his arguments. Above all we shall miss the inspiration of that sweet fellowship we had with him across the years. His permanent memorial is found in the record of his outstanding service to the Church, both as a statesman and as a minister of the gospel.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we hereby register our sense of loss in his departure.

Be It Further Resolved, that we make a record of this statement and Resolution in our minutes, and forward to Mrs. J. Stewart French a copy of same with our sincere sympathy, assuring her of our continued love and prayers.

It is with gratitude that we note, as evidenced by the telegram quoted above, that she is sustained by that same living faith that sustained her distinguished husband until he was called last Thursday (April 17) to pass through *The "Golden Gate into the Eternal City of God."*

MARVIN A. CHILDERS, *President*

WAIGHTS G. HENRY, *Vice-President*

CHAS. B. KETCHAM, *Secretary*

Earle M. Rugg—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett of the Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, was recognized, and stated that he had received a cablegram announcing the death of Earle

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M. Rugg a Reserve Delegate to this General Conference from the Indus River Annual Conference, and that a cablegram of sympathy to the family would be most appropriate.

Motion of Sympathy—Alexander K. Smith

On motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), duly seconded, the Secretary of the General Conference was unanimously instructed to send a cablegram of sympathy to Mrs. Rugg.

Editorial Division Report Referred—Clarence M. Dannelly (*)

Clarence M. Dannelly (*), (Alabama) was recognized, and moved that the Report of the Committee on the Relationship of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education to the Board of Publication (DCA-168) be referred, without reading, to the General Standing Committee on Education, and also to the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests. The motion duly seconded, prevailed.

Recess

After several announcements, the General Conference adjourned for recess.

Re-Convene—Bishop Baker

Bishop James C. Baker of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, called the General Conference to order at the end of the recess period, and announced that James R. Houghton (*) (New England), would present the DePauw University A Cappella Choir.

DePauw University A Cappella Choir—James R. Houghton (*)—George W. Gove

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, gave a brief history of the DePauw University A Cappella Choir and introduced the Choir, and Professor George W. Gove (*) its Director.

The DePauw University A Cappella Choir, under the direction of George W. Gove (*) rendered the following numbers, to the delight of the General Conference: "O Gladsome Light," by Kastalsky, "Joseph Came Seeking a Resting Place," by Willoughby and "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," by Karl Mueller.

Bishop Baker expressed the appreciation of the General Conference for the inspiring music to George W. Gove (*) and the DePauw University A Cappella Choir.

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Decision Judicial Council—Retirement Age of Bishops of Central Conferences—Decision No. 83

Marvin A. Childers (*), (West Texas), President of the Judicial Council was recognized, and presented the Decision of the Judicial Council, which had previously been requested by the Commission on The Structure of Methodism Overseas regarding the Retirement Age of Bishops of Central Conferences.

The gist of the Decision is as follows:

"In answer to the specific question submitted to the Judicial Council by the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, it is the Decision of the Council that under present legislation on the subject a Bishop elected by a Central Conference may be continued in effective relation as a Bishop after having reached his seventieth birthday before the first day of the regular session of his Central Conference, but that the General Conference has the constitutional power to provide a uniform rule for the superannuation of all Bishops, including Central Conference Bishops, if it desires to exercise that power."

For full text of this decision, No. 83, see page 1010.

Resolution of Confidence—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune—Lloyd F. Worley—Adopted

Lloyd F. Worley (New York East) was recognized, and as a matter of privilege, moved that a Resolution of Confidence in Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune (*), (Florida-C) be adopted. The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed, and the Resolution was adopted, as follows (DB-36):

"WHEREAS, an Associated Press dispatch of yesterday's date contains disturbing charges against one of Methodism's best known and distinguished educators, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune,

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Conference affirms its complete confidence in Dr. Bethune as a patriotic person, a loyal American, and a sincere Christian. We regard the charges of Communistic affiliations made against her as utterly absurd.

"We ask the Associated Press to give equal publicity to our expression of confidence and affection."

(Signed)

LOYD F. WORLEY (New York East)
C. HOMER GINNS (New England Southern)
WILLIAM H. ALDERSON (New York East)
HARRY N. HOLMES (*), (New York East)
HENRY L. LAMBDIN (Newark)
JOHN R. McLAUGHLIN (Newark)
HARRY M. TAYLOR (Newark)
LESTER W. AUMAN (New York East)
RALPH W. SOCKMAN (New York East)
HOWARD R. BROCKETT (*), (New York East)
EDITH F. WELKER (*), (New York East)
HENRY F. THOMAS (*), (New York East)

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HENRY HITT CRANE (Detroit)
 PAUL MORRISON (Detroit)
 FRANK W. BEVAN (Troy)
 GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), (Troy)
 ERNEST F. TRIPP (Troy)
 NEIL P. BENWAY (*), (Troy)
 L. RAY LEWIS (*), (Troy)
 J. EDWARD CAROTHERS (Troy)
 HAROLD W. GRIFFIS (Troy)
 FREDERICK B. NEWELL (New York East)

**Referred—Report of Commission to Study the Ministry—
 W. Kenneth Pope—Motion Adopted**

W. Kenneth Pope (Texas-SC) was recognized, and moved that the Report of the Commission to Study the Ministry presented on yesterday, Friday, April 25, 1952, be received and referred without reading, and without instructions, to the General Standing Committee on the Ministry. The motion duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was referred.

Order of the Day—Launching World-wide Mission of Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—Motion Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona) was recognized, and moved that the General Conference fix as the Order of the Day for 11:30 A.M., Thursday, May 1, 1952, the launching of the World-wide Mission of Evangelism. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Order of the Day was established.

Order of the Day—Quadrennial Report—J. Edgar Skillington—Motion Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was recognized, and moved, that the General Conference set as the Order of the Day for Tuesday, April 29, 1952, following the consideration of Methodist Ecumenical Relations, the presentation and consideration of the Report of the Quadrennial Committee (DCA-109, 110, 111). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Order of the Day was established.

Amendment Rules of Order—J. E. Skillington—Motion Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was recognized, and moved that "Section VI. Proposal to Establish New Board, Commission or Committee, page 173 Handbook for Delegates," be amended by inserting the words "establishing such a Board, Commission or Committee," immediately following the words "General Conference" found in lines three and four of the paragraph. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the matter was referred automatically to the Committee on Rules.

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Committee of Six—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Harold C. Case

Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) was recognized and stated that in compliance with the action of the General Conference this morning, he had requested Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*), (North Iowa) and Ray H. Nichols (*), (Northwest Texas) to serve with him on the Committee of Six that were considering the Report of the Survey Commission.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) stated that he had requested Howard W. Selby (*), (New England) and Vincent M. Mouser (*), (Louisiana-SC) to serve with him on the same Committee.

No. 1. Fraternal Delegates—Harry N. Holmes (*)

Telegram From African Methodist Episcopal Church—Reply Ordered

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, was recognized, and read the following telegram:

"The Secretary of the Methodist General Conference, San Francisco.

"As Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of this Area, I extend a cordial welcome to your great Church, and offer all the facilities of the African Methodist Episcopal Church for use by your constituency during your stay in San Francisco.

"(Signed) BISHOP D. ORMOND WALKER"

On motion of Harry Holmes (*), (New York East), duly seconded, the Secretary of the General Conference was instructed to make suitable reply.

The British Methodist Church—Dr. E. Benson Perkins—S. Lynham ()*

Harry H. Holmes (*) (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, paid a high tribute to the Methodists of Great Britain, and separately presented, and appropriately introduced Dr. E. Benson Perkins, President of the Methodist Church of Great Britain for 1948-1949, and now head of the Department of Chapels and Restoration, and S. Lynham (*) of Leeds in Yorkshire, representing thirty thousand lay preachers of the British Methodist Church.

E. Benson Perkins Addressed the General Conference

E. Benson Perkins eloquently addressed the General Conference, and, at the close of his remarks the General Conference stood in applause.

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S. Lynham () Addressed the General Conference*

S. Lynham (*) addressed the General Conference, following the message of E. Benson Perkins, and, at the close of his remarks the General Conference stood in applause.

Bishop James C. Baker Replies

Bishop James C. Baker, of Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, replied in a most appropriate manner, and as this is the first time in twelve years that British Methodism has had Delegates to American Methodism, the General Conference stood and thrillingly joined in singing Hymn No. 402,

"And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give,
For His redeeming grace."

with James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, leading.

No. 3. Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, was recognized, and brought the following matters to the attention of the General Conference:

Presented Bishop Willis J. King to Present James B. Dennis ()*

Alexander K. Smith (*), (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Bishop Willis J. King of the Monrovia Area, Liberia, West Africa, who presented and introduced James B. Dennis (*) (Liberia), a lay delegate to this General Conference, and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia, for a message to the General Conference.

James B. Dennis () Addressed General Conference*

James B. Dennis (*), (Liberia) addressed the General Conference, and brought the following message from the President of Liberia:

The Executive Mansion, Monrovia, April 12, 1952

"My Dear Brother Dennis:

"It is with exceeding great pleasure that I extend to you congratulations upon your election to represent the Laity of The Methodist Church in Liberia at the Delegated General Conference of The Methodist Church.

"Please convey to the members of the Episcopacy and the Delegates

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my personal felicitations, and hope for an eventful Conference Session that will be most meaningful for the advancement of the cause of Christ among men, and that will reflect His life of peace and good will in our lives and in the lives of men throughout the world."

(Signed) WILLIAM V. S. TUBMAN,
President, Republic of Liberia

The Conference stood in applause.

Earl R. Brown Presented for Presentations

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio) General Executive Secretary of the Division of National Missions, for the purpose of presenting some of the field workers in his Division as follows:

Richard E. Johnson (North Iowa), Superintendent of the Mission Work in the Dominican Republic.

Tomas Rico Soltero (Puerto Rico Provisional), Superintendent of Methodist Work in Puerto Rico.

Leonard Oeschli (Southern California-Arizona), Superintendent Hawaii Mission.

Harry Komuro (Hawaii Mission), Pastor Harris Memorial Methodist Church, Honolulu.

James McGiffin (Hawaii Mission), Territorial Director Christian Education and Youth Work and Assistant Superintendent Hawaii Mission.

Gordon Gould (Alaska Mission), Superintendent Alaska Mission.

Bishop Baker spoke feelingly of the workers in these Out-post Missions and presented Jacinto R. Runes and his wife, who work on the Island of Maui.

Edgar A. Love—Message of Sympathy to Bishop Robert N. Brooks—Motion Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Edgar A. Love (Washington) for a privileged matter.

Edgar A. Love (Washington) called attention to the enforced absence of Bishop Robert N. Brooks of the New Orleans Area, Central Jurisdiction, caused by illness, and moved that the Secretary of the General Conference, send an appropriate message of sympathy. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Communications to the Families of Deceased Bishops; Deceased Delegates Elect and Deceased Reserve Delegates Elect—Motion Adopted

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On motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, the Secretary of the General Conference was instructed to send proper letters of sympathy to the families of the Bishops who had died during the present quadrennium, and to the families of all deceased Delegates elect and Reserve Delegates elect.

Communication to All Absent Bishops

Motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, prevailed, directing the Secretary of the General Conference to send letters of greetings to all Bishops who are absent from this session of the General Conference.

Greetings to President Truman

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, stated that in accordance with the action of the General Conference on yesterday the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges had sent the following telegram to President Truman (DB-37):

President Harry S. Truman,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

"The General Conference of The Methodist Church, now meeting in San Francisco, California, expresses appreciation for your telegram of congratulations to Bishop Fred Pierce Corson upon his election to the Presidency of the Council of Bishops.

"We extend to you our cordial greetings, and assure you of our prayers for divine guidance as you lead our nation in these difficult times."

(Signed) LUD H. ESTES, *Secretary*
ALEXANDER K. SMITH, *Chairman*
Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

Greeting to President Tubman—S. E. Strömberg—Adopted

On motion of Sven E. Stromberg (*), (New York), duly seconded, the Secretary of the General Conference was instructed to send official greetings to President William V. S. Tubman of the Republic of Liberia, in reply to the greetings sent the General Conference by President Tubman, through James B. Dennis (*) Lay Delegate from the Liberia Annual Conference.

No. 5. Commission on Entertainment—Frederick B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, was recognized, and made the following statements:

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Distribution of Literature Being Abused

That on yesterday the request was made that all persons who had literature to distribute to the Delegates, clear the matter of distribution through Ernest E. Wilson (California-Nevada) Secretary Distribution Printed Matter, that today some person, or persons, had surreptitiously placed on the desks of the Delegates a scurrilous attack upon The Methodist Church, and that the Commission not only knew nothing about it but resented in behalf of the General Conference, the action taken by such person, or persons.

Howard W. Selby () Presented for an Important Announcement*

Howard W. Selby (*), (New England), a member of the Commission on General Conference Entertainment, and Chairman of the Program Committee, was presented, and made an important announcement concerning future musical numbers and stated that all the Choirs from the various colleges and universities were coming here at their own expense, both as to travel and entertainment while in San Francisco. The General Conference applauded this announcement.

Howard W. Selby (New England) stressed the Sunday night's program at which time Ralph W. Sockman (New York) would bring a message on "The Church in the Wilderness."

Use of Microphones—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, suggested that unless a Delegate's statement was of major importance, it could be made from the platforms in front of the microphones, and thus save considerable time for the General Conference.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam to Speak Tonight

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, stated that the program tonight will be another great program, featuring Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction and his address "Wesleyans in Wonderland."

The Press Thanked—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, as a

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matter of high privilege, expressed the thanks of the General Conference to all members of the PRESS for the remarkable coverage they were giving to the proceedings of the General Conference.

No. 4. Presiding Officer—Bishop Paul E. Martin—George A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England) Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented their Report (DB-38) designating Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, South Central Jurisdiction to preside at the session of the General Conference, Monday morning, April 28, 1952. For Report see page 1087.

Thanks of Bishop Baker

Bishop James C. Baker of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, expressed his thanks to all for their very generous courtesies extended to him while presiding at this session of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Announcements

Various announcements were made by the Secretary of the General Conference.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop Eleazar Guerra

The business of this session having been completed, the morning session of the Fourth Day, April 26, 1952, of the General Conference, of The Methodist Church, adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Eleazar Guerra of The Methodist Church of Mexico, in Spanish.

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MORNING SESSION****Opening—Bishop Paul E. Martin**

Pursuant to adjournment the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the session of the Fifth Day, Monday, April 28, 1952, with Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, South Central Jurisdiction presiding, who stated that the Devotions would be conducted by Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Devotions—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

The Devotional Service of the Fifth Day was conducted by Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of the Jackson Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

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The Call to Worship

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin called the General Conference to worship with the words of the Master, found in Mark 12: 29-30:

"Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength."

Hymn No. 227—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 227, "Come, We That Love the Lord," and the Conference, standing, joined in singing.

Affirmation of Faith

Bishop Franklin led the General Conference in the Affirmation of Faith, the Apostles' Creed.

Scripture and Prayer

Bishop Franklin read as the Scripture of the morning the first three verses of the eighty-fourth Psalm, and then led in prayer.

Hymn No. 111—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, announced, and the Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 111, "Fairest Lord Jesus."

Devotional Message

Using as the theme of his devotional message "Our Church," Bishop Franklin graphically depicted the growth and development of The Methodist Church, and the factors that entered therein.

Closing Hymn No. 297—Benediction—Bishop Franklin

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), Director of Music of the General Conference, announced Hymn No. 297, "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ." The Conference joined in the singing of this great hymn, and the service closed with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Marvin A. Franklin.

Business Session—Bishop Paul E. Martin

Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, South Central Jurisdiction, called the morning session of Monday, April 28, 1952 of the General Conference of The Methodist Church to order, for the conduct of business.

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No. 4. Journal—Clyde O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*), (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, submitted the Report of the Committee (DB-39) and it was approved, as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal for Saturday morning, April 26, 1952, and find it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*), *Chairman*

WILLIAM H. BECKER (*), *Secretary*

No. 1. Rules—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee (DCA-198), column 3, Subject, "Establishing a New Board, etc.", and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1060.

**Amendment to Plan of Organization, General Conference—
P. C. B. Balaram—Referred—C. P. Hardin**

Prabhaker C. B. Balaram (Delhi), moved to amend the Plan of Organization of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, by inserting after the words "General Conference." ending the sentence in line 6 of the Handbook for Delegates, page 167, Item (6) General Conference Entertainment, the following sentence (DB-40):

"In order that the interests of the Conferences overseas may be taken into account, the Secretary of this Committee will solicit suggestions from the Bishops outside the United States as to the Program which will be considered by the Committee, before the Program is finalized."

(Signed) P. C. B. BALARAM

The motion, being seconded by Cecil P. Hardin (Holston), Prabhaker C. B. Balaram (Delhi) spoke to the pending motion to amend. The motion was referred to the Committee on Rules, by the vote of the General Conference.

Order of the Day—Report of Commission to Study the Local Church—Alexander K. Smith

The Order of the Day having arrived, presentation and consideration of the Report of the Commission to Study the Local Church, Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Commission, announced that the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, would yield their time, at this moment, to the Special Committee of Six on Conference of the Survey Report, with the understanding that the presentation and consideration of the Report of the Commission

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to Study the Local Church, shall follow immediately the presentation and consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee of Six on Conference of the Report of the Survey Commission.

Procedure Approved by Common Consent

By common consent the General Conference unanimously approved this method of procedure.

Committee of Six, Report No. 1—Harold C. Case—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Adopted—See Page 297

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Report No. 1 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "Co-ordinating Council."

In a preliminary statement before introducing Report No. 1, Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) as a matter of high privilege, expressed the thanks of the Committee of Six on Conference, and also of the General Conference, to the Commission to Study the Local Church, for this gracious courtesy extended to the Committee of Six on Conference, for the early presentation of Report No. 1; and then made the following statement:

"There is one matter I should like very much to clear up for you all. When we met yesterday one member of the three in the Committee of Six representing the opposition to the Report of the Survey Commission said that a rumor had been going around the General Conference that Mr. Charles Parlin was being paid to represent the opposition to the Report. We assumed that was entirely absurd as even a rumor, and yet there have been several rumors going around and we would like to clear up this one: The members of the Survey Commission who are on the Committee of Six are completely convinced that Mr. Parlin is doing his service for the General Conference as a Delegate in exactly the same way all the rest of us are serving and that there is no pay of any kind involved for him."

Continuing Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) said further:

"For the record we would also like to clear one other matter: The question has been raised about Mr. Thomas Harwood's being here. He is a Consultant with reference to the Survey Commission. He is an alternate Delegate to the Conference, and he is here entirely at his own expense."

The General Conference applauded both of these statements.

Report No. 1 Presented—Changes Suggested—Harold C. Case—Charles C. Parlin (*)

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented

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the changes that Report No. 1 of the Committee of Six on Conference suggested in Chapter II, Co-ordinating Council (DCA-27, columns 2-3, and DCA-28, columns 1-2) and moved their adoption. The motion to adopt was seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark).

The recommended amendments are three, as follows:

Amendment No. 1

(1) Paragraph 1, middle column bottom of page 27 DCA, delete first two lines which read,

"It shall review, either on request of an Agency or on its own initiative,"

and substitute therefore the words:

"On request of a General Board or Agency, or of an Annual Conference, it shall review,"

At the top of column 3, DCA-37 delete lines 1, 2, 3 and 4, which read:

"Its decisions concerning such issues shall be binding upon the agencies involved and it shall place responsibility on the appropriate agencies for carrying out the decisions."

and substitute therefore the words:

"and make recommendations to the Board or Agencies involved for resolving such issues. In the event of non-compliance, the recommendations shall be reported to the next General Conference."

Delete the words "such decisions," found in line five, following the words, "A record of all," and substituting therefore the word "recommendations," so that the amended paragraph shall read:

"On request of a General Board or Agency, or of an Annual Conference, it shall review questions involving overlapping in activity, or lack of co-operation among or within General Agencies of The Methodist Church, and make recommendations to the Boards or Agencies involved for resolving such issues. In the event of non-compliance, the recommendations shall be reported to the next General Conference. A record of all recommendations shall be kept; a report of each shall be forwarded to the Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, and the Secretary of the General Conference."

Amendment No. 2

Amendment No. 2: In the first line of paragraph 2, DCA-27, column 3, delete the words "continue the," before the word "study," and the word "of" following the word "study," so that the paragraph as amended, shall read,

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"2. It shall study the general organizational structure of The Methodist Church, and recommend to the General Conference such changes as it considers essential to maintain effective and economical operation."

Amendment No. 3

Amendment No. 3: In paragraph 3, DCA-27, column 3, delete the word "and" in the second line following the word "Bishops," and the phrase "or other administrative officer," found in lines two and three, and insert following the word "agency," in the fourth line, the following sentence, "and the President and the Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service," so that the amended paragraph will read:

"3. In consultation with the Council of Bishops, the Executive Secretary of each General Agency, and the President and the Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, it shall formulate and present to the General Conference, for its action and determination, plans for a unified, on-going program for the Church, including long range objectives. The financial objectives shall be recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance to the General Conference for its action."

New Paragraph

There is to be a new paragraph, appropriately placed, reading as follows:

"The expense of the Co-ordinating Council shall not exceed a total of Ten Thousand Dollars annually, and shall be paid out of the General Administrative Fund."

Lynn J. Radcliffe for Report

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) spoke in favor of the Report.

Charles C. Parlin () for Report*

Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) spoke in favor of the Report, calling particular attention to its vital connection with the recommendations of the Report of the Quadrennial Committee DCA-109, 110, and stated he was heartily in accord with the Report.

D. Stewart Patterson () for Report*

D. Stewart Patterson (*), (Baltimore) spoke in favor of adopting the Report.

Amendment Proposed by Carlos T. Gattinoni—Accepted

Carlos T. Gattinoni (River Plate) moved to amend (DB-41) the second paragraph (DCA-27, column 2) by inserting after the word "Jurisdiction," at the end of the eighth line, the following:

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"And two members of the Church Overseas, appointed by the Council of Bishops, from among such leading members of the Church Overseas as might be in the United States at the time of the meetings of the Council; the Council of Bishops shall substitute them when said members of the Church Overseas should leave this country."

So that the paragraph as amended shall read:

"The membership of the Co-ordinating Council shall consist of one Bishop, one minister, one lay man, and one lay woman from each Jurisdiction, plus one minister and one lay person for each additional million members or major fraction thereof above the first million members in a Jurisdiction, and two members of the Church Overseas, appointed by the Council of Bishops, from among such leading members of the Church Overseas as might be in the United States at the time of the meetings of the Council; the Council of Bishops shall substitute them when said members of the Church Overseas should leave the country. The Council of Bishops shall nominate and the General Conference shall elect the members of the Co-ordinating Council. The term of membership shall be four years. No person shall be eligible to serve for more than two consecutive terms. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed or elected and, during their term of service, shall not be eligible to membership on any other General Agency. Staff members of General Agencies are not eligible to membership. Vacancies which occur during the quadrennium shall be filled by action of the College of Bishops of the appropriate Jurisdiction.

Amendment Seconded by P. C. B. Balaram

The motion to amend was duly seconded by Prabhaker C. B. Balaram (Delhi).

Amendment Accepted by Harold C. Case—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) accepted the amendment for the Survey Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Survey Commission, or of the General Conference.

Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark) approved the acceptance of this amendment.

Questions by William B. Robinson—Answers of Harold C. Case

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) asked the following questions:

"Does this take away from the Co-ordinating Council initiation in itself of investigation?"

The reply of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona):

"Yes, it does."

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio)

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"It can initiate the study of the organizational structure of the Church only then?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied, as follows:

"It does not initiate investigation into overlapping and duplication of Boards; that initiation is in the hands of a Board or Agency and/or an Annual Conference."

Proposed Amendment Bradford V. Powell—Not Adopted

Bradford V. Powell (Missouri) moved to amend by inserting the words "proposed activity," at the end of line 3 of paragraph 1 at the bottom of column 2, DCA-27, following the words "overlapping in activity." The motion to amend was duly seconded, Bradford V. Powell (Missouri) spoke to the same.

The motion to amend being put to a vote, was not adopted, by the General Conference.

Proposed Amendment—William E. Clark—Not Adopted

William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana) moved to amend the last sentence in Section 3, DCA-27, column 3 (DB-42), by deleting the words "recommended by," and inserting therefore the words, "referred for action to," so that the amended sentence would read

"The financial objectives shall be referred for action to the Council on World Service and Finance."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana) spoke to the same.

The motion to amend, being put to a vote, did not prevail, by the vote of the General Conference.

Charles V. Adams () for Report*

Charles V. Adams (*), (Central Pennsylvania) spoke in favor of the Report.

Previous Question—F. Bringle McIntosh—Ordered

F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio) moved the previous question. The motion was duly seconded, and prevailed by more than the necessary two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Report No. 1 Adopted

Report No. 1 of the Committee of Six on Conference was adopted. For Report see page 1700.

Further Consideration of Report Survey Commission Postponed—Order of the Day.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) moved

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that further consideration of the Report of the Committee of Six on Conference, be postponed, and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow, Tuesday, April 29, 1952, immediately following the Report of the Quadrennial Committee. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Order of the Day was established by the General Conference. (See page 333.)

Survey Report, Chapter II Co-ordinating Council Adopted— Claude Young

Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) moved that Chapter II, of the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "Co-ordinating Council," DCA-27, columns 2-3 and DCA-28, columns 1-2, as amended by Report No. 1 of the Committee of Six on Conference, be adopted. The motion duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference. For Chapter II, Co-ordinating Council, see page 1745.

Order of the Day—Report of Commission on Study of the Local Church—Alexander K. Smith

The deferred Order of the Day having arrived, presentation and consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), presented the Report, with the request that the members of the Commission, who are Delegates to the General Conference, be granted permission to sit on the platform to expedite the procedure of considering the Report, and for the Bishops who are members of the Commission to be granted the privilege of the floor, to make statements relating to various items of the Report as they deem proper. The request was granted unanimously, by common consent.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell Speaks

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, was recognized, and gave a clear analysis of the content of the Report, covering the period of the last eight years in which the Commission has been at work.

Proposed Amendment Deferred—John M. Versteeg

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) moved to amend Section (3), page 25 by deleting the word "local," and substituting therefore the words "of this State." The motion to amend was duly seconded.

Method of Considering Report—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia) stated that the Commission would like to proceed orderly in the consideration

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of the Report, and requested John M. Versteeg (Ohio) to hold his amendment until that page was up for consideration, and that the Commission would have a statement to make on the proposed amendment.

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) readily complied with the request, and withdrew his proposed amendment for the time being.

Recess

The General Conference recessed for ten minutes, with consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, pending.

Re-Convene

Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, South Central Jurisdiction, called the General Conference to order at the end of the recess period, and requested James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, to present the Centenary College Choir and its Director.

Centenary College Choir—Alvin C. Voran (*)—James R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, presented the "Singing Ambassadors of Centenary College," of Shreveport, Louisiana, and the Director, Professor Alvin C. Voran (*).

The Choir sang "Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho," by Higgins; "The Souls of the Righteous Are in the Hands of God," by T. Tertius Moble, and "Tenebrae Factae Sunt" by Palestrina.

Order of Day Resumed—Report of Commission on Study of Local Church

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), briefly outlined the method of procedure to be followed in the consideration of the Report, by taking it up seriatim, section by section, for tentative approval, with the understanding that it is all subject to a final adoption of the Report as a whole.

Chapter I—The Pastoral Charge—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission, presented Chapter I, The Pastoral Charge, Section 1 with Paragraphs 101, 102, 103, 104, page 10 of the Report, and after briefly explaining the contents of the Chapter, moved its adoption. The motion to adopt, was duly seconded.

Amendment—J. Edgar Skillington—Not Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend Paragraph 102, page 25 of the Report by deleting the last sentence, which reads as follows:

"Such a society of believers, being within The Methodist Church and subject to its *Discipline*, is also an inherent part of the Church Universal, which is composed of all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and which in the Apostles' Creed we declare to be the holy Catholic Church."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the same.

Alexander K. Smith Replies

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission, spoke to the arguments of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania).

William R. Cannon for Report

William R. Cannon (North Georgia) spoke for the Report, and against the amendment.

J. Edgar Skillington Spoke—Amendment Not Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke the second time in support of his amendment.

The motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) to amend Paragraph 102, on being put to a vote, was not adopted.

Point of Order—Henry L. Lambdin—Not in Order

Henry L. Lambdin (Newark) raised the Point of Order that Paragraph 102, page 10 of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, had a special bearing on the Articles of Religion as set forth in the Restrictive Rules, Constitution, Paragraph 9, 1, 1948 *Discipline*, The Methodist Church, and asked this question:

"Have we the right to alter the Articles of Religion by an interpretive statement in regard to Paragraph 102?"

Ruling of Bishop Martin

Bishop Paul E. Martin stated:

"The Chairman does not rule on a Constitutional question, and thus I believe that that should not come before us. If there should be found a conflict, there should be an appeal to the Judicial Council."

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Amendment of John M. Versteeg—Not in Order

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 101, page 10, Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, by inserting in the first line after the words "The visible Church of Christ is," the words "the creation of God," the rest of the sentence to remain the same.

Point of Order—Alexander K. Smith—Well Taken

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia) raised the point of Order that this is a Constitutional question, and therefore we have no right to debate it.

Ruling of Bishop Martin

Bishop Paul E. Martin ruled the Point of Order well taken.

Leslie B. Bailey Speaks to Report

Leslie B. Bailey (Idaho), speaking to the Report, expressed hearty approval of the word "connectional," found in the first line of Paragraph 102, and stated the implications of the word as it appealed to him.

Statement of Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission, stated the word "connectional," had been inserted as it sharpened the definition of the local church, and also that the lawyers on the Commission were rather insistent that the word be inserted in order to clear the courts in any connection.

Chapter I, The Pastoral Charge, Adopted

On being put to a vote, "Chapter I, The Pastoral Charge," was adopted, as presented by the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, and set forth on page 10 of the Report, embracing Paragraphs 101, 103 and 104. See page 1583.

Reference to Judicial Council—John M. Versteeg—J. Edgar Skillington—Adopted

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) moved that the General Conference request the Judicial Council to declare whether clarifications of the Articles of Religion are permissible in any other section of the *Discipline*, provided they do not conflict with the faith expressed in those Articles. See Paragraph 101 of the Report, page 10. The motion was duly seconded by J. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio).

Amendment of J. Edgar Skillington—Accepted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved an

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amendment to the motion to refer to the Judicial Council, the reference also of Paragraph 102 of the Report of the Commission, page 10, to determine as to whether or not, Paragraph 102 violates the First Restrictive Rule of The Methodist Church as set forth in Paragraph 9 of the *Discipline*.

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) with the consent of his seconder accepted the proposed amendment of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania).

Theological Question Involved—Georgia Harkness

Miss Georgia Harkness (*), (Troy) was recognized, and stated that the matter involved was basically a theological issue, and that the Judicial Council should seek the advice of competent theologians before ruling that it is not consonant with the Articles of Religion.

Motion to Refer Adopted

The motion of John M. Versteeg (Ohio) to refer the matters involved to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision, on being put to a vote, was adopted by the General Conference.

Chapter II, Church Membership. Section I, "Admission Into the Church" Presented—A. K. Smith—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Chapter II, Church Membership," as set forth in Paragraph 105, and Section I, "Admission Into the Church," Paragraph 107, Paragraphs 105 and 107 being found on page 10 of the Report, and Paragraphs 108, 109, 110, 111, 112 on pages 11 and 12 of the Report, briefly explaining the content of the Paragraphs enumerated, and requested common consent to make two changes in Paragraph 108: insert after the words "military unit," at the end of line two, the words, "any such minister otherwise present where a local church is not available," and delete in line 7 the words, "the chaplain," and insert in their place the words, "such minister."

Common consent was unanimously granted for making the changes, as indicated.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia) moved the adoption of Chapter II, "Church Membership," and of Section I of said Chapter II, "Admission Into the Church." The motion was adopted.

Amendment—Shelby R. Brammer ()—Amended—Accepted*

Shelby R. Brammer (*), (Holston) moved to amend

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Paragraph 111, page 10 of the Report, by inserting the word "evangelical," before the word "denomination," in the first line of the Paragraph. The motion to thus amend, being seconded, Shelby R. Brammer (*) (Holston), spoke to the pending amendment.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission, stated that the Commission debated for some time the implications of the word "evangelical," and decided it would be best to leave it out, but that the Commission would accept the term "Christian."

Amendment Accepted—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment to insert the word "Christian," before the word "denomination," in the first line of Paragraph 111, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—Cecil P. Hardin—Not Adopted

Cecil P. Hardin (Holston) moved to amend Paragraph 112, page 11 of the Report, by deleting the words "residing for an extended period," found in lines one and two of the Paragraph, and substituting therefore the words:

"residing temporarily in a city or community at a distance from his home."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Cecil P. Hardin (Holston) spoke to the pending motion.

Alexander K. Smith Against Amendment

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission, spoke against the amendment.

Amendment Cecil P. Hardin—Not Adopted

The motion of Cecil P. Hardin (Holston) to amend Paragraph 112 of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, being put to a vote, was not adopted.

Problems in Military Installations—J. Manning Potts

J. Manning Potts (Virginia) spoke of the problems in all type military installations, with special reference to the contents of Paragraph 108, page 11 of the Report.

Amendment James S. Chubb—Not Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska) moved to amend Paragraph 112 of the Report, by adding the words, "except in churches of less than 100 members," at the close of the Paragraph.

The motion to amend Paragraph 112 being duly seconded, James S. Chubb (Nebraska) spoke to the same.

Amendment Not Accepted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission, stated that the amendment could not be accepted, and gave the reasons why.

Question of Consistency—Abbott L. Fletcher ()*

Abbott L. Fletcher (*), (Minnesota) raised the question of consistency as set forth in Paragraph 112; Paragraph 128, section 3, Quarterly Conference Membership, and Paragraph 143, Local Church Board of Trustees.

D. Trigg James for Amendment

D. Trigg James (Holston) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment.

Raoul C. Calkins Against Amendment

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke against the proposed amendment.

Miss Georgia Harkness for Intent But Not Wording of Amendment

Miss Georgia Harkness (Troy) stated she was for the intent of the proposed amendment, but not its wording.

Dillon W. Throckmorton Against Amendment

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) spoke against the proposed amendment.

Amendment to Amendment—J. R. McLaughlin—Accepted by James S. Chubb

John R. McLaughlin (Newark) moved as an amendment to the amendment, the addition of the words:

"after he has agreed to work within the provisions of the *Discipline of The Methodist Church*."

The proposed amendment to the amendment was accepted by James S. Chubb (Nebraska), with the consent of the seconder of his proposed amendment.

Previous Question—A. Wesley Pugh—Ordered

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved the previous question on the amendment.

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The motion for the previous question was ordered by more than the two-thirds necessary vote of the General Conference.

Amendment James S. Chubb—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of James S. Chubb (Nebraska) to Paragraph 112, with the accepted amendment to the amendment by John R. McLaughlin (Newark) on being put to a vote, was not adopted.

Amendment—J. Henry Ernst—Not Adopted

J. Henry Ernst (Pacific Northwest) moved to amend Paragraph 107, page 11 of the Report, by adding after the words "previously baptized," found in line eleven, page 11 of the Report, the words, "unless his baptism was received as an infant."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, J. Henry Ernst (Pacific Northwest) spoke to the pending motion.

W. R. Cannon Against Amendment

William R. Cannon (North Georgia) spoke against the proposed amendment.

Amendment—J. Henry Ernst—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of J. Henry Ernst (Pacific Northwest) to Paragraph 107, on being put to a vote, was not adopted, by the General Conference.

Amendment—John D. Heer—Not Adopted

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) moved to amend Paragraph 111 by inserting the word "evangelical" before the word "Christian," which had previously been inserted in the first line of the Paragraph, page 11 of the Report.

The motion being duly seconded, John D. Heer (Philadelphia) spoke to the same.

E. S. Bucke Against Amendment

Emory S. Bucke (New England) spoke Against the proposed amendment.

Amendment—John D. Heer—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of John D. Heer (Philadelphia) to Paragraph 111, page 11 of the Report, was not adopted on the vote of the General Conference.

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Amendment—Georgia Harkness—Not Adopted

Miss Georgia Harkness (Troy) moved to amend Paragraph 112, page 12 of the Report, by inserting after the word "except," in line three at the top of page 12 of the Report, the words:

"in other than officially recognized Community Methodist Churches."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Miss Georgia Harkness (Troy) spoke in favor of the same.

Question Raised—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, raised the question of the difference between a Federated Church and a Community Methodist Church.

Amendment—Miss Georgia Harkness—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Miss Georgia Harkness (Troy) to Paragraph 112, page 12 of the Report, on being put to a vote of the General Conference was not adopted.

Amendment—Claude Young—Not Adopted

Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) moved to amend Paragraph 107, page 11 of the Report, by deleting the words, "bring them before the congregation," found in the third line from the bottom of the Paragraph.

The motion, being duly seconded, Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) spoke in behalf of the proposed amendment.

Paragraph 109 Cited—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that Paragraph 109, page 11 of the Report specifically took care of the matter.

Amendment—Claude Young—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) was not adopted, on being put to a vote.

Amendment—John R. Kenney—Not Adopted

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) moved to amend Paragraph 108, page 11 of the Report, by deleting the words, "organization, institution or," found in the second line of the Paragraph.

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) spoke in favor of the amendment.

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D. Stewart Patterson Against Amendment

D. Stewart Patterson (*), (Baltimore) spoke against the proposed amendment.

Previous Question—L. U. Spellman—Ordered

L. U. Spellman (Southwest Texas) moved the previous question on all that is before the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the necessary two-thirds vote, and the previous question on all before the General Conference, was ordered.

A. K. Smith Closes Debate

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, spoke to the pending amendment and closed the debate.

Amendment—John R. Kenney—Not Adopted

The amendment of John R. Kenney (California-Nevada), on being put to a vote, was not adopted.

Chapter II, Church Membership; Section I, Admission Into the Church—Adopted

Chapter II, "Church Membership," Paragraph 105, and Section I, "Admission Into the Church," Paragraphs 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, and 112, pages 10, 11 and 12 of the Report, were adopted, as amended. See page 1583.

Chapter II, Section II—Termination of Membership—Presented—A. K. Smith—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented Section II, of Chapter II, Subject, "Termination of Membership," Paragraphs 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119 and 120, pages 12, 13, 14 of the printed Report, and briefly stated the content of each Paragraph, and moved the adoption of this Section II. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—J. Edward Carothers—No Second

J. Edward Carothers (Troy) moved to amend Paragraph 117, page 13 of the Report, by stating that when the membership transfer has been completed to the church of another denomination, then the termination of the membership shall be noted on the membership roll of the local church.

There was no second to the motion to amend.

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Chapter II, Section II, Termination of Membership Adopted

Section II of Chapter II, Subject, "Termination of Membership," Paragraphs 113 to 120, pages 12, 13, 14 of the Report were adopted, as presented. See page 1585.

Further Consideration Report Commission on Study of Local Church Deferred Until Next Session

The time of adjournment being imminent, further discussion of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church was deferred until the next session of the General Conference, by common consent. (See page 321.)

No. 6 Commission on Entertainment—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, was recognized and presented E. Harold Mohn (North-East Ohio) for an important announcement, and Loyd F. Worley (New York East) for a privileged matter, concerning a statement in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Advance Drama—A Faith Is Born—E. Harold Mohn

- E. Harold Mohn (North-East Ohio), Executive Director of the "Advance for Christ and His Church," for the quadrennium just closing, made announcements concerning the Advance drama, "A Faith Is Born," that is to be presented in the War Memorial Opera House on Wednesday night, April 30, 1952, at 8:15 P.M., and a matinee performance on Thursday afternoon, May 1, 1952, at 2:30 P.M., arranged especially for members and friends of the local churches.

Privileged Matter—Loyd F. Worley

Loyd F. Worley (New York East) was recognized and made an explanation of a statement appearing on page 190 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Time Extended—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) moved that the time be extended to complete the necessary business of this session. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

No. 6. Commission on Entertainment—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, was recognized for three matters, and presented them as follows:

(A) A great program is scheduled for tonight. An address by Bishop Arthur J. Moore on "The Church in a

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Bewildered Century," with Bishop Herbert Welch, presiding.

(B) If you go to Golden Gate Park, notice the gorgeous flower bed arranged by the Superintendent of the Park to spell out in flowers, "Welcome Methodist Conference."

(C) The question is being constantly asked, "Is it true that we are going to adjourn on Saturday?" and stated that this problem of adjournment had not been assigned to the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, and suggested that if the General Conference desired to appoint some Committee to help regulate the business of the General Conference to expeditiously transact its business, it might be a wise procedure.

Conference Business—Robert G. Mayfield (*)—Adopted

Motion of Robert G. Mayfield (*), (Southwest Missouri) duly seconded, prevailed, that the General Conference Commission on Entertainment advise and consult with the Committee of Chairmen in regard to the expeditious handling of the business of the General Conference for the remainder of this week.

No. 2. Fraternal Delegates Presented—N. S. Curry—H. W. Murph—Harry N. Holmes (*)

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, was recognized, and presented the following Fraternal Delegates:

Norris Samuel Curry Presented—Harry N. Holmes ()*

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates presented Dr. Norris Samuel Curry, Pastor of Phillips Temple, Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles, California, as the Fraternal Delegate from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Conference stood in applause.

Henry W. Murph Presented—Harry N. Holmes ()*

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates presented Dr. Henry W. Murph, the Fraternal Delegate from the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Conference stood in applause.

Statement—Bishop Martin

Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding Bishop, in well chosen words welcomed both Fraternal Delegates to the General

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Conference, and expressed the regrets of the General Conference that due to the necessity of both Fraternal Delegates having to leave the city, and the approaching hour of adjournment being imminent, the General Conference was deprived of the honor and the privilege of hearing from them, and assured them we joined with them in this great task that is ours of bringing Christ to the earth.

No. 5. Presiding Officer—Bishop Alexander P. Shaw—George A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-43) designating Bishop Alexander P. Shaw of the Baltimore Area, Central Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer for the next session of the 1952 General Conference. For Report see page 1087.

Announcements

Necessary announcements were made by the Secretary of the General Conference.

Personal Word—Bishop P. E. Martin

Bishop Paul E. Martin stated that he had used two gavels during the session of the morning, one given by his wife, the other made from the beam of a house built by William Butler at Bareilly, India, in 1858, and who was the founder of our work in India.

Bishop Paul E. Martin also thanked the General Conference for its co-operation and courtesy during the morning's session.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop H. A. Boaz

The morning session of Monday, April 28, 1952, of the General Conference adjourned 12:45 P.M. with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Hiram A. Boaz with further consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, pending.

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Opening—Bishop Alexander P. Shaw

Pursuant to adjournment the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the morning session of the Sixth Day, Tuesday, April 29, 1952, with Bishop Alexander P. Shaw of the Baltimore Area, Central Jurisdiction presiding, who stated that Bishop Angie W.

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Smith, Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, South Central Jurisdiction, would conduct the devotions.

Devotions—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, South Central Jurisdiction, conducted the Devotional Service of the morning.

Call to Worship

Bishop W. Angie Smith gave the Call to Worship, using the fourth verse of Psalm 100 and the third verse of Psalm 34, and then announced Hymn No. 251, "Take Time to Be Holy." The Conference stood, and under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Director of Music, joined heartily in the singing of the Hymn announced.

Bishop W. Angie Smith then led the General Conference in the Affirmation of Faith, the Apostles' Creed.

Scripture Lesson—Prayer

For the Scripture lesson of the morning Bishop W. Angie Smith read the first five verses of the seventh chapter of the Gospel by Matthew, and then led in prayer.

Hymn No. 67

Bishop W. Angie Smith announced, and the General Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 67, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

The Morning Message

Bishop W. Angie Smith brought a timely message on, "Differing in Positions But Walking in Christian Fellowship."

Closing Hymn—Benediction—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Bishop W. Angie Smith, announced, and the General Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 166, "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!" after which Bishop W. Angie Smith pronounced the benediction.

Business Session—Bishop Alexander P. Shaw

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw of the Baltimore Area, Central Jurisdiction, called the General Conference to order for the business session, with consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, pending.

No. 5. Journal—Clyde O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia) Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented the Report of the Committee

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(DB-44), and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:—

“Your Committee has examined the Journal for Monday morning, April 28, 1952, and have found it correct.”

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW, *Chairman*

WILLIAM H. BECKER, *Secretary*

No. 2. Rules—Presented—A. Wesley Pugh—Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for this session, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, DCA-244, column 1, Subject, “Instructions for Entertainment Commission for 1956,” and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:—

“The Committee on Rules, having considered the request of Delegate, Prabakhar B. C. Balaram of the Delhi Annual Conference, referred to it on Monday morning, April 28, 1952, recommends that the General Conference adopt the following Resolution:

“In order that due recognition may be given to all the important world-wide interests of the Church, the General Conference instructs the Commission on Entertainment and Program of the 1956 General Conference, to solicit suggestions from Bishops outside the United States before the inspirational and educational portion of the Program for the General Conference is finally determined.”

(Signed) A. WESLEY PUGH, *Chairman*,

M. LaFayette Harris, *Secretary*

Orders of the Day—Priority Procedure—A. K. Smith

The Order of the Day having arrived, the presentation and consideration of Ecumenical Relations, to be immediately followed by the Report of the Quadrennial Committee, Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, which Report was being considered when the General Conference adjourned yesterday morning, Monday, April 28, 1952, asked unanimous common consent of the General Conference, to postpone further consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, until after the two Orders of the Day, mentioned in this paragraph, had been completed.

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for this method of procedure.

Order of the Day—Ecumenical Relations—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

The Order of the Day having arrived, the presentation and consideration of the Ecumenical Relations of The Methodist Church, Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Secretary of the Commission on Church Union was recognized, made

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a brief but succinct statement regarding Methodist participation in the Ecumenical Movement of these times, and requested Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, to present the speakers representing the National Council of Churches, and then the World Council of Churches.

Samuel McCrea Cavert—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, presented Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches.

Samuel McCrea Cavert Addresses General Conference

Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches addressed the General Conference, setting forth the progress that has been made in the union of Protestant Churches in the United States, and prospects for the future.

Henry Smith Leiper—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, next introduced Dr. Henry Smith Leiper of the World Council of Churches.

Henry Smith Leiper Address General Conference

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, addressed the General Conference, briefly stating the progress being made in the world-wide Ecumenical Movement.

World Methodist Council—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Secretary of the Commission on Church Union, briefly gave the history of the formation of the World Methodist Council, and presented Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, who had been elected as its first President, for some presentations and remarks concerning the World Methodist Council.

*Presented by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Oscar Thomas Olson—
E. Benson Perkins—S. Lynham (*)—Karl K. Quimby—
Elmer T. Clark*

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, presented separately Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), President of the American Section of

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the World Methodist Council, Dr. E. Benson Perkins and E. Lynham (*) representing the British Section of the World Methodist Council, Karl K. Quimby (Newark) and Elmer T. Clark (Western North Carolina) officers of the American Section of the World Methodist Council. The General Conference applauded.

Members World Methodist Council Presented—Oscar Thomas Olson

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), President of the American Section of the World Methodist Council presented to the General Conference, the members of the World Methodist Council who were members of the General Conference of The Methodist Church. The General Conference applauded.

E. Benson Perkins Speaks—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, in well-chosen words presented Dr. E. Benson Perkins, one of the Secretaries of the World Methodist Council, who briefly addressed the General Conference.

Karl K. Quimby Presented—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Karl K. Quimby (Newark), United States Secretary for the Exchange of Preachers of the World Methodist Council, was presented by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and briefly addressed the General Conference.

Report of Commission on Church Union—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Secretary of the Commission on Church Union, presented the Report of the Commission, entitled, "A Study by the Protestant Episcopal Commission on Approaches to Unity and the Methodist Commission on Church Union," and requested Bishop Ivan Lee Holt to introduce the next speaker. For Report see page 1481.

Bishop Stephen E. Keeler—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Methodist Commission on Church Union, presented Bishop Stephen E. Keeler, Bishop of Minneapolis and Chairman of the Protestant Episcopal Joint Commission on Approaches to Unity.

Bishop Keeler address the General Conference. At the close of the address the General Conference applauded.

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Memorial on Worship Referred—Oscar Thomas Olson

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, stated that an important paper addressed by the Commission on Worship to the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship had been misplaced, and asked the permission of the General Conference to refer the paper to the General Conference Standing Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship.

On motion of Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), duly seconded, this was done.

Nos. 1, 2, 3. Credentials Presented—Henry L. Bradway—Cecil P. Hardin—Adopted

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Reports Nos. 1, 2, 3 (DCA-220), and on motion of Cecil P. Hardin (Holston), duly seconded, they were adopted. For Reports see pages 1036, 1037, 1038.

No. 7. Entertainment—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on General Conference Entertainment, requested the Chairmen of all the Legislative Committees, and the Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order serving for this session, to meet with the General Conference Commission on Entertainment during recess for the purpose of expediting the working the General Conference.

Judicial Council—Charles B. Ketcham

Charles B. Ketcham (North-East Ohio), Secretary of the Judicial Council urged all parties interested to meet with the Judicial Council this afternoon, when the Judicial Council takes up the matter of the use and interpretation of the Articles of Religion, which had been referred to the Judicial Council yesterday, Monday, April 28, 1952, for a declaratory decision.

Recess

The period of the morning recess having arrived, the General Conference recessed for ten minutes.

Reconvene—Bishop Alexander P. Shaw

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw of the Baltimore Area, Central Jurisdiction, called the General Conference to order at the close of the recess period, and requested James R. Houghton

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(*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music to present the DePauw University Choir.

DePauw University Choir—James R. Houghton (*)—George W. Gove (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, presented the DePauw University Choir of Greencastle, Indiana, and its Director, Professor George W. Gove (*).

DePauw University Choir under the direction of Professor George R. Gove (*) delighted the General Conference with their rendition of "Grant Unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation," by Johannes Brahms; "My Chosen King," by Johan Sebastian Bach; and "Battle Hymn of the Republic," as arranged by Wilhousky.

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, in behalf of the General Conference, thanked Professor Gove (*) and the Choir for the splendid music.

General Conference Legislation Effective—John D. Heer—Adopted

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) presented the following Resolution, and moved its adoption (DB-45) :—

"Resolved, That the legislation of this General Conference shall not be effective in the operation of any Annual Conference that may hold its session before the next Jurisdictional Conference of which it is a member, and may so elect, with such exceptions as financial apportionments and such other exceptions as the General Conference may later make."

The motion, being duly seconded, John D. Heer (Philadelphia) spoke to the same, and requested J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) also to speak to the same.

J. Edgar Skillington for Resolution

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Question Raised—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the question if the Resolution was in the nature of an amendment to Rule 37.

Ruling of Bishop Shaw

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw of the Baltimore Area, Central Jurisdiction, ruled that it was not an amendment, as Rule 37 states "unless otherwise specified."

Resolution Adopted

The Resolution of John D. Heer (Philadelphia) was adopted by the General Conference.

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Order of the Day Set—The Calendar—Walter S. Overstreet

On motion of Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia), duly seconded, the presentation and consideration of the Calendar was set as the Order of the Day for Wednesday, April 30, 1952, immediately following the taking of the first ballot for members of the Judicial Council.

No. 4. Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, was recognized and presented the following matters:—

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin ()—Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker*

Presented Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, who in turn presented Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin (*) (New York), President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who addressed the General Conference.

At the conclusion of the address the General Conference stood in applause.

Mrs. Wade Crawford Barclay ()—Bishop L. O. Hartman—Horace G. Smith*

Presented Bishop Loyal O. Hartman, who called the attention of the General Conference to the death of Mrs. Wade Crawford Barclay (*) which occurred Friday, April 25, 1952, and suggested that a message of appreciation of the great work of Dr. Wade Crawford Barclay (Rock River) be sent to him, and also assuring him of our sympathy and prayers in his hour of bereavement.

Motion of Horace G. Smith (Rock River), duly seconded, prevailed, that the Secretary of the General Conference send such a message.

Edward R. Bartlett—Claude Young

Presented Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) for the following joint Resolution (DB-46) as a matter of high privilege:—

"Whereas Dr. Edward R. Bartlett of the Colorado Annual Conference, who died on Tuesday, April 22nd, 1952, has rendered an outstanding service to Methodism as pastor, Professor of Bible in DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, and as President of Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this General Conference expresses its deep appreciation of the life, labors and contributions of Dr. Edward R. Bartlett, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this General Conference through its Secretary, extend its sympathy to Mrs. Bartlett, and her loved ones, in this hour of their great loss and sorrow.

(Signed)

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Northwest Indiana Delegation

CLAUDE R. YOUNG
SAMUEL E. CARRUTH
WILLIAM E. CLARK
HAROLD C. PHEND (*)
RALPH M. DUNN (*)
MRS. J. F. KIRKPATRICK (*)

Colorado Delegation

RUFUS C. BAKER
HARVEY H. POTTHOFF
RICHARD O. GILPIN
ROBERT B. SPENCER (*)
BERNARD VESSEY (*)
JAMES W. BARRETT (*)

On the motion of Claude R. Young (Northwest Indiana) duly seconded by Rufus C. Baker (Colorado) the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

*Cablegram from Girls' Middle and High Schools, Korea—
—Alexander K. Smith*

Presented the following cablegram (DB-47) :—

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FROM ROM EWHA

GIRLS MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

On motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, the cablegram was ordered to record in the Journal of the General Conference, and the Secretary instructed to make proper reply.

**Jurisdiction Given Judicial Council—Alexander K. Smith—
John R. Wilkins—Adopted**

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) for a privileged Resolution.

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) was recognized, and stated that there were some important Memorials requesting Enabling Acts in reference to the Central Jurisdiction that had been referred to the General Standing Committee on Conferences, and that the Committee desired to have the Judicial Council pass upon all the matters involved, and presented a Resolution (DB-48) relative to the same, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted by the General Conference as follows:—

“BE IT RESOLVED, That to facilitate the determination of the constitutionality of proposed legislation when same seems important, that the Judicial Council be and it is hereby given jurisdiction to pass upon the constitutionality of any proposed legislation when such Declaratory Decision is requested by the General Conference, or by the Council of Bishops.”

(Signed) JOHN R. WILKINS

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Memorials Referred—Leon T. Moore—Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) moved that the Memorials mentioned in the Resolution of John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) just adopted, be referred to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision, said Memorials being No. 299, Subject "Affiliation of Churches in the Central Jurisdiction with Other Jurisdictions, Woman's Society of Christian Service," No. 313, Subject, "Churches in the Central Jurisdiction and the Other Jurisdictions, Detroit Annual Conference," No. 1623, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions, John R. Wilkins, California-Nevada Annual Conference," and No. 1661, Subject, "Jurisdictional Conference Membership, Atlanta Annual Conference, et al."

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Report No. 1 Conferences Withdrawn, Referred—Leon T. Moore—Adopted

On the request, and motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, duly seconded, Report No. 1-A of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 17 (DCA-187) was withdrawn from the Calendar, and referred to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision. For Reports 1, 1-A, 1-B, see pages 1168, 1169.

Memorial 23 Referred to Judicial Council—Edward P. O'Rear

On motion of Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded, Memorial No. 23, Subject "Duties of the Secretary of an Annual Conference: Secretaries and Statisticians of the South Central Jurisdiction," was referred to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision. See pages 457 and 1181.

No. 5. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Courtesies, announced that on Thursday morning, May 1, 1952, immediately after recess, the wives of the Bishops would be presented, and that on Saturday morning, May 3, 1952, the Memorial Service for the deceased Bishops, Delegates-elect and Reserve Delegates-elect would be held.

Louisa C. Reilly Estate—Kenneth W. Copeland—Henry M. Zimmerman (*)

Kenneth W. Copeland (Southwest Texas) presented a Resolution concerning the Louisa C. Reilly Estate in Coke County, Texas, and requested permission for Henry M. Zimmerman (*) (Kentucky), President of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, to read the same.

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Resolution Presented—Henry M. Zimmerman (*)

Henry M. Zimmerman (*) (Kentucky) President of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, presented the following Resolution concerning the Louisa C. Reilly estate of Coke County, Texas (DB-49), and on motion of Kenneth W. Copeland (Southwest Texas), it was adopted by the General Conference. For Resolution see page 1028.

Trustees Elected—Wilmer Fell Davis

The Resolution concerning the Louisa C. Reilly Estate of Coke County, Texas, called for the election of "Trustees of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church."

Motion of Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula), duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference, instructing the Secretary of the 1952 session General Conference of The Methodist Church now in session, to cast the vote of the General Conference of The Methodist Church for the Trustees of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, as set forth in the Resolution.

Vote Cast—Lud H. Estes—Trustees Elected—Bishop Alexander P. Shaw

Complying with the instructions of the motion of Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula), Lud H. Estes (Memphis) Secretary of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the 1952 General Conference for the following Trustees of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:—

Bryan, J. F.	4637 Schenley Road, Baltimore 10, Md.
Bunce, E. L.	2705 St. Paul St., Baltimore 18, Md.
Dudley, J. A.	2426 W. Lanvale St., Baltimore 16, Md.
Hooker, G. J.	2312 E. Federal St., Baltimore 13, Md.
Litsinger, William H.	Homewood Apartments, Baltimore 18, Md.
Sexsmith, E. A.	2912 Rittenhouse St., Washington 15, D. C.
Smith, L. B.	3612 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore 29, Md.
Warner, Paul F.	Linthicum, Md.
Benson, F. Murray (*)	Davidson Bldg., Charles & Fayette Sts.
Dexter, G. W. (*)	7 Longwood Road
Gilbert, Harry E. (*)	2 E. Lexington St.
Jett, Robt. S. (*)	3212 Carlisle Avenue
Perkins, W. C. (*)	114 St. Dunston's Road
Reiner, Charles, Jr. (Deceased) (*)	516 N. Charles St.

Upon the Secretary of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, casting the vote of the 1952 General Conference for the above named Trustees of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Bishop Alexander P. Shaw declared the same to have been duly and properly elected.

No. 1. Chairmen—Rules Suspended—Speeches Shortened—Leon T. Moore—Adopted

On motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman

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of the Committee of Chairmen, the Rules were suspended by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the time of speeches was reduced from ten minutes to five minutes for the remaining sessions of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Report Resumed, Commission to Study the Local Church—Alexander K. Smith

Consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church was resumed.

Section III, Children and the Church—Alexander K. Smith—Amended—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission, presented "Section III, Children and the Church" pages 14 and 15 of the Report, Paragraphs 121, 122, 123, 124, and moved their adoption. The motion was duly second.

Amendment to Paragraph 123—Dillon Wesley Throckmorton—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada), moved to amend Paragraph 123, page 15, by deleting the words "ten or thereabouts," found in line eight of the Paragraph, and substituting therefor the word "decision," so that the sentence would read, "who have arrived at the age of decision into classes, etc."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the proposed amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Section III—Adopted

Section III, "Children and the Church," was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. See page 1588.

Section IV—Membership Records—Alexander K. Smith—Amended—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Section IV. Membership Records," pages 15 and 16 of the Report, Paragraphs 125 and 126, and moved their adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment Paragraph 125—Ray W. Ragsdale—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), moved to amend Paragraph 125, paragraph 1 by inserting the words "at a reasonable price," to follow the words "by The

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Methodist Publishing House," at the end of line two of the paragraph, so that it would read, "by The Methodist Publishing House at a reasonable price, etc." The motion was duly seconded.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the proposed amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Section IV. Membership Records, as amended was then adopted. See page 1589.

Chapter III, The Quarterly Conference—Part I—Section I—Alexander K. Smith—Amended—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented Chapter III, The Quarterly Conference, Part I, "The Work and Program of the Local Church," page 16 and 17 of the Report, Paragraphs 127, 128, 129, 130 and 131, and Section I, "General Provisions," page 17 and 18, Paragraph 132, and stated there were two amendments the Commission desired to make, with the consent of the General Conference. Unanimous common consent being given by the General Conference, Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, for the Commission amended Paragraph 128, Item 1, by inserting the words "residing in that place," to follow the words "supernumerary preachers," found at the beginning of line two of Item 1, so that the sentence would read, "supernumerary preachers residing in that place who elect, etc."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, further amended, for the Commission, Item 3 of Paragraph 128, by adding at the close of Item 3 the following sentence:

"provided, however, that limitation of age shall not apply to the President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, or the President of the Youth Council."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church then moved the adoption of the Section presented, and the motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Leonard D. Slutz (*)—Not Adopted

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 128, Item 3, by adding after the words "elective and ex-officio," found in the first line, the words, "the class leaders or similar neighborhood group leaders," so that the sentence would read:

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"3. The Stewards, elective and ex-officio, the class leaders or similar neighborhood group leaders, etc."

The motion being duly seconded, Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) spoke to the pending amendment.

Alexander K. Smith Spoke Against Amendment

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, said the Commission could not accept the proposed amendment, and gave the reason why.

Clarence H. La Rue Against Amendment

Clarence H. La Rue (North-East Ohio), spoke against the amendment.

Amendment Leonard D. Slutz () Not Adopted*

The proposed amendment of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) on being put to a vote of the General Conference was not adopted.

Chapter III, Part I and Section I Adopted

Chapter III, The Quarterly Conference, Part I, The Work and Program of the Local Church, Pages 16 and 17, Paragraph 127, 128, 129, 130 and 131, as amended was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. See page 1590.

Section I, General Provisions, page 17 and 18, Paragraph 132 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. See page 1592.

Section II—Elections—A. K. Smith—Amended—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Section II, Elections," pages 18, 19, 20 and 21, Paragraphs 133, 134 and 135 of the Report, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—David E. Greelis ()—Not Adopted*

David E. Greelis (*) (Troy), moved to amend Paragraph 133 (2) by deleting the words "of the Circuit," following the words "The Charge Lay Leader," so that the sentence would read "The Charge Lay Leader," and to make this change in other parts of the text to conform with this intent.

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, David E. Greelis (*) (Troy) spoke to the pending amendment.

Alexander K. Smith Against Amendment

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the proposed legislation was in accordance with the suggestion of the General Board of Lay Activities, through their rep-

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representatives who met with the Commission on the Study of the Local Church.

The amendment of David E. Greelis (*) (Troy) being put to a vote did not prevail by the vote of the General Conference.

Amendment—Robert F. Curl—Not Adopted

Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) moved to amend Paragraph 135, page 19, by adding at the end of the first paragraph the words:

"and provided further than in every charge there shall be a Committee on Nominations and a Committee on Pastoral Relations elected by the Quarterly Conference itself."

The motion to amend being duly seconded, Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) spoke in favor of it.

A. K. Smith Spoke Against Amendment—Not Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, spoke against the proposed amendment.

The motion of Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas), was not adopted, on being put to a vote of the General Conference.

Amendment to Paragraph 134—A. K. Smith—Approved

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, requested unanimous consent to insert the word "elected," after the words "In every case the," in line ten of Paragraph 134, the same having inadvertently been left out in the printing, so that the amended sentence will read, "In every case the elected."

Unanimous consent was given for the insertion of the word "elected," at the place indicated.

Amendment—William B. Robinson—Not Adopted

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 133, page 18 by deleting the words,

"provided, that the Committee on Nominations or the pastor shall confer with the District Superintendent before any nomination is made."

The motion to amend being duly seconded, William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) spoke to the same.

A. K. Smith Spoke Against Amendment—Not Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of Local Church, spoke against the amendment.

The amendment of William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) on being put to a vote, was not adopted by the General Conference.

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F. Bringle McIntosh for the Section

F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio) spoke in favor of this section of the Report.

Amendment—Raoul C. Calkins—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend Paragraph 133, page 18, by adding at the end of the Paragraph 133 the following parenthetical statement, "(Consult Paragraphs 142, 143 for the election of Trustees.)"

The motion to amend being duly seconded, Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke to the same.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—Edward P. O'Rear—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend Paragraph 135, pages 19 and 20, Item 3 by deleting the first sentence which reads,

"The Committee on Records and History, which shall examine the records of the Quarterly Conference, and under the direction of the Quarterly Conference shall examine the records of the various organizations of the church or churches."

and substituting therefore the following:—

"The Committee on Records and History shall be responsible for assisting the pastor to see that all Church and Quarterly Conference Records are kept on the official record blanks as provided by The Methodist Publishing House, under the direction of the Council on World Service and Finance."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, or of the General Conference.

Section II—Elections—Adopted

Section II, Elections, pages 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the Report, Paragraphs 133, 134 and 135 was then adopted, as amended, by the General Conference. See page 1592.

Section III—Licensing Preachers and Exhorters—A. K. Smith—Amended—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented Section "III, Licensing Preachers and Exhorters," page 21 of the Re-

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port, Paragraph 136, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—Dillon Wesley Throckmorton

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) asked the question,

"What happens to Paragraph 303 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, if we adopt Paragraph 136 of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, now before us for action?"

Reply of Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated there was no conflict at the point indicated.

*Motion to Refer to Committee on Editorial Revision—
Oscar Thomas Olson—Withdrawn*

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) moved to refer the apparent conflict of Paragraph 136 of the Report, now under consideration, with Paragraph 303 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. The motion was duly seconded.

Matter of Procedure—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, South-eastern Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, was recognized, and stated that the Report would be referred to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, after its adoption, for the correction of any inconsistencies and conflicts.

J. Edgar Skillington for Method of Procedure—Motion to Refer Withdrawn

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) stated that the method of procedure, as outlined by Bishop Costen J. Harrell, would save the General Conference lots of time, and if the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision found matters they could not resolve within the purview of their responsibilities, they would bring them back to the General Conference for its action.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) with the consent of the seconder of his motion, withdrew his motion to refer, after this explanation of the method of procedure.

Amendment—Ernest E. Davis—Adopted

Ernest E. Davis (Genesee) moved to amend Paragraph 136, now before the General Conference, by adding as Item

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3, Item 4 of Paragraph 150 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, pertaining to certified lay speakers.

The motion being duly seconded, Ernest E. Davis (Genesee) spoke to the same.

Thomas B. Clay () for Amendment*

Thomas B. Clay (*) (Genesee) spoke in favor of the amendment.

A. K. Smith Not Opposed to Amendment

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the Commission debated this matter at some length and thought that the office of the exhorter would take care of the situation involving the lay speaker as indicated.

Edward G. Mackay for Amendment

Edward G. Mackay (North Georgia) spoke in favor of the amendment.

A. K. Smith—Statement for the Commission

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that Commission had no opposition to offer and would leave the matter to the General Conference for action.

Amendment of Ernest E. Davis Adopted

The amendment of Ernest E. Davis (Genesee) on being put to a vote, was adopted as follows by the General Conference:

3. It shall certify proper persons to serve as lay speakers, and inquire annually into the gifts, labors, and usefulness of lay speakers on the circuit, station, or mission. Lay speakers shall be constituted by the Official Board or Board of Stewards of the church of which they are members and certified by the Quarterly Conference, the Certificate to be signed by the President of the Quarterly Conference. The duties of a lay speaker are to conduct services of worship, to hold meetings for prayer and exhortation whenever opportunity is afforded, subject to the direction of the pastor, to attend all the sessions of the District and Quarterly Conferences, and to present a written Report to the same. A lay speaker shall be subject to an annual examination of character in the Quarterly Conference, and a renewal of Certificate, to be signed by the President thereof.

Amendment—A. Wesley Pugh—Accepted—A. K. Smith

A. Wesley Pugh (Northwest Indiana) moved to amend (DB-50) Paragraph 136, Item 1, by deleting the words

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"received the written approval of the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers,"

found in line eight and nine, and substituting therefor the following words,

"conformed with all the requirements of the *Discipline*,"

so that the amended sentence will read,

"provided that the applicant has previously conformed to all the requirements of the *Discipline* (Par. 303, 675)."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the proposed amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Section III—Licensing Preachers and Exhorters Adopted

Section III, Licensing Preachers and Exhorters, page 21 of the Report, Paragraph 136, was then adopted, as amended. See page 1596. (See page 332.)

No. 2. Chairmen—Rules Amended—Leon T. Moore—Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, requested that the Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment be made a member of the Committee of Chairman, in order to expedite the legislative business of the General Conference, and moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. By unanimous common consent this was done.

Evening Sessions Ordered—Leon T. Moore

On motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairman, duly seconded, evening sessions of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church were ordered by the General Conference for Thursday evening, May 1, 1952, and Friday evening, May 2, 1952, the sessions to begin at 7:45 P.M.

Order of the Day Set—Ernest W. Peterson (*)

On motion of Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), duly seconded, the presentation and consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Ministry, was established as an Order of the Day for Thursday morning, May 1, 1952, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Journal.

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Time Extended—Thomas O. Prewitt

The hour of adjournment being imminent, motion of Thomas O. Prewitt (Mississippi-SE), duly seconded, prevailed, extending the time of this session to complete all matters germane to the session.

No. 3. Fraternal Delegate—Michio Kozaki—Harry N. Holmes (*)

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, was recognized and presented Dr. Michio Kozaki, Moderator of the Church of Christ in Japan, stating that Dr. Michio Kozaki was the Fraternal Delegate from the Church of Christ in Japan to the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, and that today is the day that Japan achieves its independence, and becomes again a sovereign, independent power among the nations of the world.

The General Conference stood and applauded.

Dr. Michio Kozaki Addressed the General Conference

Dr. Michio Kozaki, Moderator of the Church of Christ in Japan, brought a brief but heart-warming message from the Christian people of Japan. The General Conference applauded his message.

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, appropriately replied to the Fraternal Message.

No. 6. Presiding Officers—Bishop Ralph S. Cushman—George A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-51) designating Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of the St. Paul Area, North Central Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer for the next session of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, to be held Wednesday morning, April 30, 1952. For Report see page 1087.

No. 8 Entertainment—Frederick B. Newell—Howard W. Selby (*)—Charles B. Ketcham—Bishop W. Earle Ledden

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, made an important announcement for the speeding up of Legislative Reports, and presented Howard W. Selby (*) (New England), Chairman of the Program Committee; Charles B. Ketcham (North-East Ohio), Secretary of the Judicial Council, Bishop W. Earl Ledden for special announcements.

Adjournment—Benediction—Jameson Jones

The General Conference adjourned at 12:45 P.M., with

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the benediction pronounced by Jameson Jones (Kentucky), President of the National Council of Methodist Youth, with further consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church pending.

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Opening—Bishop Ralph S. Cushman

Pursuant to adjournment the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened at 8:30 A.M., Wednesday morning, April 30, 1952, with Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, of the St. Paul Area, North Central Jurisdiction, presiding, who stated that the devotions would be conducted by Bishop Roy H. Short, Jacksonville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Devotions—Bishop Roy H. Short

The devotional service of the morning was conducted by Bishop Roy H. Short, of the Jacksonville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The Call to Worship—Bishop Short

The Call to Worship was given by Bishop Short from Isaiah 55:6-7,

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. (7) Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Hymn—Apostles' Creed

Bishop Short announced, and the Conference stood and joined in singing Hymn, No. 31, "When Morning Gilds the Skies," after which he led in the Affirmation of Faith, the Apostles' Creed.

Scripture Lesson—Prayer—Hymn

Bishop Short read as the Scripture lesson Acts 20:17-21, led in prayer, and then announced Hymn No. 324, "God Is My Strong Salvation." The Conference stood and joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Message—Bishop Short

Using as the basis of his remarks the words found in the 24th verse, Bishop Short brought a timely message on "Religious Courage."

Final Hymn—Benediction—Bishop Short

Bishop Short announced, and the Conference joined in

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singing Hymn. No. 259, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," after which he pronounced the benediction.

Business Session—Bishop Cushman—Local Church Report Pending

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of the St. Paul Area, North Central Jurisdiction, called the General Conference to order for the business session, with consideration of and action on the Report of the Committee of the Study of the Local Church, pending.

No. 6. Journal—Clyde O. Law (*)

The Committee on Journal submitted its report (DB-52) through Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman, and it was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal for Tuesday morning, April 29, 1952, and find it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*), *Chairman*
WILLIAM H. BECKER (*), *Secretary*

No. 6. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges was recognized, and presented J. Manning Potts (Virginia) for a privileged matter.

Millionth Copy of "A Pocket Book of Prayer" Presented—Bishop Ralph Cushman—J. Manning Potts

J. Manning Potts (Virginia) in well-chosen words, presented to the author, Bishop Ralph Spaulding Cushman, the millionth copy of his widely circulated booklet "A Pocket Book of Prayer," and requested that Bishop Cushman, in accepting the book recite for the Conference his famous poem, "I Met God in the Morning."

Poem Recited—Bishop Cushman

Bishop Cushman, to the delight of the Conference then recited his famous poem,

"I met God in the morning,
When my day was at its best;
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me.
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

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Other ships were blown and battered,
 Other ships were sore distressed,
 But the winds that seemed to drive them
 Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings
 With a keen remorse of mind,
 When I too had loosed the moorings
 With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
 Learn through Him untroubled way;
 You must seek Him in the morning,
 If you want Him through the day."

No. 3. Rules—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for this session, submitted Report No. 3, DCA-286, Subject, "Chairman of Entertainment Commission Added to Committee of Chairmen," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 1061.

Interpretation of Section VI, page 173—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for this session, stated that the Committee had been requested by the General Commission on World Service and Finance, to give some interpretation to the statement found at the bottom of page 173, Handbook for Delegates, and which reads as follows,

"Said proposal shall be referred automatically to the General Commission on World Service and Finance, or its Executive Committee."

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for this session, duly seconded, prevailed, that

"Such a proposal is not referred without anybody doing anything concerning it, but that it is still the responsibility of the delegate, or the group offering such a proposal to present a motion for referral, which shall be implemented through the Secretary of Cross Reference of the Secretarial Staff."

Nos. 4, 5, 6. Credentials—H. L. Bradway—Adopted

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials presented Reports Nos. 4, 5, and 6, DCA-270, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, they were adopted. For Reports see pages 1039-1040.

Order of the Day Deferred—Alexander K. Smith

The Order of the Day, resumption of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, having ar-

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rived, Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission, stated that the Committee of Six on the Survey Report were prepared to bring a matter to the attention of the General Conference at this time, and that the Commission on the Study of the Local Church would yield the floor at this moment to the Committee of Six, with the understanding that the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church would be resumed immediately after the Committee of Six had completed the matter in hand. (See page 336.)

No Objection Raised

No objection being raised by any member of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, or by any member of the General Conference, this plan of procedure was agreed to by common consent of the General Conference.

No. 2. Committee of Six—Harold C. Case—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Amended—Adopted

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) and Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) presented Report No. 2 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "Council on World Service and Finance," with the motion to adopt being made by Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) as follows (DB-53):

"I move to adopt the following Sections of the Proposed Legislation to Implement the Report of the Survey Commission, found in the Supplement to the *Daily Christian Advocate* for April 23, 1952; 'Part VII, Chapter III Council on World Service and Finance,' Page 28, columns 1, 2 and 3; and Part V, 'Temporal Economy, Chapter II, Church Finance,' page 5, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 6 columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 47, columns 1, 2 and 3, with certain deletions and amendments as found in Report No. 2 of the Special Committee of Six, on the Report of the Survey Commission."

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), lucidly analyzed the statements in Report 2 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, and seconded the motion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) with the following statement:

"Therefore, with this right to come back to the microphone as a matter of high privilege, if careful, intense reading of these Sections proves some defect of a technical form; with those reservations I support one hundred per cent the recommendations made to you by Dr. Case."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) requested common consent to change the second sentence in printed Paragraph 8, page 28 DCA, column 3, now to become Paragraph 7, as set forth in Report No. 2 of the

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Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, to read as follows:

"In the preparation of these forms the Council on World Service and Finance shall consult with a Committee which shall utilize the experience of persons who have served on the Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks (Paragraph 1139, 1948 *Discipline*) and which in its composition shall include representatives of the Council of Bishops, of Annual Conferences, and of The Methodist Publishing House."

Common consent was unanimously granted for the above amendment by the General Conference.

Statement Re Paragraph 8, Page 46, Column 1, DCA—Harold C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statement which he requested should go to record:

"On Paragraph 8, page 46, column 1 DCA, as a matter of information for the good of the house, Mr. Parlin has indicated that this removes the mandatory clause, as he sees it, in the Service Commission's Report for a consolidated treasury.

I should like to read you from the Survey Report itself, page 85:—

'Recommendation 97: The long range objective toward which The Methodist Church should aim is a consolidated treasury for all General Agencies. This treasury would perform accounting functions and hold and invest funds for General Agencies.

The Council on World Service and Finance should study the feasibility of accomplishing this, work towards its attainment, and report its findings and progress to the 1956 General Conference.'

I want the record to show that the Report of the Survey Commission itself was that this was a matter for study and for report in 1956."

Amendment—Rufus C. Baker—Accepted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the Committee on Publishing Interests, moved to amend the mimeographed Report No. 2, page 1, by adding to the first paragraph of Paragraph 6, which takes the place of deleted Paragraph 7 of the Report printed in the DCA, page 28, column 3 the following sentence, (DB-54)

"The General Minutes and the materials authorized by the Council shall be printed and published by The Methodist Publishing House."

so that the amended Paragraph will read,

6. Maintain and supervise the Statistical Office of The Methodist Church. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Office to prepare the material for the General Minutes, and such other related publications and Yearbooks as may be ordered by the Council. The specialized services

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of the Statistical Office may be available to any official Agency of the Church for the conduct of special surveys, researches, and studies as may be required in its work, by agreement with and subject to the approval of the Council. The General Minutes, and the materials authorized by the Council shall be printed and published by The Methodist Publishing House.

The expense of the Statistical Office, including the printing of the General Minutes, and other approved publications shall be borne by the General Administration Fund.

The motion to amend was duly seconded.

Amendment Accepted—Harold C. Case—Charles C. Parlin
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Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) and Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) accepted the proposed amendment of Rufus C. Baker (Colorado) for the Special Committee of Six on Report No. 2 of the Survey Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, or of any member of the General Conference.

Amendment—John D. Herr—Accepted

John D. Herr (Philadelphia) moved to amend the mimeographed Report No. 2 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Paragraph 737, page 3 by deleting in line three following the words, "service agency which," the commas and words, "in the judgment of the Council," and adding at the close of the sentence, line four, the words, "whose financial policies are not approved by the Council," (DB-55), so that the Paragraph as amended will read,

"After consultation with the Agency, it shall perform or arrange facilities for handling the treasury functions for any World Service Agency which is not large enough to have a full-time Treasurer, whose financial policies are not approved by the Council. The cost of such service shall be charged to the Agency."

The motion to amend was duly seconded.

Amendment Accepted—Harold C. Case—Charles C. Parlin
(*)

The amendment of John D. Herr (Philadelphia) was accepted by Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) and Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) for the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Special Committee of Six on Report No. 2 of the Survey Commission, or of the General Conference.

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Previous Question—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Ordered

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) moved the previous question on Report No. 2 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

The motion for the previous question, being duly seconded, was ordered by more than the two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference.

Report No. 2. Special Committee of Six Adopted

Mimeographed Report No. 2 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission was adopted, as amended. For Report see page 1701.

See bottom page 569. (See page 388.)

Order of the Day Resumed—The Local Church—Section IV, Sundry Duties—A. K. Smith—Amended—Adopted

The Order of the Day, consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, was resumed, the same having been deferred to take up Report No. 2 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented Section IV of the Report, pages 21, 22, 23, Paragraphs 137, 138 and 139, entitled "Sundry Duties," and requested unanimous consent to insert the words "other officers," following the words "Receive reports of the work of the pastor," found in the first line of Item 4, Paragraph 139, page 23. Unanimous consent was given for this insertion.

Amendment—F. C. Tucker—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Frank C. Tucker (Saint Louis) moved to amend Paragraph 139, page 23, by adding as No. 8 the following (DB-56):

"8. The District Superintendent shall secure the names and addresses of the Church School Superintendents on the charge, and transmit them to the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, on blanks furnished by the General Board."

The motion to amend was duly seconded.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the proposed amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—Frank Prentzel, Jr.—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Frank Prentzel, Jr. (Philadelphia), moved to amend Paragraph 138, page 22, by deleting the word "and" in line

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eleven following the word "college"; inserting a comma after the word "college"; and following the word "university" in line eleven, insert the words "and school of nursing," so that the amended sentence will read: (DB-57)

(4) Who are the young people now in college, university, and school of nursing?

The motion to amend was duly seconded.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the proposed amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Section IV—Sundry Duties, Adopted as Amended

Section IV, Sundry Duties, pages 21, 22, 23 embracing Paragraphs 137, 138 and 139, as amended, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. See page 1597.

Section V—Organizing a Local Church—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented Section V, "Organizing a Local Church," pages 23 and 24 of the Report, Paragraph 140, consisting of seven items, and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted by vote of the General Conference. See page 1600.

Part II—Church Property—A. K. Smith—Presented; Amended; Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Part II, Church Property," pages 24 to 32 inclusive of the Report, embracing Paragraphs 141 through 163 inclusive. After lucidly explaining all the provisions of PART II Section 1. "A Pastoral Charge Consisting of One Local Church," Paragraphs 141 through 163 inclusive, he called particular attention to Paragraph 151, as the heart of this Section, and which reads as follows:

"151. All provisions of the *Discipline* relating to property, both real and personal, and relating to the formation and operation of any corporation, are conditioned upon their being in conformity with the local laws, and in the event of any conflict therewith, the local laws shall prevail, but effect shall be given, as far as possible, to the provisions of the *Discipline*, and the local laws shall be construed as far as possible, in such a manner as will give effect thereto."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, requested common consent to make the following ten amendments, recommended by the Commission. Common consent being

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unanimously given by the General Conference the following amendments were made:

1. Page 26, Paragraph 146. Delete the words "said meeting of the Quarterly Conference," found in the first and second lines, and substitute therefore the words, "beginning of the ensuing Conference year," so that the sentence shall read,

"146. Within 30 days after the beginning of the ensuing Conference year, the Board of Trustees shall convene, etc."

2. Page 27, Paragraph 149, delete the word "personal," in line eight before the word "property"; following the word "property," delete the words "contained therein, including that," found in lines eight and nine, so that the amended sentence shall read,

"and shall have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church, and of all property and equipment acquired directly, etc."

Also in line eleven after the words, "*provided, however,*" insert the words

"it shall not violate the rights of any local church organization elsewhere granted in the *Discipline* (Par. 189) and *provided further,*"

so that the amended sentence shall read:

"and shall have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church and of all property and equipment acquired directly by the local church and/or by any Society, Board, Class, Commission, or similar organization connected therewith; *provided* however it shall not violate the rights of any local church organization elsewhere granted by the *Discipline* (Par. 189) and *provided further* that the Board of Trustees shall not prevent or interfere with the pastor in the use of any of the said property (Par. 159), for religious services or other proper meetings or purposes recognized by the law, usages, and customs of The Methodist Church."

3. Page 27, Paragraph 151. Delete the words in the first line which read "particularly those relative," and substitute therefore the word, "relating"; after the words "relating to the formation," found in line two, insert the words "And operation," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read,

"151. All provisions of the *Discipline* relating to property, both real and personal, and relating to the formation and operation of any corporation, and conditioned upon their being in conformity with the local laws, and in the event of any conflict therewith, the local laws shall prevail, but effect shall be given, as far as possible, to the provisions of the *Discipline*, and the local laws shall be construed as far as possible, in such manner as will give effect thereto."

4. Page 28, Paragraph 152. Delete the words, "both real

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and personal," found in the first line, so that the amended sentence shall read,

"152. If the local laws do not prescribe that title to property, both real and personal, shall be otherwise taken and held, in which event the provisions thereof shall take precedence and shall be observed and the provisions hereof subordinated thereto, title to all property, now owned or hereafter acquired, etc."

5. Page 28, Paragraph 154; delete the word "both" at the end of the first line, and the words "real and personal," at the beginning of the second line, so that the amended sentence will read,

"154. If the local laws do not prescribe that title to property of an incorporated local church shall be otherwise taken and held, etc."

6. Page 28, Paragraph 155; in line three following the words, "the Quarterly Conference in corporate session," add the words, "or such other corporate body as the local law may require," so that the amended sentence will read,

"155. Prior to the purchase by a local church corporation of any real estate, a Resolution authorizing such action shall be passed by the Quarterly Conference in corporate session, or such other corporate body as the local laws may permit or require, with the members thereof acting in their capacity as members of the corporate body, etc."

7. Page 29, Paragraph 156, Item (3), after the words in line three reading as follows, "shall be necessary," add the words, "and shall be affixed"; delete the words in lines three and four which read, "and when given shall be duly acknowledged and attached," so that the amended sentence will read:

"(3) The written consent of the pastor of the local church, and the District Superintendent to the proposed action, shall be necessary, and shall be affixed to the instrument of sale, transfer, and/or mortgage;"

8. Page 29, Paragraph 157; insert the word "real," between the words "Any," and "property," in line one; delete the words, "both real and personal," in line one, so that the amended sentence will read,

"157. Any real property owned by or in which an incorporated local church has any interest, etc."

In Item (3) delete the word "essential," found in line three of the Item, and substitute therefore the word, "necessary," so that the amended sentence will read,

"(3) The written consent of the pastor of the local church, and the District Superintendent to the proposed action, shall be necessary, and shall be affixed to the instrument of sale, conveyance, transfer, and/or mortgage;"

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9. Page 31, Paragraph 161, Item 6, delete the words at the end of the Item which read "of the local church," and substitute therefore the words, "or such other body of the local church as the local laws may permit or require," so that the amended Item will read,

"(6) The members of the corporation shall be members of the Quarterly Conference, or such other body of the local church as the local laws may permit or require."

10. Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the Commission has requested John R. McLaughlin (Newark) to present an amendment to "Section 7, Trust Clauses and Release Therefrom," page 30, Paragraph 159 by adding Paragraph (3) (DB-58).

John R. McLaughlin (Newark) presented the following amendment:

Art. 7. Trust Clauses and release therefrom

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(3) However, the absence of the trust clause stipulated in Sec. 1 or Sec. 2 of this Paragraph, in deeds and conveyances previously executed, shall in no way exclude a local church from or relieve it of its Methodist connectional responsibilities. Neither shall it absolve a local congregation or Board of Trustees of its responsibility to The Methodist Church, provided that the intent and desire of the founders and/or the later congregations and Boards of Trustees is shown by any or all of the following indications:

a. The conveyance of the property to the Trustees of a local Methodist Church or any of its predecessors.

b. The use of the name, customs and polity of The Methodist Church in such a way as to be thus known to the community as a part of this denomination.

c. The acceptance of the pastorate of ministers appointed by a Bishop of The Methodist Church or employed by the Superintendent of the District in which it is located.

Amendment—J. M. Versteeg—Not Adopted

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 150 (2) Page 27 by deleting the words "shall be construed to mean," found in the first line of Item 2, and to substitute therefore the words, "as here used means."

The motion to amend being duly seconded, John M. Versteeg (Ohio) spoke to the same.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission could not accept the amendment.

The motion of John M. Versteeg (Ohio) to amend Paragraph 150, Item 2, on being put to a vote, was not adopted by the General Conference.

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Question Raised—A. G. Phillips

A. Gordon Phillips (Detroit) asked for an explanation of the last sentence in Paragraph 141 relative to a pastoral charge of two or more local churches.

Question Answered—Bishop C. J. Harrell

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, requested the privilege of the floor for Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Chairman of the Commission, to answer the question raised by A. Gordon Phillips (Detroit).

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Chairman of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, succinctly explained the reasons for the provision of the second sentence of Paragraph 141, Page 24.

Amendment—A. Gordon Phillips—Not Adopted.

A. Gordon Phillips (Detroit) moved to amend Paragraph 141, Page 24 by deleting the word "shall," in line six, and substituting therefore the word, "may."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, A. Gordon Phillips (Detroit) spoke to the same.

Bishop Harrell Replies

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Chairman of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, gave the reasons why the Commission could not accept the amendment.

Question Raised—Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) made a statement, and asked for a further explanation and clarification of the workings of the new provision.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell Replies

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Chairman of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the interpretation of the new provision was just as Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) had indicated.

Amendment—A. Gordon Phillips—Not Adopted

The amendment of A. Gordon Phillips (Detroit) to substitute "may" for "shall," on being put to a vote, was not adopted by the General Conference.

Amendment—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Chairman of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, requested that the words, "permit or," be inserted after the word "may," in Para-

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graph 161, Item 6, previously amended this morning. Unanimous consent was granted by the General Conference for this to be done.

Amendment—F. B. Newell—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), moved to amend Paragraph 147, Page 26, by deleting the last sentence which reads,

“provided, however, that any action taken at any meeting shall not be invalidated for want of such notice if a quorum of Trustees is present, and any and all actions taken at any meeting for which the required five days’ notice shall not have been given but which is attended by a quorum shall be valid and binding.”

and substitute therefore, the following (DB-59),

“however waiver of notice may be used as a means to validate meetings legally where the five (5) notice is impracticable.”

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Question Raised—W. B. Robinson—Reply—A. K. Smith

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) asked the question,

“Why the sale of church property is taken away from the vote of the membership of the church, and vested entirely with the Quarterly Conference?”

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, called attention to the amendment just accepted by the Commission to Paragraph 161, Item 6, Page 31.

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) stated this did not take care of the situation.

Statement—A. W. Martin

Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) stated that the situation was taken care of in the provisions of Paragraph 174, yet to be considered.

Amendment—A. L. Fletcher ()—Not Adopted*

Abbott L. Fletcher (*) (Minnesota), moved to amend Paragraph 161, Item 6, Page 31 (DB-60) by deleting the word, “members,” found in the first line, and substituting therefore the word “directors” or “trustees.”

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Abbott L. Fletcher (*) (Minnesota) spoke to the same.

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Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission could not accept the proposed amendment.

The amendment of Abbott L. Fletcher (*) (Minnesota) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Question of William B. Robinson Answered—A. K. Smith

At this point in the proceedings Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, answering the question raised a short time ago by William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) made the following statement:

"If there is a desire that an amendment shall be offered which does not make a part of our legislation the consent of the congregation, we are willing to have it presented to the Conference. We will offer no opposition to it, and will allow the will of the Conference to decide on the matter."

Amendment—L. T. Moore—Withdrawn

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) stated that the Commission on the Study of the Local Church had referred a request to the General Board of Missions in New York City, which in turn had passed the request on to the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, and that on the basis of that request, moved to amend the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, by adding after Paragraph 163, Page 32, present Paragraph 257 of the 1948 *Discipline*, which reads as follows:

"257. The legislation of this whole section shall not apply in the territory of the Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences."

The motion to amend was duly seconded.

Reply—A. K. Smith—Amendment Withdrawn

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the matter was covered in Paragraph 175-A, Page 37.

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), with the consent of the seconder of his motion, withdrew the proposed amendment.

Previous Question—E. D. Worley—Not Ordered

Elbert D. Worley (Holston) moved the previous question on the Section before the General Conference. The motion for the previous question, was duly seconded, but on being put to a vote of the General Conference, did not prevail.

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Time Extended—Edgar H. Nease

The time of recess nearing, motion of Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina), duly seconded, prevailed that the time of this session be extended for a few minutes.

Report Commission on Study of Local Church Resumed*Amendment—C. A. Smith—Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Paragraph 156, Item (1) Page 29 to read as follows (DB-61) :

"(1) Notice of the proposed action, and the date and time of the regular or special meeting of the members of the church, at which it is to be considered, shall be given at least fourteen (14) days prior thereto, twice from the pulpit of the church, and in its weekly bulletin."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission could not accept the proposed amendment.

The amendment, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

The amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), on being put to a vote, was adopted by the General Conference.

Amendment—C. A. Smith () Accepted as an Addition to Paragraph 156-2*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Paragraph 156, Item (2), Page 29 by rewriting Item (2) to read as follows (DB-61) :

"A Resolution authorizing the proposed action shall be passed by a majority vote of the members of said church present and voting at a special meeting called to consider such action."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

Commission Accepts as an Addition to Paragraph—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the Commission could not accept the amendment in lieu of the Commission's statement in Item (2) but would accept it as an addition to the Paragraph. This was agreeable to Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), and the amendment was accepted by Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, as an addition to Paragraph 156, Item (2), Page 29, no

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objection being raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Paragraph 156, Item (4), Page 29, by adding at the close of Item (4) the following (DB-61):

"and said contract, deed, bill of sale, mortgage or other necessary written instrument, shall contain a covenant or provision prohibiting the use of said property for the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

A. K. Smith—Amendment Not Accepted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that while the Commission was in hearty sympathy with the sentiment expressed by Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) and did not desire to compromise principle in Methodism in anywise, but that legal and technical matters were involved in the proposed amendment that would impose a restriction that goes on in perpetuity making it a very difficult transaction if a string of any kind were attached to a title of property, and that the Commission could not accept the amendment.

Amendment Not Adopted

On being put to a vote, this amendment offered by Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) was not adopted by the General Conference. (See page 346.)

Bishop C. W. Brashares Excused

As a privileged matter Bishop Cushman announced that a delegation was sailing from the Oakland pier for the International Christian University at Tokyo, Japan, and that a request had come that Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares, of the Des Moines Area, North Central Jurisdiction, be excused to see this delegation of our Japanese friends off on their journey.

By unanimous common consent Bishop Brashares was excused for this purpose.

Announcements—Recess

After various necessary announcements the Conference adjourned for a recess of ten minutes, with consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church pending.

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Reconvene—Bishop Cushman

At the conclusion of the recess period, Bishop Ralph Cushman, of the Saint Paul Area, North Central Jurisdiction, called the Conference to order.

Duet—J. R. Houghton (*)—Bernard Vessey (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, and Bernard Vessey (*) (Colorado) thrilled the General Conference with two duets, "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling," and "Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy."

Collect—Bishop Cushman

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, of the Saint Paul Area, North Central Jurisdiction then led the General Conference in the Collect, as follows:

"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Report Commission on the Study of the Local Church resumed**Motion to Adopt—W. F. Davis (*)**

Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula) moved that "Part II, Church Property," pages 24 to 32 inclusive, Paragraphs 141 through 163 of the Report, be adopted. The motion was duly seconded.

(Part II was adopted later in the session. See page 348. Editor.)

Point of Order—J. M. Versteeg—Not Well Taken

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) raised the Point of Order that the Presiding Officer had promised the floor to Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) when the recess period had ended.

Ruling—Bishop Cushman

Bishop Cushman ruled that Point of Order was not well taken as he had made no such promise.

Request—W. B. Robinson—Reply—A. K. Smith

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) requested that Paragraph 156 "4, Sale, Transfer and Mortgage of Property—Unincorporated Local Churches," and Paragraph 157 "5. Sale, Transfer and Mortgage of Property—Incorporated Local Churches," be made consistent in the matter of the transaction being presented to the congregation.

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Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that had been done.

Amendment—A. K. Smith, J. R. Wilkins—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission had an amendment proposed by John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) (DB-62) they would like to add at the end of Paragraph 155, Page 28, the following:

"and, further, *provided*, that all such transactions shall have the approval of the Quarterly Conference."

The motion, duly seconded, was adopted for this addition to Paragraph 155, by the vote of the General Conference.

Privileged Matter—Marshall T. Steel—Referring Quadrennial Committee Report—Adopted

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas), as a matter of high privilege for the General Conference, moved that the Report of the Quadrennial Committee found on pages 109, 110 and 111 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* be referred to the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

The motion to refer, being duly seconded, Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) spoke to the same.

J. E. Skillington Against Motion to Refer

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the motion to refer, stating that the Report had been informally before the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, and should not be referred as a whole.

V. M. Mouser—M. T. Steel—For Motion to Refer

Vincent M. Mouser (*) (Louisiana-SC) was recognized and yielded the floor to Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) for a further statement relative to referring.

Vincent M. Mouser (*) (Louisiana-SC) then spoke in favor of reference.

C. C. Parlin ()—For Reference*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) spoke for the motion to refer.

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J. K. Mathews Against Referring

James K. Mathews (Bombay) spoke against the motion to refer.

J. E. Skillington—Against Motion to Refer

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the motion to refer, calling attention to the fact that the consideration of and action on the Report of the Quadrennial Committee had been made an Order of the Day, and that it would require a two-thirds vote to set said Order of the Day aside.

L. J. Radcliffe—For Motion to Refer

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) spoke in favor of referring.

Motion to Refer Adopted

On being put to a vote, the motion of Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) to refer the Report of the Quadrennial Committee to the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission was adopted, by more than the two-thirds vote of the General Conference.

Report of Commission on the Study of the Local Church Resumed—Part II Adopted

Consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church was resumed, and "Part II, Church Property," Pages 24 to 32 inclusive, Paragraphs 141 through 163 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1601.

Proposed Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not in Order*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Paragraph 157.

Ruling of Bishop Cushman

Bishop Cushman ruled the motion to amend out of order, unless there was a motion to reconsider, as Part II had already been adopted.

C. A. Smith () Appeals from Ruling of Chair*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) appealed to the General Conference from the ruling of the Chair, that he was out of order, and proceeded to speak in support of his appeal from the ruling of the Chair.

Point of Order—H. B. Watts—Sustained

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) raised the Point of

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Order that Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) was arguing the merits of a proposed amendment, and not speaking to his appeal from the ruling of the Chair.

Bishop Cushman ruled the Point of Order well taken.

J. E. Skillington Speaks to Point of Order

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was recognized and called attention to the following statement made by Bishop Paul E. Martin as we were coming to the conclusion of the first day's consideration of the Report, appearing on page 238, column 2 of the DCA, and which reads as follows:

"Dr. Skillington has called my attention to a matter that I think I should share with you. Of course these are tentative adoptions, so as to perfect this Report. There will be a final adoption of the Report as a whole at the close, and I believe that the Chairman of the Commission stated in the beginning that even amendments later could be offered on this matter."

Appeal Withdrawn—C. A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) stated he would gladly withdraw his appeal to the General Conference from the ruling of the Chair, and bring in his amendment at the proper time.

No. 1. Tellers—Order of Day—Election Members Judicial Council—M. S. Kincheloe—Luther W. Wells (*)

Marvin S. Kincheloe moved that we now take up the Order of the Day, the election of members of the Judicial Council. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Ballot Taken Under Direction L. W. Wells ()*

Under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, the ballots were distributed for taking the vote.

Instructions Given—Bishop Cushman

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, St. Paul Area, North Central Jurisdiction, gave detailed instructions that the delegates were to vote for two ministers and two laymen, and requested common consent for the members of the Secretarial Staff on the platform to be permitted to vote at their Secretarial places, instead of going down to sit with their delegations at the time of voting. The General Conference gave unanimous consent for this.

The ballots were distributed by the tellers. The first vote was taken, the ballots were collected. The first ballot for members of the Judicial Council was declared closed by

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Bishop Cushman, and the tellers retired to count the same.

**No. 84. Judicial Council Decision—Marvin A. Childers (*)—
Henry R. Van Deusen (*)**

Bishop Cushman recognized Marvin A. Childers (*) (West Texas) President of the Judicial Council, for a privileged matter.

Marvin A. Childers (*) (West Texas), President of the Judicial Council, presented Henry R. Van Deusen (*) (Wyoming) for the presentation of a Declaratory Decision of the Judicial Council, on the election of Bishops and their status in The Methodist Church.

Henry R. Van Deusen (*) (Wyoming) made the following statement:

"At a session held January 10, 1952, the Council of Bishops voted to petition the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision upon a question phrased as follows:—

"What interpretation should be placed upon the election of General Superintendents by a Jurisdiction, under authority of the General Conference, for a specified area?"

Henry R. Van Deusen (*) (Wyoming) read Decision No. 84 of the Judicial Council, to the General Conference. For full text of Decision see page 1013.

Refer to Committee on State of the Church—Communication from River Plate Annual Conference—Carlos T. Gattinoni—Adopted

Carlos T. Gattinoni (River Plate) was recognized, and moved that a communication from the River Plate Annual Conference (DB-63) relative to a representative to the Vatican and to war, be referred, without reading to the General Conference Standing Committee on the State of the Church. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Order of the Day—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that in yielding the floor on the matter of the Report of the Commission, we set the Order of the Day for the Commission on the Study of the Local Church for Thursday morning, May 1, 1952, immediately following the reports of the Committees on Journal and Credentials. (See page 358.)

Order of the Day—Presentation of Chaplains—Bishop Peele—Bishop Oxnam—Bishop Moore

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, was recognized, and presented the

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Order of the Day, the presentation of the Chaplains present.

In the absence of Bishop W. Walter Peele, Chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, detained at home by illness, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, presented forty-one (41) Chaplains who were present, to the General Conference, stating at the present time there were five hundred and twenty-one (521) Methodist Chaplains in active service.

Chief of Chaplains of the Navy, Chaplain Rear Admiral Stanton Salisbury Presented—Speaks

Bishop Oxnam presented the Chief of Chaplains of the Navy, Chaplain Rear Admiral Stanton Salisbury. The General Conference stood in applause.

Chaplain Salisbury brought greetings from the three Chiefs of Chaplains at this time, as the Chief of Chaplains, Major General Roy H. Parker of the Army, and Chaplain Major General Charles I. Carpenter of the Air Force were prevented from being present.

Prayer—Bishop Moore

At the close of Chaplain Salisbury's remarks, the General Conference stood, and was led in a special prayer for our Chaplains by Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Atlanta Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

America—J. R. Houghton (*)

The General Conference remained standing, and led by James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, joined heartily in singing "America."

No. 3. Chairmen—Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, was recognized and presented the following matters:

Order of the Day—Thursday Night for Calendar

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved that the session now set for Thursday night, May 1, 1952, be devoted exclusively to the consideration of and action on Reports on the regular Calendar. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference.

Afternoon Sessions Ordered for Friday and Saturday

On motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the General Conference ordered afternoon sessions beginning at 2:30

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P.M., for Friday, May 2, 1952, and Saturday, May 3, 1952.

Final Adjournment Uncertain

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, stated that it would not be possible to adjourn the General Conference on Saturday, May 3, 1953, because of the tremendous amount of business yet to be transacted.

No. 4. Fraternal Delegate—H. N. Holmes—Dr. H. P. Lankford, D.D.

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, presented, with well-chosen words, Dr. H. P. Lankford, Fraternal Delegate from the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

The General Conference Stood in Applause

Dr. H. P. Lankford Address General Conference

Dr. H. P. Lankford eloquently addressed the General Conference. At the close of his remarks, the General Conference joined in prolonged applause.

Bishop Cushman Responds

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman appropriately replied to the message of the Fraternal Delegate from the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

No. 9. Commission on General Conference Entertainment—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, was recognized and presented the following matters:

Publication of the General Conference Journal

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, presented a Resolution, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

"Be It Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Conference be authorized to edit the Journal of the General Conference for publication; that he be authorized to make such verbal changes in the phraseology of the Journal as may be necessary to correctness and uniformity, but not so as to change the meaning of any action of the General Conference; and the published copy, properly certified by him be the Official Journal of this General Conference.

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"Be It Further Resolved, That the Publishing Agents be authorized to publish the Journal of the General Conference, and to send a copy to each Delegate of the General Conference, to each Bishop, to each member of the Judicial Council, and to each approved College, Seminary, and Theological School of The Methodist Church; the expense for publication and distribution to be charged to the General Conference Expense Fund."

Resolutions and Rules of Order in the Discipline—Nolan B. Harmon

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) Chairman of the General Conference Committee on Entertainment, presented Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia), Book Editor for some pertinent matters.

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia), Book Editor, stated that unless the General Conference specifically authorized the same, no Resolution, or Resolutions, would be printed in the back of the *Discipline*.

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia), Book Editor, called attention to the fact that in the adoption of the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for the General Conference on the second day of the General Conference, legislation was enacted which called for the printing of the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order in the *Discipline*, and presented the following amendment to the present Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (DB-64) and moved its reference to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for this session:

"The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as adopted by this General Conference shall be the Rules of Order of the succeeding General Conference until such time as the succeeding General Conference shall formally adopt them for its own use with such modification as shall be deemed wise at that time. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall be published in the Official Journal of this General Conference."

The motion of Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia) to refer, being duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Honoraria for Secretarial Staff

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Committee on Entertainment, presented a Resolution, and moved its adoption (DB-65). The motion, duly seconded, was adopted, as follows:

"Be It Resolved, That; the following honoraria be approved for the Secretarial Staff:—Lud H. Estes \$1,000.00; E. H. Nease, R. E. Carlyon, E. W. Peterson and W. S. Overstreet, \$100.00 each.

SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1952, MORNING SESSION

Night Service—"A Faith Is Born"

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, made special announcements concerning the great service tonight in the War Memorial Auditorium, and urged all to attend the attraction, "A Faith Is Born."

Methodist Headquarters—Temple of Good Will—National Council of Churches—Harold F. Carr—Adopted

Harold F. Carr (North-East Ohio) presented Resolutions relative to the establishment of Methodist Headquarters in the Temple of Good Will at Cleveland, Ohio, and also locating the office headquarters of the National Council of Churches at the same place, and moved that they be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Thursday, May 1, 1952. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

Order of the Day—Report Deaconess Work—R. W. Lyon

Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) moved that an Order of the Day be established for Thursday, May 1, 1952, following the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, for the consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on Deaconess Work. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Order of the Day was set.

No. 7. Presiding Officer Next Session—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-66), designating Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, to preside at the next session of the General Conference. Thursday morning, May 1, 1952. For Report see page 1087.

Announcements*Prayer Room—Bishop R. S. Cushman*

Bishop Cushman called special attention to the Prayer Room that had been established, and urged all Delegates to make use of it.

Immanuel Gutekunst—Deceased

The Secretary of the General Conference announced that news of the death of Immanuel Gutekunst, Lay Delegate from the Southwest Germany Annual Conference on April 3, 1952, had just been received.

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Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop R. J. Wade

The General Conference adjourned the morning session of Wednesday, April 30, 1952, at 12:35 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Raymond J. Wade, with further consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, pending.

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Opening—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the morning session of the Eighth Day, Thursday, May 1, 1952, with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction in the Chair with consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, pending.

Bishop Oxnam called the General Conference to order at 8:30 A.M., and announced that Bishop John A. Subhan, of the Bombay Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, would conduct the Devotional Service.

Devotions—Bishop John A. Subhan

Bishop John A. Subhan of the Bombay Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, conducted the Devotional Service of the morning.

Call to Worship—Hymn—Creed—Bishop Subhan

Bishop Subhan gave the Call to Worship, using the words found in Psalm 100:4 and Psalm 34:3 as follows:

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Bishop Subhan announced Hymn No. 23, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." The General Conference stood and joined in the singing of the Hymn, after which Bishop Subhan led in the recital of the Affirmation of Faith, the Apostles' Creed.

Scripture Lesson—Prayer—Hymn—Bishop Subhan

Bishop Subhan read as the Scripture lesson of the morning the words found in Mark 9:2-8 after which he led in prayer.

Bishop Subhan announced, and the General Conference

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joined in singing Hymn No. 145, "Above the Hills of Time the Cross Is Gleaming."

The Message—Bishop Subhan

Bishop Subhan brought a timely and instructive meditation on "The Building of the Three Tabernacles and Its Meaning."

Hymn—Benediction—Bishop Subhan

Bishop Subhan announced, and the Conference standing, joined in the singing of Hymn No. 120, "We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps," after which Bishop Subhan pronounced the Benediction.

Business Session—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop Oxnam called the General Conference to order for the Business Session immediately following the conclusion of the Devotional Service, with consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, pending.

No. 7. Journal—Clyde O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented their Report (DB-67) and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal for Wednesday morning, April 30, 1952, and find it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*), *Chairman*
WILLIAM H. BECKER (*), *Secretary*

Credentials No. 7—H. L. Bradway

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee on Credentials, DCA-304, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 1042.

No. 7. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith—Bishop Paul N. Garber

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, was recognized and presented Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, for a highly privileged matter.

Virginia Annual Conference Reaches \$1,000,000.00 in Advance Mission Specials

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Bishop Paul N. Garber read the following telegram (DB-68) received from R. H. Davis (*), Treasurer of the Virginia Annual Conference:

"I have received for Advance causes this month to be remitted \$112,351.00 making the total from the Virginia Annual Conference for this quadrennium for Advance Mission Specials, \$1,000,294.00."

Tribute to Bishop W. Walter Peele and Virginia Conference Leader—Bishop Garber

Bishop Paul N. Garber, in well-chosen words, paid tribute to Bishop W. Walter Peele, and the preachers and the laymen of the Virginia Annual Conference, for their faithfulness and hard work that have made this record possible.

Introduced—Bishop Garber

Bishop Paul N. Garber then introduced the leaders of the Virginia Annual Conference, who were present, as follows:

Walter C. Gum, Chairman of the Advance Committee
Donald W. Shriver (*), Vice-Chairman of the Advance Committee
Roland P. Riddick, Secretary of the Advance Committee
Mrs. Roscoe M. White (*), Conference President W.S.C.S.
Nolan B. Harmon, Book Editor
W. Aiken Smart, Professor New Testament, Emory University
John H. Pearson, District Superintendent, Alexandria District
Harold H. Hughes, District Superintendent, Roanoke District
R. Orman Bryant, District Superintendent, Portsmouth District
J. Manning Potts, Editor of *The Upper Room*
W. Kenneth Haddock, District Superintendent, Farmville District
Roscoe M. White, Executive Secretary, Conference Board of Education
Jesse A. Engle, Executive Secretary of the Division of Education and Cultivation, General Board of Missions and Church Extension
John A. Easter (*), leading layman, Virginia Methodism
Luther W. Wells (*), former Lay Leader, Virginia Annual Conference
J. Earl Moreland (*), President, Randolph-Macon College
Henry W. Field (*), Lay Leader, Richmond District
Gordon M. Scarborough (*), Lay Leader, Petersburg District
J. C. Elliott (*), Associate Lay Leader, Norfolk District
Louis Spillman (*), Lay Leader, Stanton District

Bishop W. C. Martin—Bishop P. N. Garber

Bishop Paul N. Garber then presented Bishop William C. Martin, Chairman of the General Conference Commission for the Advance for Christ and His Church, who commended most highly the work of the pastors and laymen of the Virginia Annual Conference in their achievements in the field of Advance Mission Specials.

No. 10. Entertainment—Per Diem Checks—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, moved that the Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund be authorized to make out the *per diem* checks for the delegates for a period of time through next Tuesday, May 6, 1952. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Announcement—T. B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund, announced the details connected with the issuance of the *per diem* checks, and by unanimous common consent, the necessary blanks were distributed to the Chairman of each Annual Conference Delegation.

No. 4. Rules—A. W. Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the General Conference Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for this session, presented Report No. 4, DCA-323, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject "Publication of Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for 1956," and moved that it be adopted.

J. E. Skillington Speaks to Report

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke in favor of the Report, and seconded the motion to adopt. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 1062.

Report Commission on the Study of the Local Church Resumed—A. K. Smith

Consideration of and action on the pending Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church was resumed.

Section II, Page 32 Amended—Adopted Paragraphs 164 Through 168

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Section II, A Pastoral Charge of Two or More Local Churches," Pages 32, 33 and 34 of the Report, embracing Paragraphs 164, 165, 166, 167 and 168, the latter Paragraph concerns "Circuit and Joint Boards of Trustees."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, moved to amend Paragraph 165, Page 32, by deleting the words, "who are affiliated with the the local church," found in line 7, and substituting therefore the words, "residing in that place who elect to hold membership therein." The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

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Amendment—C. A. Smith () Out of Order*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), moved to amend Paragraph 170 at the bottom of Page 34.

Ruling—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam ruled the motion to amend out of order, as Paragraph 170 was not under consideration at this time.

Section II, Pages 32-34, Paragraphs 164-168 Adopted

"Section II, A Pastoral Charge of Two or More Local Churches, Pages 32-34, Paragraphs 164-168, was then adopted, as amended, on motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), duly seconded. See page 1611.

Part III, Sundry Provisions, Section I, Merged or Consolidated Churches Adopted—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on Study of the Local Church, presented "Part III, Sundry Provisions, Section I, Merged or Consolidated Churches," Page 34, Report, and on his motion, duly seconded, the same was adopted. See page 1613.

Section II, Discontinued or Abandoned Churches, Pages 34-35, Paragraph 170—Action on Item 4 Deferred—A. K. Smith—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Section II, Discontinued or Abandoned Churches," Pages 34-35, Paragraph 170, consisting of four (4) Items, and moved to amend Item 4 of Paragraph 170, Page 35 by adding to the sentence in line seven (7) which ends with the words, "church discontinued or abandoned," the words, "and he may proceed to dispose of the property by the procedure as outlined in Paragraph 170 (1), so that Item 4 shall read as follows:

"4. When the District Board of Church Location and Building shall report to the presiding Bishop that any church has been discontinued or abandoned, and that religious meetings have not been held regularly for a period of twelve months, and the Annual Conference is not in session, the presiding Bishop, upon approval of a majority of the District Superintendents, may declare any such church discontinued or abandoned, and he may proceed to dispose of the property by the procedure outlined in Paragraph 170 (1). A report thereof shall be made to the Annual Conference, and a record thereof shall be inserted in the Annual Conference Journal."

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John R. Kenney Requested That Action Be Deferred on This Amendment—Approved

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) spoke to the proposed amendment and suggested that action be deferred on Item 4 of Paragraph 170, until the Report of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, which bears on this matter, may be presented.

By unanimous common consent action on Item 4 of Paragraph 170 was deferred for the time being.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) was recognized for an amendment.

Point of Order—H. B. Watts

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) raised the Point of Order that Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) had been requested to speak from one of the microphones in the auditorium, instead of going to the platform.

Ruling—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam stated Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) had already reached the platform, and therefore would save the time of the General Conference, by speaking therefrom.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not Seconded*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Item 1, Paragraph 170 by providing that any sale of church property shall be by public auction after at least two notices in the local or nearest newspaper. There was no second to the motion to amend.

Section II, Discontinued or Abandoned Churches Adopted Except Item 4

Section II, Discontinued or Abandoned Churches, Pages 34-35, Paragraph 170, first three Items, on motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission the Study of the Local Church, duly seconded, was adopted, with final action on Item 4 deferred for the time being. See page 1613.

Section III, Deeding Property to a Federated Church or to Another Denomination—Adopted—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented

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"Section III, Deeding Property to a Federated Church or to Another Denomination," Page 35 of the Report, Paragraph 171 with three Items, and on his motion, duly seconded, the same was adopted. See page 1614.

Section IV, Property Adjustment When A Pastoral Charge Is Divided—A. K. Smith—Amended—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Section IV, Property Adjustment When a Pastoral Charge Is Divided," Page 35 of the Report, Paragraph 172, and moved to insert the words, "having a parsonage," following the word, "charge" in line two, so that the sentence shall read, "When two or more local churches comprise a single pastoral charge having a parsonage, etc." and further moved to delete all that follows the word "provided" in line fifteen (15) on page 36, and which reads as follows:

"provided, however, if there is in the pastoral charge a parsonage, free of debt, and in the judgment of the Quarterly Conference in good repair the said sum may by order of the Quarterly Conference be used in building or repairing a church building or other unit or equipment used in the work of the said local church. In no event shall it be applied to current expense or to the current budget."

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Correction Requested—Bishop C. J. Harrell—Unanimously Permitted

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, as a matter of high privilege, stated that the last sentence of the words deleted which reads, "In no event shall it be applied to current expense or to the current budget," had been inadvertently included in the deletion.

By unanimous common consent the sentence which reads, "In no event shall it be applied to current expense or to the current budget,"

were restored to their original place in the Paragraph.

Section IV. Property Adjustment When a Pastoral Charge Is Divided, on motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, duly seconded, was adopted as amended. See page 1615.

Section V. Removal of Trustees from Office—A. K. Smith—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Section V. Removal of Trustees from Office," page 36 of the Report, and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. See page 1616.

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**Section VI. Building or Remodeling Property—A. K. Smith
—Amended—Adopted**

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Section VI. Building or Remodeling a Church," Pages 36 and 37 of the Report, Paragraphs 174 and 175, and moved to amend, for the Commission, by changing the words "A Church," in the caption, to read "Church Property," on Page 36, and on Page 37 change the word "building," found at the close of line twelve (12) to read "property," and add ("See Paragraphs 704-707)."

The motion to amend was duly seconded. The vote to amend was taken.

Amendment—A. W. Martin—Accepted

Before the result of the vote was announced Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) moved to amend the same Paragraph 174, by adding at the close of the sentence found in line five (5), Page 37 of the Report, and reading "half of said estimated cost," the following (DB-69):

"*provided*, that before beginning or contracting for the building or remodeling of church property, the plans, specifications, and location of such building or remodeling, and the probable cost thereof shall be submitted to the Board of Church Building and Location of the District in which the property is located."

so that the Paragraph as amended will read:

"174. Any local church planning to purchase, build or remodel church property shall first secure the District Superintendent's written consent thereto, and the Quarterly Conference's authorization after ten days' notice of such proposed action shall have been given from the pulpit, or published in the church bulletin. Thereupon the Quarterly Conference shall appoint a Committee of not less than three members of such church, who shall make an estimate of the amount required to complete such undertaking or enterprise; and such estimate, amount, and proposed undertaking shall be submitted for approval to the members of the church not less than eighteen years of age, at a meeting called for that purpose. The purchase price of the lot, or lots, on which such church is to be erected shall be paid in full, and before any such building is begun or contract is entered into for the construction thereof, or for the purchase or remodeling of an already erected church, it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Conference to acquire a fee simple title to such premises by deed of conveyance executed in the form and manner as in this Chapter provided (Pars. 152-155; 159) and to secure in cash and tangible assets at least one-half of said estimated cost, *provided*, that before beginning or contracting for the building or remodeling of church property, the plans, specifications, and location of such building or remodeling, and the probable cost thereof shall be submitted to the Board of Church Building and Location of the District in which the property is located. The purchase price paid for the lot,

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or lots, on which the church is to be erected may be credited as a tangible asset secured. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any repairs or remodeling the cost of which will not exceed ten per cent of the value of the building affected. Procedure for purchasing, building, or remodeling an education building, parish house, parsonage, or other church unit shall be as set forth above for church property. (See Pars. 704-707.)

"The Quarterly Conference may commit to the Board of Trustees of the church concerned any building or remodeling program, or it may elect a Building Committee, as the Quarterly Conference may determine."

Amendment Accepted—A. K. Smith—Adopted

The proposed amendment of Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) was accepted by Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference, and the amendment proposed by the Commission, on motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, duly seconded, was adopted.

Amendment—O. J. Beadles—Adopted

Owen J. Beadles (Pacific Northwest) moved to amend Paragraph 174, Page 37 of the Report, by adding after the words found in line twelve (12) "set forth above for a church property:" the following: (DB-70)

"Trustees or other members of local churches shall not be required to guarantee personally any loan made to the particular church by any Board created by or under the authority of the General Conference."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Owen J. Beadles (Pacific Northwest) spoke to the same.

Commission Does Not Accept—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission did not see the need of it.

Amendment of O. J. Beadles Adopted

The amendment of Owen J. Beadles (Pacific Northwest) on being put to a vote was adopted.

Section VI. Building or Remodeling Church Property—Adopted

Section VI. Building or Remodeling Church Property, Pages 36 and 37 of the Report, Paragraphs 174 and 175, was adopted as amended. See page 1616.

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Section VII. Central and Provisional Central Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences and Missions—A. K. Smith—Action Deferred—Adopted. See Pages 380 and 1617

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented Section VII. Central and Provisional Central Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences and Missions, Page 37 of the Report, Paragraph 175-A, and requested that action be deferred until after recess. Unanimous common consent was given for this procedure (Adopted, See pages 380 and 1617.

Chapter IV. The Church Conference—A. K. Smith—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Chapter IV. The Church Conference," Pages 37 and 38 of the Report, Paragraphs 176 through 180 inclusive, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—L. Ray Lewis—Not Adopted

L. Ray Lewis (*) (Troy) moved to amend Paragraph 176 at the top of Page 38 of the Report by inserting after the words "of the church's work," found in line one (1) the words, "including its financial program," so that the second sentence of Paragraph will read:

"The Conference may review the work of the church and adopt plans for the promotion of various phases of the church's work, including its financial program, subject to the limitations of the *Discipline*."

L. Ray Lewis (*) (Troy) also moved to amend Paragraph 179 of "Chapter IV. The Church Conference" by inserting after the word "charge," found at the end of line seven (7), the words, "and adopt such financial plans therefor"; delete the word "elected," found in line eight (8) and substitute therefore the word "done," so that the last sentence of Paragraph 179 will read:

"The Annual Church Conference may also, when such authority has been specifically granted it by the Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge, elect such officers of the charge and adopt such financial plans as otherwise would be done by the Quarterly Conference."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, L. Ray Lewis (*) (Troy) spoke to the same.

Commission Opposes Amendments—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the

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Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission was opposed to both amendments.

Amendments of L. Ray Lewis () Not Adopted*

The amendments of L. Ray Lewis (*) (Troy), on being put to a vote, were not adopted.

Amendment—John D. Heer—Not Adopted

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) moved to amend Paragraph 179, Page 38 of the Report, by deleting the last sentence, which reads as follows:

"The Annual Church Conference may also, when such authority has been specifically granted it by the Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge, elect such officers of the charge as would otherwise be elected by the Quarterly Conference."

The motion was duly seconded.

Commission Opposed to Amendment—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that a Constitutional matter was involved in this amendment, and the Commission was against it.

The amendment of John D. Heer (Philadelphia), on being put to a vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Chapter IV. The Church Conference Adopted

"Chapter IV. The Church Conference," Pages 37 and 38 of the Report, Paragraph 176 through Paragraph 180, was adopted. See page 1617.

Chapter V. The Official Board—Amended—A. K. Smith—Adopted—See Paragraph at Top of Page 377

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Chapter V. The Official Board," Pages 38, 39, 40 and 41, consisting of the Introduction, Paragraph 181, and Section, General Provisions, embracing Paragraphs 182 through 190 inclusive, and for the Commission, moved to amend as follows:

Page 39 of the Report, last sentence of Paragraph 182, insert the word "lay" between the words, "All," and "members" at the beginning of the sentence; delete the word, "The," before the word "Methodist" at the end of the sentence in line one (1), and insert therefore the words, "the local," so that the sentence will read:

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"All lay members of the Board shall be members of the local Methodist church."

Page 39 of the Report, insert after the Chairman of the Commission on Missions (Par. 208) found in lines seven (7) and eight (8) the words, "The Chairman of the Commission on Finance (Par. 210)."

Both of the proposed amendments, being duly seconded, were adopted by the General Conference.

Amendment—E. P. O'Rear, et al.—Not Adopted

Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the first sentence of line one (1), Paragraph 182 (Page 38 of the Report, and submitted the following (DB-71):

"To the first sentence in Paragraph 182, which reads as follows: '182. The Board shall be constituted of the following persons,' add 'provided, that in a pastoral charge consisting of only one church, the Quarterly Conference may, if it deems advisable, provide by Resolution that membership in the Quarterly Conference and the Official Board shall be identical.'

"The Paragraph will then read, 182. The Board shall be constituted of the following persons, *provided*, that in a pastoral charge consisting of only one church, the Quarterly Conference may, if it deems advisable, provide by Resolution that membership in the Quarterly Conference and the Official Board shall be identical."

(Signed) GEORGE A. WARMER
EDWARD P. O'REAR
GEORGE V. STEED (*)
RAY W. RAGSDALE
HELEN M. ANDREW (*)
FRED B. TROTTER
J. WESLEY HOLE (*)
ALPHEUS B. P. WOOD (*)
RUSSELL E. CLAY
MRS. EARL K. SCOTT (*)
JOE M. YOUNG (*)

(All the signers are members of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference Delegation.—*Editor*.)

The motion to amend being duly seconded, Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona) spoke to the same.

Amendment Not Accepted—A. K. Smith—Not Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the study of the Local Church, stated that the Commission could not accept the amendment, and gave the reasons why.

The amendment of Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona), on being put to the vote, was not adopted.

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Amendment—H. Brown Loyd—Not Adopted

H. Brown Loyd (Central Texas) moved to amend Paragraph 181 Page 38 of the Report (DB-72) by deleting the first sentence of the Paragraph reading as follows:

"In every church of every pastoral charge there shall be an Administrative body called the Official Board, hereinafter designated as the Board, and it shall be the duty of the Pastor and the District Superintendent to see that such organization is set up in every church as hereinafter set forth."

and to substitute therefore the following:

"In every church and charge there shall be an Administrative body, the Official Board, or the Board of Stewards, as the Quarterly Conference may determine, hereinafter designated as the Board."

Retain the second sentence of Paragraph 181 Page 38 of the Report which reads as follows:

"The Board shall be responsible to the Quarterly Conference, and shall report to the Quarterly Conference in such detail as the Quarterly Conference may request."

Add to the above sentence the following:

"The composition, organization, duties, and functions of the Board are set forth in the succeeding Paragraphs of Section I."

so that the Paragraph as amended will read as follows:

"In every church and charge there shall be an Administrative body, the Official Board, or the Board of Stewards, as the Quarterly Conference may determine, hereinafter designated as the Board. The Board shall be responsible to the Quarterly Conference, and shall report to the Quarterly Conference in such detail as the Conference may request. The composition, organization, duties, and functions of the Board are set forth in the succeeding Paragraphs of Section I."

The motion to amend, being seconded, H. Brown Loyd (Central Texas) spoke to the same.

Commission Opposed—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that this was a restrictive action, and that the Commission could not approve it.

L. Stanley Williams for Amendment or Substitute

L. Stanley Williams (Central Texas) spoke in favor of the amendment.

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Amendment of H. Brown Loyd Not Adopted

The amendment or substitute of H. Brown Loyd (Central Texas) for Paragraph 181, Page 38 of the Report, on being put to a vote, was not adopted by the General Conference.

Amendment—C. A. Smith () Referred. See page 374*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend the last sentence of Paragraph 182, top of Page 39 of the Report, and which reads, "All lay members of the Board shall be members of the local Methodist church," by adding to the sentence the words, "and shall be total abstainers from the use of intoxicating liquors," so that the sentence shall read:

"All lay members of the Board shall be members of the local Methodist church, and shall be total abstainers from the use of intoxicating liquors." (DB-73)

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

Reference Moved—H. B. Watts—Not Referred

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) moved the reference of the proposed amendment to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition. The motion to refer was duly seconded.

W. L. Turner Against Referring

Walter Lee Turner (Central Alabama) spoke against referring, saying,

"It is time this General Conference shall take a definite stand."

H. B. Watts Speaks for Reference

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) stated he was in full agreement with the remarks of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), but that the proper method of procedure was to refer the proposed amendment to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

Leland Moore Against Reference

Leland Moore (South Georgia) spoke against reference.

Previous Question—D. E. Walter ()—Ordered*

Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio) moved the previous question on the matter of reference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the

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two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Amendment Not Referred

On the vote of the General Conference, the amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) was not referred to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

M. S. Kincheloe Against Amendment

Marvin A. Kincheloe (Holston) spoke against the proposed amendment.

Vote by Orders Moved—R. D. Blue—Not Adopted

Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa) spoke for the amendment, and moved that a vote be taken by orders on the amendment. The motion to vote by orders was duly seconded.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam explained the procedure for taking a vote by orders.

The vote was taken and did not prevail, as it received less than the required one-third vote of the laymen voting for the motion.

Substitute for Amendment—E. E. Voigt

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) moved as a substitute for the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) the following statement (DB-74), "and shall avow their readiness to adhere to Par. 95 of the General Rules." so that the substituted sentence will read,

"All lay members of the Board shall be members of the local Methodist church, and shall avow their readiness to adhere to Par. 95 of the General Rules."

The motion to substitute, being duly seconded, Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke to the same.

Recess Near—Bishop Oxnam Suggests Procedure—Adopted

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam called attention to the fact that the time of recess was imminent, that two matters of high privilege should be attended to before recess, and suggested postponing further consideration of and action on the pending substitute until immediately after recess.

The General Conference, by unanimous vote, followed the suggested method of procedure. (For Report Local Church, see page 380.)

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Order of the Day Set—Report No. 7 Committee State of the Church—C. C. Parlin (*)—Adopted

On motion of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), duly seconded, consideration of and action of Report No. 7 of the Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 83, DCA-308, Subject, "The Methodist Federation for Social Action," was made the Order of the Day for Saturday, May 3, 1952, after recess immediately following consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas.

Privileged Matter—R. W. Ragsdale

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona) was recognized for a matter of high personal privilege and made the following statement (DB-75):

"I desire the privilege of correcting some misinformation I gave to the Conference in connection with an amendment I proposed to the Report of the Local Church.

"I reported that the Official Membership and Church Record Book, published by The Methodist Publishing House, costs \$32.50.

"I have discovered that this is the price of the *de luxe* edition, and that there are cheaper editions available for prices as low as \$5.00.

"In fairness to The Methodist Publishing House, I should like this corrected information to get into the records."

(Signed) RAY W. RAGSDALE (Southern California-Arizona)

Recess

The time for recess having arrived, the General Conference recessed for ten minutes, with further consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church pending.

Reconvene

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, called the General Conference to order at the conclusion of the recess period, with consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church to be resumed, and requested Dr. James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, to announce the musical selection.

Centenary College Choir—Glenn Johnson (*)—J. R. Houghton (*)

Dr. James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, presented the Centenary College Choir of Shreveport, Louisiana, and their Director, Glenn Johnson (*).

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Under the direction of Glenn Johnson (*), they sang "The Lord's Prayer," composed by their Director, Glenn Johnson (*).

Bishop Oxnam, for the General Conference, expressed to Glenn Johnson (*) and the Centenary Singers the deep appreciation of the General Conference for the contribution they had made by their musical renditions.

No. 8. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, was recognized for a highly privileged matter.

Wives of Bishops Presented—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, President of the Council of Bishops, and requested that he present the wives of the Bishops.

Wives of Bishops Presented—Mrs. F. P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, presented Mrs. Fred Pierce Corson, and requested that she present the wives of the Bishops.

Bishop Corson requested the Bishops' wives to stand. The Conference arose and applauded.

Wives Presented—Mrs. F. P. Corson

Mrs. Fred Pierce Corson presented first Mrs. Donald H. Tippet, our hostess, and the others in the following order: Mrs. Costen J. Harrell, Mrs. Charles C. Selecman, Mrs. W. Earl Ledden, Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam, Mrs. Raymond L. Archer, Mrs. Dana Dawson, Mrs. Raymond J. Wade, Mrs. Richard C. Raines (our new President), Mrs. J. Wesley Lord, Mrs. Paul B. Kern, Mrs. Clare Purcell, Mrs. W. Angie Smith, Mrs. A. Frank Smith, Mrs. Roy H. Short, Mrs. William T. Watkins, Mrs. Paul N. Garber, Mrs. James C. Baker, Mrs. Marshall R. Reed, Mrs. J. Waskom Pickett, Mrs. Clement D. Rockey, Mrs. Ralph S. Cushman, Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, Mrs. John A. Subhan, Mrs. Shot K. Mondol, Mrs. Francis J. McConnell, Mrs. Gerald H. Kennedy, Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt, Mrs. Paul E. Martin, Mrs. Lorenzo H. King, Mrs. Lloyd C. Wicke, Mrs. Glenn R. Phillips, Mrs. Lewis O. Hartman, Mrs. Newell S. Booth, Mrs. Enrique C. Balloch, Mrs. Wilbur E. Hammaker, Mrs. Charles Wesley Flint, Mrs. Willis J. King, Mrs. Charles W. Brashares, Mrs. William C. Martin, Mrs. H. Clifford Northcott, Mrs. Robert

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E. Jones, Mrs. Lauress J. Birney, and Mrs. G. Carleton Lacy.
The General Conference applauded following each presentation.

Birthday—Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam—Bishop F. P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the Council of Bishops, announced that today was the birthday of Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam. At his suggestion, the General Conference arose and sang "Happy Birthday to You, Mrs. Oxnam."

Retiring Bishops—Bishop F. P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the Bishops who will retire at the sessions of their Jurisdictional Conferences, soon to be held, as follows:

James C. Baker
Ralph S. Cushman
Charles Wesley Flint
Edward W. Kelly
Paul B. Kern
J. Ralph Magee
W. Walter Peele
Alexander P. Shaw

Bishop Corson read the following citation for these veterans of the Cross:

"These men, like Paul, are ambassadors of Christ, God making His appeal through them. And in fulfilling their ministry, they have put no obstacle in the path of any, that their ministry might not be discredited. They have proved themselves at all points true ministers of God by great endurance, by suffering and troubles, by toils and selflessness, enormous insight and patience, kindness, unaffected love, true words and the power of God. They have labored with the weapons of integrity for attack and defense. Unknown—they are well known. Poor—they are rich. Grieved—they are always glad, and having nothing, by the fruits of their ministry they possess everything. All of their lives they have labored that the Church might be presented before Him in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or flaw. "We say to them that they refresh our spirits, and we appreciate men like that."

The retiring Bishops stood and the General Conference applauded.

Bishops' Hymn—Bishop Titus Lowe—Precentor

At the request of the General Conference, the Council of Bishops stood and sang the Bishops' Song, "Beloved, Now

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Are We the Sons of God," under the direction of Bishop Titus Lowe, precentor.

Report, Commission on the Study of the Local Church Resumed

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam clearly stated the parliamentary situation that prevailed at the time of recess; consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church.

Motion to Refer Paragraph—J. E. Skillington—E. E. Voigt

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved to refer to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition the sentence at the top of Page 39 of the Report, which had been amended by the Commission to read as follows, "All lay members of the Board shall be members of the local Methodist church." To this sentence Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) had moved to add the words, "and shall be total abstainers from the use of intoxicating liquors."

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) had moved as a substitute for the amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) the words, "and shall avow their readiness to adhere to Paragraph 95 of the General Rules."

The motion to refer these statements, being duly seconded, J. Edgar Skillington, spoke to the pending motion.

Point of Order—W. R. Cannon—Not Well Taken

William R. Cannon (North Georgia) raised the Point of Order that the principle stated by J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) had already been voted upon.

Ruling of Bishop Oxnam—Point of Order Not Well Taken

Bishop Oxnam ruled the Point of Order not well taken in the following statement:

"The Chair does not believe the Point of Order is well taken because the original motion for reference had to do solely with the amendment. The present motion of reference includes the entire Paragraph, plus the amendment now before us and the substitution, all to be referred."

Point of Privilege—E. W. Gamble

Edge W. Gamble (Louisville), on the matter of privilege, stated that those delegates seated in the extreme left hand corner were having great difficulty in getting the attention of the Chair.

Bishop Oxnam replied that he would do his best to recognize the brethren in the far corners.

Substitute for the Whole Offered—W. H. Alderson—Not in Order

William H. Alderson (New York East) asked if it would be in order to offer a substitute for all that is before the General Conference.

Ruling of Bishop Oxnam

Bishop Oxnam stated that it would not be in order, as the motion of reference is now before us, and we must consider that upon its merits.

Previous Question—F. M. Templin—Ordered

Frank M. Templin (Indiana) moved the previous question on the pending matter. The motion, being duly seconded, was adopted by the General Conference, by more than the two-thirds majority, and the previous question ordered.

Motion of Reference Adopted

The motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) to refer the statement at the top of Page 39 of the Report, together with the amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) and the substitute offered by Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Amendment to Paragraph 184—H. R. Brockett () et al.—Not Adopted*

Howard R. Brockett (*) (New York East) presented the following amendment to Paragraph 184, Page 39 of the Report (DB-76):

“Add to Paragraph 184, Page 39 of the Report, at a suitable place the words, ‘a representative of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, elected by that Commission.’”

(Signed) EDITH WELKER (*) (New York East)

HOWARD R. BROCKETT (*) (New York East)

HARRY N. HOLMES (*) (New York East)

Amendment Not Accepted—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission could not accept the proposed amendment.

The amendment of Howard R. Brockett (*) (New York East), on being put to a vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

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Amendment—Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr. ()—Not Adopted*

Mrs. W. Frank Redding, Jr. (*) (Western North Carolina), moved to amend Paragraph 184, Page 39 of the Report, by adding at the beginning of line eleven (11) the words, "the President of the Wesleyan Service Guild."

The motion, being duly seconded, Mrs. W. Frank Redding, Jr. (*) (Western North Carolina), spoke to the same.

Commission Does Not Accept—A. K. Smith—Amendment Not Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission did not accept the proposed amendment.

The amendment of Mrs. W. Frank Redding, Jr. (*) (Western North Carolina), on being put to a vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Question Raised—A. R. Perkins—Answered—A. K. Smith

Albert R. Perkins (Kentucky) raised a question as to the meaning of the sentence in lines eight (8) and nine (9) of Paragraph 184, Page 39 of the Report, which reads as follows:

"the lay member of the Annual Conference if a member of the local church (Par. 208)";

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, answered with the following statement:

"Yes, it should be there, because he may be on a Circuit. He may be your Lay Member of the Annual Conference of the Circuit, but if he belongs to the local church he is a member of that local church for the Conference."

Amendment of L. M. Bertholf ()—Not Adopted*

Lloyd M. Bertholf (*) (California-Nevada) moved to amend Paragraph 184, Page 39 of the Report (DB-77), to delete the words following the words "the charge lay leader," found in lines eleven (11) and twelve (12), and which read,

"if a Circuit and if such Lay Leader is a member of the local church (Par. 222),"

and substituting therefore the words,

"if the church is a part of a Circuit, then the Charge Lay Leader shall be a member of the Official Board only in case he is a member of the local church."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Lloyd M. Bertholf (*) (California-Nevada) spoke to the same.

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Amendment Not Accepted—A. K. Smith—Not Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission could not accept the amendment.

The amendment of Lloyd M. Bertholf (*) (California-Nevada), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—C. C. Sherrod ()—Not Adopted*

Charles C. Sherrod (*) (Holston) moved to amend Paragraph 183, Page 39 of the Report, by adding after the words in lines ten (10) and eleven (11) which read "following their election," the words, "or at such time as the Quarterly Conference shall determine."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Charles C. Sherrod (*) (Holston) spoke to the same.

Commission Does Not Accept—A. K. Smith—Amendment Not Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated the Commission did not accept the amendment.

The amendment of Charles C. Sherrod (*) (Holston), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Previous Question—A. W. Pugh—Ordered

A. W. Pugh (North Indiana) moved the previous question on the Section of the Report under discussion.

The motion for the previous question, being duly seconded, was ordered by the General Conference by more than the two-thirds majority vote required.

Question Raised—W. L. Turner—Answered—A. K. Smith

Walter L. Turner (Central Alabama) raised the following question:

"Paragraph 183 still calls for the fact that we must have Stewards. Paragraph 184 shows that a certain group of officers, who hitherto may not have been Stewards, shall be ex-officio Stewards. Do we mean by that—before we vote—that a Church School Superintendent, a Woman's Society of Christian Service President, and others like, all must be Stewards in our local church?"

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, replied,

"No, it does not mean that."

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Chapter V. The Official Board Adopted with a Paragraph Referred

Chapter V, The Official Board, Pages 38 through 41 inclusive, containing Paragraphs 181 through and including 190, was adopted with the exception of the sentence found at the top of Page 39 of the Report, which carries with it an amendment offered by Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) and a substitute made by Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines), all of which had been referred, by the vote of the General Conference, to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition. See page 1619 and Report No. 14 Temperance and Prohibition, pages 636 and 1440.

Orders of the Day—Method of Procedure

Bishop Oxnam requested instruction from the General Conference as to the method of procedure, as an Order of the Day had been set on Saturday, April 26, 1952, at 11:30 A.M. today for the consideration of and action on launching the Program of the World-wide Mission of Evangelism.

Motion Regarding Procedure—J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) explained the Rules of Order touching this point, and moved that the pending Order of the Day, consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church be set aside temporarily for the consideration of and action on the Order of the Day set for 11:30 A.M. this morning, namely, consideration of and action on the Report of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism relative to the World-wide Mission of Evangelism.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

**No. 1. Membership and Evangelism—Order of the Day—
R. W. Ragsdale**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 8, DCA-155, Column 1, Subject, "World-wide Mission of Evangelism," and requested permission to substitute an editorial revision of the Report, which had been prepared for release to the press. Unanimous permission was granted by the General Conference for the substitution.

Members Committee on Evangelism—World Methodist Council Presented R. W. Ragsdale

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chair-

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man of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented the following members of the Committee on Evangelism of the World Methodist Council:

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Secretary of the Committee; Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, of the Buenos Aires Area, Latin American Central Conference; John W. Curry (South Carolina-C); David D. Jones (*) (North Carolina-C); Ralph W. Lee (Southern California-Arizona); Bishop Charles C. Sealeman; Frederick Wunderlich (Northwest Germany); Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, President of the World Methodist Council; and, Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the United States Section of the World Methodist Council.

Oscar T. Olson Speaks to Report

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the United States Section of the World Methodist Council, spoke to the Report.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt Speaks to the Report

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and President of the World Methodist Council, spoke pertinently to the matters involved in the Report.

Harry Denman () Speaks to Report*

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Secretary of the Committee on Evangelism of the World Methodist Council, spoke relative to World Evangelism.

Prayer—Bishop Barbieri

At the conclusion of the addresses the General Conference stood, and Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, of the Buenos Aires Area, Latin American Central Conference, led in a most appropriate prayer for God's richest blessings upon this movement of World-wide Methodism.

Motion to Adopt—R. W. Ragsdale

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, moved the adoption of the Report. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—J. R. Van Sickle ()—Not Adopted*

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River) moved to amend the Report by adding to the Fifth Paragraph the following (DB-78):

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"provided, however, that this Committee should use the service of any general promotional agency that may be established by this General Conference, with the responsibility for printed materials, used for promotion and cultivation and for general promotion, instead of setting up its own promotional organization."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River) spoke to the same.

Amendment Not Accepted—R. W. Ragsdale—Not Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, stated the Committee could not accept the amendment.

The amendment of John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Report Adopted—No. 1, Membership Evangelism

Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, Calendar No. 8, DCA-155, Column 1, was adopted. For Report, see page 1253.

**No. 1. Tellers—Judicial Council Election—L. W. Wells (*)
Charles B. Ketcham (M) Elected**

The results of the first ballot for members of the Judicial Council, terms expiring in 1960, was presented by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers (DB-79), and was announced as follows:

Clerical vote: total votes cast, 697; defective vote, 1; necessary for a choice, 349.

Charles B. Ketcham	406
A. Wesley Pugh	252
Ralph M. Houston	176
Harold H. Hughes	136
Edward G. Mackay	134
Lester A. Welliver	128
James A. Bays	85
J. Fielding Winton	79

Charles B. Ketcham, having received 406 votes, was declared elected a ministerial member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, his term of office to expire in 1960.

Lay vote: total vote cast, 697; defective votes, 2; necessary to a choice, 348.

Fred B. Noble	273
Clarence M. Dannelly	245
Vincent P. Clarke	169
F. Murray Benson	164
James I. Dolliver	154
Charles G. Howard	142

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Osso W. Stanley	128
Leon M. Hickman	119

No one having received the required number of votes, the result of the Lay ballot was declared "No election."

No. 2. Tellers—Second Ballot for Members of the Judicial Council—L. W. Wells (*)

The second ballot for members of the Judicial Council, terms to expire in 1960, was taken.

Under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, assisted by Robert M. Williams (Washington), Walter C. Ball (North Carolina—SE), Bradshaw Mintener (*) (Minnesota), and Carl S. McFall (*) (West Oklahoma), the ballots were distributed.

Bishop Oxnam instructed the Delegates to vote for one ministerial and two lay members of the Judicial Council, terms expiring in 1960.

The votes were collected, the ballot declared closed by Bishop Oxnam, and the Tellers retired to count the same.

Tellers Excused from Committee Meetings—C. C. Sherrod (*)

On motion of Charles C. Sherrod (*) (Holston), duly seconded, the General Conference excused the Tellers from meeting with their various Committees at 2:30 P.M., should the count of the votes for members of the Judicial Council have not been completed by that time.

Order of the Day Resumed—Report, Commission on the Study of the Local Church—A. K. Smith

Consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, temporarily suspended to take up consideration of and action on another Order of the Day for 11:30 A.M., Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, was resumed.

Action Taken on Paragraph 175-A—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that before recess the General Conference had deferred action on Paragraph 175-A, Page 37 of the Report, Section VII, Central and Provisional Central Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences and Missions; that a conference had been held during recess when the Commission members had met with several of the Bishops and James K. Matthews

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(Bombay), and that the Commission was now ready to report on this particular Paragraph.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, moved to amend Paragraph 175-A, Page 37 of the Report, by deleting after the word "personal," in line four (4), the following words:

"shall not deny or take from any local church in a Central Conference, Provisional Central Conference, Provisional Annual Conference or Missions the rights and privileges granted it by the *Discipline* (Par. 551-613). When such provisions are in any matter contrary to the provisions for organizing and administering a local church in a Central Conference, Provisional Central Conference, Provisional Annual Conference or Mission, as set forth in Pars. 551-613, the latter shall in each case be substituted therefore."

and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"shall not be mandatory in Central Conferences, Provisional Central Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences or Missions, and in such instances the legislation in Pars. 551 to 613 inclusive shall apply."

So that the Paragraph as amended will read:

"175-A. The provisions herein written concerning the organization and administration of the local church, including the procedure for acquiring, holding, and transferring property, both real and personal, shall not be mandatory in Central Conferences, Provisional Central Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences or Missions, and in such instances the legislation in Pars. 551 to 613 inclusive shall apply."

Amendment Adopted

The amendment proposed for Paragraph 175-A, Page 37 of the Report, as set forth above, was adopted by vote of the General Conference.

Section VII As Amended Adopted

Section VII. Central and Provisional Central Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences and Missions, Paragraph 175-A, Page 37, of the Report, was then adopted as amended. See page 1617.

Section II, Commissions Presented and Amended—A. K. Smith—Adopted. See Pages 411 and 1621

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Section II, Commissions," Pages 41 to 51 inclusive of the Report, and Paragraphs 191 through 215 inclusive, and presented the following eight amendments for the Com-

mission, which were separately adopted on his motion, duly seconded, as follows:

(1) *Paragraph 194, No. 2, Page 42—Adopted*

Leave the first line as it is written, deleting the last three lines which read:

“examine the roll of the Church School and other church organizations annually, and from these and other sources to secure the names of persons who should be won to Christ and His Church,”

insert the words:

“seek the co-operation of the Church School, the Woman’s Society of Christian Service, and other organizations in making a list of persons from these and other sources who should be won to Christ and His Church,”

so that the amended Paragraph 192, No. 2, will read

“2. To take an annual religious census of the community, to seek the co-operation of the Church School, the Woman’s Society of Christian Service, and other church organizations in making a list of persons from these, and other sources, who should be won to Christ and His Church.”

The Paragraph as rewritten was adopted.

(2) *Paragraph 194, No. 10, Page 42 of the Report—Adopted*

Add at the end of the first line the words, “reading of the Holy Scriptures the,” so that the amended No. 10 of Paragraph 194 will read,

“10. To encourage private and family worship, to promote the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the use of *The Upper Room*, and other devotional literature.”

The amendment was adopted.

(3) *No. 11, Paragraph 194—Deletion Approved*

At the end of No. 11, Paragraph 194, Page 42 of the Report, delete the words (Par. 115).

(Par. 115) was deleted.

(4) *Paragraph 196, Page 43—Adopted*

In Paragraph 196, Page 43 of the Report, after the words “Division Superintendents,” in line three (3) add the words “Assistant Superintendent for Membership Cultivation,” so that the first sentence of the Paragraph will read,

“196. The following persons are, by virtue of their offices, members of the Commission on Education: The Pastor, Church School Superintendent, Division Superintendents, Assistant Superintendent

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for Membership Cultivation, Director of Christian Education (or educational assistant) if any, and the Church School Secretary."

The amendment was adopted.

(5) Textual Correction Approved

Change the word "board," found in line two (2) of Paragraph 197, section "c," Page 44 of the Report, and also found in Paragraph 199, Page 44 of the Report, in line four (4) to the word "Commission."

The textual correction was unanimously approved.

(6) Paragraph 202, No. 2, Page 45—Adopted

In Paragraph 202, section 2, after the words "by the," at the beginning of line two (2) insert the words, "Division of the Local Church of the," so that section 2 will read:

"2. The Commission on Education shall follow the Manual issued by the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education, describing the organization of schools of various sizes."

The amendment was adopted.

(7) Paragraph 204, Section 1—Adopted

In Paragraph 204, section 1, Page 46 of the Report, delete the word "and," found at the beginning of line two (2) and the letter "s" found at the end of the word "Boards," in the same line; delete the word "and," following the word "Annual," in line four (4), and the letter "s" at the end of the word "Boards," found in line five (5), and insert in place of the word "and," deleted as set forth above, the words, "Conference Board of Education and the Division of the Local Church of the," so that the amended Paragraph will read:

"1. The local Church School shall be auxiliary to the Annual Conference Board of Education and the Division of the Local Church of the General Board Conference of Education. The Christian education program of the local Church School shall be the program set up and authorized by the Annual Conference Board of Education and the Division of the Local Church of the General Conference Board of Education."

The amendment was adopted.

(8) Paragraph 205, Section 4—Adopted

In Paragraph 205, Section 4, Page 47 of the Report, add the word "local," following the word "every," at the end of line one (1), so that the first sentence of the Paragraph will read:

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"4. Methodist Student Day shall be observed annually in every local Church School, preferably the second Sunday in June."

The amendment was adopted. (See page 404.)

Osso W. Stanley (*) Recognized—To Be Recognized Later

Osso W. Stanley (*) (Louisville) was recognized at the beginning of the presentation of the above amendments, and moved to amend subparagraph 2 of Paragraph 190, Page 40 of the Report.

Upon ascertaining that the Section of the Report containing this Paragraph had previously been adopted, and that a new Section of the Report was now under consideration, Osso W. Stanley (*) (Louisville) stated that he would move a reconsideration at the proper time.

Ruling—Bishop Oxnham

Bishop Oxnham ruled that, due to the fact the General Conference was considering Section II of the Report, Pages 41 to 51 inclusive, that the motion to reconsider was out of order at this time, but that later he would be glad to recognize Osso W. Stanley (*) (Louisville) for a motion of this kind, if time permitted.

Amendment—S. E. Stromberg (*)—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Sven E. Stromberg (*) (New York) moved to amend Paragraph 193, line eight (8), Page 41 of the Report; Paragraph 196, line five (5) of the Report, and Paragraph 208, line two (2), Page 48, by inserting at the appropriate place the words, "The Church Lay Leader" (DB-80).

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Sven E. Stromberg (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the Commission would accept the intent of the proposed amendment by inserting the words, "The Church Lay Leader shall be an *ex officio* member of each Commission." at the end of Paragraph 191 of Page 41 of the Report.

This was agreeable to Sven E. Stromberg (*) (New York), and the amendment as accepted by the Commission was adopted, no objection being raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

**Further Action on Report Deferred—Adjournment Approved
—J. R. Kenney—Adopted**

Bishop Oxnham stated that the General Conference was within eight minutes of adjournment and asked the pleasure of the body as to the program to be followed.

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Motion of John R. Kenney (California-Nevada), duly seconded, prevailed, that further action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church be deferred until the next session, and that announcements and matters germane to the closing of this session be taken up.

Courtesy Statement—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam stated as a matter of courtesy that he had promised to recognize Osso W. Stanley (*) (Louisville) for a motion of reconsideration, should time permit; that the time remaining would not permit this recognition, but that at the next session he hoped such a recognition would be given by the Presiding Officer.

No. 8. Presiding Officer Next Session—Bishop Clare Purcell—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-81), designating Bishop Clare Purcell of the Birmingham Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, to preside at the next session of the General Conference. For Report see page 1087.

No. 11. Entertainment—F. B. Newell—E. Harold Mohn

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, presented E. Harold Mohn (North-East Ohio), Executive Secretary of the Advance for Christ and His Church, who made a very important announcement concerning the presentation of "A Faith Is Born" at 2:30 P.M. at the War Memorial Building.

Gavel—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam called attention to the gavel he had been using during the morning's session, stating that it had been made by one of his father's master mechanics seventy-five (75) years ago, and that as a Methodist laymen he had used it in presiding in good Templar lodges that had sought to bring sobriety to the camps of the mother lode.

Benediction—Adjournment—Bishop Balloch

The General Conference adjourned the morning session of Thursday, May 1, 1952, at 12:30 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Enrique C. Balloch, of the Santiago Area, Latin American Central Conference, with further consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church pending.

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Opening—Bishop Clare Purcell

Pursuant to adjournment the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the Eighth Day, Thursday, May 1, 1952, at 7:45 P.M., with Bishop Clare Purcell, of the Birmingham Area, South-eastern Jurisdiction, in the Chair, with consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church pending.

Hymn—J. R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, announced and the General Conference joined in the singing of Hymn No. 229, "And Can It Be That I Should Gain."

Prayer—Bishop R. E. Jones

The Conference, still standing, was led in prayer by Bishop Robert E. Jones.

H. M. Frakes—Presented—Bishop Purcell

Bishop Purcell presented H. M. Frakes (Indiana), founder of the Henderson Settlement School of Frakes, Ky.; for twenty-five (25) years its Superintendent, and now its Director of Public Relations.

Quartette—Henderson Settlement School

Giving a brief history of the Henderson Settlement School, a project of the Division of Home Missions of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, H. M. Frakes (Indiana) presented the Sunbonnet Girls, Doris June Leach, Shirley Leach, Mildred Clendenin and Rosie Lee Kemblin, who favored the General Conference with two selections: a mountain ballad, "The Little Logwood Cottage in the Kentucky Hills" and "The Wonderful Story of Love."

Bishop Purcell, in behalf of the General Conference, thanked H. M. Frakes (Indiana) and the Sunbonnet Girls for their devotional renditions.

Three Gavels—Bishop Purcell

Bishop Purcell called attention to the three gavels he was using tonight; the first made from California redwood; the second made from an oak planted by his father and mother eighty (80) years ago; the third made of cedar cut from the grave of a missionary to the Cherokee In-

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dians, the Brainerd Missions, Chattanooga, whose grave is now under seventy (70) feet of water in Guntersville Lake, Tennessee Valley Authority.

No. 8. Journal—Clyde O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-82), and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal for Thursday morning, May 1, 1952, and find it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*), *Chairman*
WILLIAM H. BECKER (*), *Secretary*

No. 9. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, stated there was no report from the Committee at this session.

No. 2. Tellers—Ballot for Members Judicial Council—L. W. Wells (*)—No Election

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, presented the results of the second ballot for members of the Judicial Council whose terms expire in 1960 (DB-83) as follows:

Ministerial members: Number of votes cast, 673; defective, 9; total number of valid ballots, 664; necessary to a choice, 333.

A. Wesley Pugh	294
Randolph M. Houston	111
Harold H. Hughes	88
Edward G. Mackay	83
Lester A. Welliver	59
James A. Bays	17
J. Fielding Winton	12

No one having received the required number of votes, the result was declared to be no election.

Lay members: Total number of votes cast, 673; defective, 6; total number of valid votes, 667; necessary to a choice, 334.

Fred B. Noble	389
Clarence M. Dannelly	295
Vincent P. Clarke	150
Charles G. Howard	118
F. Murray Benson	113
James I. Dolliver	109
Leon M. Hickman	94
Osso W. Stanley	66

Fred B. Noble, having received 389 votes, was declared elected a Lay Member of the Judicial Council, his term of office to expire 1960.

No. 3. Tellers—Members of Judicial Council—L. W. Wells (*)

The third ballot for members of the Judicial Council, terms of office expiring in 1960, was taken under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, assisted by Robert M. Williams (Washington); Walter C. Ball (North Carolina-SE); Bradshaw Mintener (*) (Minnesota); and Carl S. McFall (*) (West Oklahoma).

Bishop Purcell instructed the Delegates to vote for one minister and one layman on this ballot. The ballots were distributed, the vote taken, the ballots collected, the third ballot declared closed by Bishop Purcell, and the Tellers required to count the same.

Rules Suspended—H. C. Case—Adopted

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) moved that the Rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Report No. 3 from the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "Revised Legislation."

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference.

Reconsideration Ordered—H. C. Case

Motion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, that the General Conference reconsider its action in limiting the business of this session to consideration of and action on Reports on the Calendar, for the purpose of consideration of and action on Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

Report No. 3 Presented—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, and moved its consideration for action of the General Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

No. 4 Chairman—L. T. Moore—Amends—Accepted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved to amend the motion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) by making the Order of Business following consideration of and action on Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Survey Report,

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the previous Order of the Day, that of the consideration of and action on reports on the Calendar.

Amendment Accepted—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) accepted the proposed amendment, and the motion was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, for the business procedure of the General Conference.

Report No. 3—Consideration Delayed—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) stated that, due to an unavoidable delay, the mimeographed Report was not ready at this time for distribution to the Delegates.

Method of Procedure—O. T. Olson

Motion of Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, that we proceed with other matters that can be fitted into the business of the General Conference at this time, while waiting for the mimeographed copies of Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission. (See Report page 399.)

No. 9. Presiding Officer—Bishop A. Frank Smith—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-84), designating Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Houston Area, South Central Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer for the next session of the General Conference. For Report see page 1088.

Calendar—W. S. Overstreet

The regular Calendar was next taken up under the direction of Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia), Secretary of the Calendar, assisted by Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen.

No. 5. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, stated that Rule 28 would apply to consideration of and action on Reports placed on the calendar, and requested Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition; Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education; and Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, to come to the platform, in order to facilitate the business of

the General Conference and for the presentation of the Reports of their respective Committees.

No. 1. Temperance and Prohibition—P. D. Womeldorf—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Subject, "Business of the Quarterly Conference," Calendar No. DCA-153, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1433.

No. 2. Temperance and Prohibition—P. D. Womeldorf—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Subject, "Support of Annual Conference Board of Temperance," Calendar No. 2, DCA-153, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1434.

No. 3. Temperance and Prohibition—P. D. Womeldorf—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Subject, "Change 'Class Leader' to 'Charge Lay Leader'," Calendar No. 3, DCA-153, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1434.

No. 4. Temperance and Prohibition—P. D. Womeldorf—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Subject, "District Temperance Secretaries," Calendar No. 4, DCA-153, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1435.

No. 1. Education—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Amended—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Subject, "Organization of the Board of Education," Calendar No. 5, DCA-153, column 3, and DCA-154, columns 1 and 2, and moved to amend Paragraph 1326, DCA-153, column 3, by deleting the black-face type which read as follows:

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"one youth representative twenty-one years of age, or under at the time of the election, and chosen from nominations made by the Youth Organizations of the Annual Conferences within his Jurisdiction."

and to substitute therefor the following (DB-85) :

"one youth representative or student representative, twenty-one years of age, or under at the time of his election, and chosen from nominations which have been made by Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowships, and State Units of the Methodist Student Movement, and selected by the National Conference of Methodist Youth, which shall nominate six representatives, four from the Youth Commission, and two from the Student Commission, alternating student and youth nominations each year so as to rotate their representation from the Jurisdiction; *provided*, that if any youth or student representative shall attain his twenty-fourth birthday during the quadrennium, the period of service shall terminate at the close of the session of the annual meeting of the Board next following; and he shall be replaced by one within the youth age range by the Board, from nominations made by the National Conference of Methodist Youth."

The proposed amendment presented by Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, for the Committee, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Education, on motion of Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded, was adopted as amended. For Report see page 1183.

No. 1. Publishing Interests—R. C. Baker—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Subject, "Amending Paragraph No. 127, 1948 *Discipline*," Calendar No. 6, DCA-154, column 2, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1381.

No. 2. Publishing Interests—R. C. Baker—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Subject, "Bishops on the Board of Publication," Calendar No. 7, DCA-154, column 3, and DCA-155, column 1, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1381.

No. 4. Publishing Interests—R. C. Baker—Withdrawn

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, with the unani-

mous consent of the General Conference, withdrew Report No. 4 of the Committee, Subject, "Membership of the Board of Publication—Episcopal Representation," Calendar No. 42, DCA-219, column 3, as the subject matter had been cared for in Report No. 2 of the Committee, which had just previously been adopted. For Report see page 1383.

No. 2. Membership and Evangelism—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Subject, "Membership on Annual Conference Board of Evangelism," Calendar No. 9, DCA-155, columns 2 and 3, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1254.

No. 3. Membership and Evangelism—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Subject, "Duties of the General Board of Evangelism," Calendar No. 10, DCA-186, column 2, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1255.

No. 4. Membership and Evangelism—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Subject, "Annual Conference Board of Evangelism," Calendar No. 11, DCA-186, column 2, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1256.

No. 1. State of the Church—C. C. Parlin (*)—Miss Georgia Harkness (*)—Amended—Adopted

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, requested Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy), Chairman of the Subcommittee that considered and prepared the Report on the "Crusade for World Order," to present the Report.

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy) presented Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, Subject, "Crusade for World Order," Calendar No. 12, DCA-186, columns 2 and 3. After speaking to the

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Report, she moved to amend the Report by adding the following at the close (DB-86) :

"We refer the projected Crusade for World Order to the Council on World Service and Finance for special consideration from the General Administration Fund."

The amendment, being duly seconded, was adopted.

The Report as amended was then adopted. For Report see page 1408.

No. 1. Lay Activities—R. H. Nichols (*)—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Subject, "Legislation Concerning Lay Activities," Calendar No. 13, DCA-186, column 3, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 1247.

No. 2. Lay Activities—R. H. Nichols (*)—Amended—Action Deferred

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Subject, "Christian Stewardship," Calendar No. 14, DCA-186, column 3, and DCA-187, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—G. M. Davenport—Adopted

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) moved to amend the Report by adding the following (DB-87),

"Stewardship of possession shall be interpreted to mean that the obligation of the tithe shall be the minimum standard of giving for our individual members."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, George M. Davenport (North Alabama) spoke to the same.

Amendment Not Accepted—R. H. Nichols ()*

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, stated the sentiment in the Committee in regard to the matter, and asked that the matter be submitted to the vote of the General Conference.

Amendment of G. M. Davenport Adopted

The amendment of George M. Davenport (North Alabama), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

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Amendment—J. M. Versteeg—Accepted

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) moved to further amend the Report by the insertion of the words, "the spiritual significance of," between the words "upon," and "stewardship," found in line five (5) of the Report.

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, John M. Versteeg (Ohio) spoke to the same.

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, accepted the amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Action Deferred—J. E. Skillington—R. H. Nichols

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was recognized, and stated that the Report of the Quadrennial Committee, which on yesterday was referred to the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, contained a proposal almost identical with that of the Report, and requested that action on Report No. 2 of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities be deferred until some sort of compromise could be worked out.

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, stated that the proposed procedure met with his approval, should no one object, and that Report No. 2 would hold its place on the Calendar.

No objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference, action on Report No. 2 of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, was deferred for the time being. For Report, see Journal pages 1247 and 1693 Par. 753-A.

No. 3. Lay Activities—R. H. Nichols—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Subject, "Statistical Forms for Methodist Men," Calendar No. 15, DCA-187, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—J. D. Heer—Answer—Ray H. Nichols ()*

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) asked if the Report made mandatory a column in the Annual Conference Minutes.

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, replied not necessarily a column, but to provide a place so that the

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information might be available to Conference Lay Leaders, District Lay Leaders and others.

Amendment—D. W. Throckmorton—Withdrawn

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) moved to amend the Report by making mandatory a column in the Annual Conference Journal for the reporting of Methodist Men. The motion was duly seconded.

Bishop Clare Purcell stated that this is the language of the Report and Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada), with the consent of the seconder of his amendment, withdrew the same.

T. B. Lugg Against Amendment

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, having in charge the Statistical Department of the Church, spoke against the amendment as to its mandatory implications.

Report Adopted

Report No. 3 of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities was adopted, by the General Conference. For Report see page 1248.

No. 4. Lay Activities—R. H. Nichols—Referred to Judicial Council

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Subject, "Laymen to Be Added to the Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications," Calendar No. 16, DCA-187, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Russell E. Clay Against Report

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) spoke against the Report.

Referred to Judicial Council—H. B. Watts—Adopted

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) raised the question of the constitutionality of the proposed legislation, and moved the reference of the Report to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and Report No. 4 of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities was referred to the Judicial Council. For Report see Journal page 1248; Judicial Council Action, pages 611-612.

No. 6. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, stated that the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission were ready to submit Report 3 of the Committee of Six, but with their consent, the Committee of Chairmen would like for the General Conference to hear a Decision from the Judicial Council.

This plan of procedure was unanimously adopted by common consent.

No. 85. Decision of the Judicial Council—Churches in the Central Jurisdiction Joining Other Jurisdictions

Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions," Calendar No. 17, DCA-187, column 2, had been withdrawn, and, on motion duly made and seconded, had been referred to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision concerning the same on Tuesday, April 29, 1952.

Waight G. Henry, Sr. (North Alabama), Vice-President of the Judicial Council, was recognized and stated that Marvin A. Childers (*) (West Texas), President of the Judicial Council, had requested him to present Walter C. Buckner (Southern California-Arizona), a member of the Judicial Council from the Western Jurisdiction, who would present the Decision.

Decision Presented—W. C. Buckner

Walter C. Buckner (Southern California-Arizona) presented Decision No. 85 of the Judicial Council, Subject, "General Legislation to Permit Individual Churches of the Central Jurisdiction to Become a Part of Any Other Jurisdiction," and stated that the Decision of the Judicial Council was that the proposed legislation is unconstitutional.

For full text of Decision No. 85, see page 1016.

No. 3. Tellers—Members of the Judicial Council—L. W. Wells (*)—No Election

The result of the third ballot for members of the Judicial Council, terms expiring in 1960, was presented by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, as follows (DB-88):

Ministerial Members

Total number of votes cast, 673; defective, 4; total number of good ballots, 669; necessary for a choice, 335.

Ralph M. Houston	226
A. Wesley Pugh	190

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Lester A. Welliver	172
Harold H. Hughes	50
Edward G. Mackey	20
James A. Bays	6
J. Fielding Winton	5

No one having received the required number of votes, the result was declared, "No election."

Lay Members

Total number of votes cast, 673; defective, 7; total number of good ballots, 666; necessary to a choice, 334.

Clarence M. Dannelly	213
Vincent P. Clarke	159
F. Murray Benson	99
Leon M. Hickman	97
Charles G. Howard	52
James I. Dolliver	31
Osso W. Stanley	15

No one having received the required number of votes, the result was declared, "No election."

A. Wesley Pugh Withdraws

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) in well-chosen words withdrew his name from the list of ministerial nominees.

Osso W. Stanley () Withdraws*

Osso W. Stanley (*) (Louisville) in well-chosen words withdrew his name from the list of lay nominees.

No. 4. Tellers—Members Judicial Council—L. W. Wells (*)

Under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, assisted by Robert M. Williams (Washington); Walter C. Ball (North Carolina-SE); Bradshaw Mintener (*) (Minnesota); and Carl S. McFall (*) (West Oklahoma), the fourth ballot for members of the Judicial Council, whose term of office expires in 1960, was spread.

The printed slips were distributed. Bishop Purcell instructed the Delegates to vote for one minister and one layman. The Delegates voted; the ballots were collected and Bishop Purcell declared the fourth ballot for members of the Judicial Council, whose terms are to expire in 1960, was closed, and the Tellers retired to count the same.

Motion to Adjourn—F. G. Holloway—Held in Abeyance

Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) moved that after the votes for members of the Judicial Council have been col-

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lected, that we have announcements and adjourn.

Bishop Purcell requested that the motion to adjourn be withheld temporarily, as a matter of supreme importance relating to the recently read Decision of the Judicial Council needed to be acted upon. Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) acquiesced to this method of procedure.

No. 1. Conferences—L. T. Moore—C. W. Cooper—Substitute to Be Printed in Daily Christian Advocate

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, requested Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines) to present Report No. 1 of the Committee.

Report No. 1 Presented—C. W. Cooper

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines) stated that the proposed legislation contained in Report No. 1 of the Committee, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions," Calendar No. 17, DCA-187, column 2, had been declared unconstitutional by Decision 85 of the Judicial Council, just rendered a few minutes ago, and that John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) had a substitute Report to take its place.

Substitute for Report No. 1, Conferences—J. R. Wilkins

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) presented the following (DB-89) as a substitute for Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions," Calendar No. 17, DCA-187, column 2:

"The following Resolution is hereby submitted by the Committee on Conferences as a substitute for Memorial No. 1623, found on page 187 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Calendar No. 17. (See also page 305 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Calendar No. 68):"

BE IT RESOLVED, That

Paragraph 538 of the 1948 *Discipline* shall be amended to add the following:

1. Any Methodist church shall be transferred from the Jurisdiction of which it is a part to another Jurisdiction in which it is located geographically upon completion of all the following actions regardless of the order in which taken.

A. Approval by the Quarterly Conference of said church.

B. Approval by both the Annual Conference of which the church has been a part, and the Annual Conference to which it is transferred.

C. Approval by a majority of the Annual Conferences of both the Jurisdiction of which the church has been a part, and the Jurisdiction to which it is transferring.

D. Approval by the General Conference in the form of an Enabling Act.

The following Memorials pertaining to the same subject are in-

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cluded in this Report, Memorials Nos. 11, 13, 52, 53, 59, 70, 74, 292, 301, 309, 815, 966, 1459 and 1662.

The motion to substitute, being duly seconded, John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) spoke to the substitute Report.

Ruling—Bishop Purcell

Bishop Clare Purcell ruled that the substitute for Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, whose proposed legislation had been declared unconstitutional by the Judicial Council, was in effect a new Report, and should be considered and acted upon after it had been published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Motion to Publish—C. W. Cooper

Motion of Claude W. Cooper (California-Nevada), duly seconded, prevailed, authorizing the publication of the substitute Report in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

No. 3 Committee of Six—Amended—Adopted

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "Revised Legislation," and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) with the following statement:

"I make only this reservation. That in the pressure of this work I have not been able to check the proposals for legislation with the care which they necessitate, and, if we find defects, and they do not carry out the program as we have presented it at the microphone tonight, I must reserve the right to come back and ask for correction."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) and Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) carefully analyzed the contents of Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission is a substitute for the Report of the Survey Commission, found in the Supplement to the *Daily Christian Advocate* of April 23, 1952, found on pages 28 to 37 of the Supplement, and also pages 41 to 44 inclusive of the Supplement, and embraces the following matters: Chapter IV, Department of the Local Church; Chapter V, Department of Missions; Chapter VI, Department of Christian Social Relations; and Chapter VIII, Board of Educational Institutions. On page 7 of the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission

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the recommendation of the Committee of Six was corrected by Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) to include all the general agencies of The Methodist Church in the proposed annual assembly, but that there should be held at least one meeting of the said General Agencies during the quadrennium, instead of making an annual meeting of said General Agencies mandatory.

Amendment—F. B. McIntosh—H. C. Case—Accepted

F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio) asked a question concerning the term "Department of General Education," found on page 1 of the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, stating there might arise confusion from the use of the term.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) stated that the Committee of Six would gladly change the terminology to read "Department of Higher Education," if it met the judgment of the General Conference.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) was in agreement to the change of the term.

By common unanimous consent of the General Conference the change in terminology was made.

Further Consideration Deferred—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, moved that in view of the importance of this Report, and in view of the lateness of the hour, further consideration of the Report be deferred until tomorrow morning.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference. (See page 411.)

No. 7. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved that there be no further consideration of the Calendar tonight. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

Privileged Matter—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairmen of the Committee of Chairmen, requested unanimous permission of the General Conference for Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) and Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia) to be seated on the platform when certain Reports from the General Standing Committee on Conferences come before the General Conference, that have a bearing and relation-

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ship to the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, and that they be permitted to speak to the same, and that Bishop Costen J. Harrell be accorded the privileges of the floor for the same purposes.

Unanimous common consent was granted for these matters.

Judicial Council Meeting

Marvin A. Childers (*) (West Texas), President of the Judicial Council, announced an important meeting of the Judicial Council for 10:30 A.M., Friday, May 2, 1952, and requested all interested parties who desired to appear before the Judicial Council to be on hand promptly.

Adjournment

Motion of Thomas O. Prewitt (Mississippi-SE), duly seconded, prevailed that after announcements we adjourn.

Announcements

Various announcements were made.

Benediction—Bishop Arvidson

The Evening Session of Thursday, May 1, 1952, of the General Conference of The Methodist Church adjourned at 10:20 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Theodor Arvidson of the Stockholm Area, Northern Europe Central Conference, and with two matters pending: first, consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, and second, consideration of and action on the Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

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Opening—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The Methodist Church convened at 8:30 A.M. in the Morning Session of the Ninth Day, Friday, May 2, 1952, with Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Houston Area, South Central Jurisdiction, in the Chair, and with the following business pending: first, consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, and second, consideration of and action on Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

Bishop A. Frank Smith announced that the devotional

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service of the morning would be conducted by Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the Pittsburgh Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Devotional Service—Bishop L. C. Wicke*The Call to Worship—Bishop Wicke*

Bishop Wicke gave the Call to Worship, using the words of the 117th Psalm, as follows:

"O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. (2) For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord."

Hymn No. 19—Apostles' Creed

Bishop Wicke announced Hymn No. 19, "Let All On Earth Their Voices Raise." The General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of the Hymn, after which Bishop Wicke led in the Affirmation of Faith, The Apostles' Creed.

Scripture—Prayer

Bishop Wicke read as the Scripture of the morning, the words found in Matthew 19:16-21, and then led in prayer.

Hymn No. 147

Bishop Wicke announced, and the General Conference joined in the singing of Hymn No. 147, "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know."

The Message

Bishop Wicke brought a thought provoking message on "The Desire to Live."

Hymn—Prayer

Bishop Wicke announced Hymn No. 223, "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult," and closed the morning's devotions with prayer.

Business Session

Bishop A. Frank Smith called the General Conference to order for the business session with consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, and also consideration of and action on Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission pending.

No. 9. Journal—C. O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the

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Committee on Journal, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-90), and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal for Thursday evening's session, May 1, 1952, and find it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*), *Chairman*
WILLIAM H. BECKER, *Secretary*

No. 10. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following matters for the consideration of and action on by the General Conference, as follows:

A Methodist Center in Washington, D. C.—O. G. Robinson

Presented Orris Gravenor Robinson (Baltimore) who moved that the following Resolution (DB-91), signed by members of the Baltimore Annual Conference, be referred to the General Board of Temperance:

"We, the undersigned, moved that the General Conference request the Board of Temperance to consider ways of expanding the use of its building in Washington, in order to make it a Methodist Center in the nation's capital."

(Signed) ORRIS G. ROBINSON
O. B. LANGRALL
J. MILTON ROGERS
FRED G. HOLLOWAY
NORMAN L. TROTT
ALBERT E. DAY
JESSIE M. REYNOLDS (*) (MRS. F. C.)
MARGIE C. KEYSER (*) (MRS. E. LESLIE)
D. STEWART PATTERSON (*)

The motion, seconded by James P. Stafford (*) (Mississippi-SE), was adopted, and the paper referred to the General Board of Temperance.

Earl R. Brown—E. D. Kohlstedt Presented

Presented Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio), who in turn presented E. D. Kohlstedt (Wisconsin), who had served so efficiently as a leader in the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, both before and after the union of the Churches forming The Methodist Church.

Bishop A. Frank Smith spoke eloquently of the service rendered the Church by E. D. Kohlstedt.

Lowell Thomas () to Speak*

Announced that Lowell Thomas (*) would briefly address the General Conference, after recess this morning.

Methodist Headquarters—A. S. Moore

Aubrey S. Moore (Rock River) was recognized, and presented the Report of the Commission to Study the Advisability of the Establishment of a Methodist Center or General Headquarters, and Similar Jurisdictional Facilities (DB-92), and moved that it be referred, without reading, to the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Nos. 8, 9. Credentials—H. L. Bradway

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee, presented Report No. 8 and 9 of the Committee, DCA-364, Columns 2 and 3, and moved its adoption, without reading. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Reports see pages 1043, 1044.

No. 8. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen moved to reconsider the action of Wednesday morning, April 20, 1952, whereby the time for the afternoon session of Friday, May 2, 1952 was set at 2:30 P.M.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Time of Afternoon Session Friday, May 2, 1952—L. T. Moore

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed, that we change the time of the hour for this afternoon session to 3:30 P.M., and request the General Standing Legislative Committees to convene at 2:00 P.M., and try to complete their work.

Report Commission on the Study of the Local Church Resumed—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that Section II, Commissions, Pages 41 to 51 inclusive of the Report, Paragraphs 191 through 215 were now before the General Conference for consideration and action, and moved their adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—C. M. Dannelly () Accepted*

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama) for the General Standing Committee on Education proposed two amendments.

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First: In Paragraph 205 Item 4, Page 47 of the Report, delete the word "School," found in the second line, and insert the word "local," at the end of the first line, following the word "every," so that the sentence will read:

"4. Methodist Student Day shall be observed annually in every local church, preferably the second Sunday in June."

Amendment Accepted—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the proposed amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—C. M. Dannelly ()—Adopted*

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama) moved a further amendment in Paragraph 205, Item 5 second paragraph on Page 48 of the Report (DB-93) by inserting after the words "National Family Week," found in line one the following words "or some other day selected by the Annual Conference," and changing the term "Childhood Sunday," found in the second line of the same paragraph to read, "Children's Day."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), spoke to the same.

Amendment Not Accepted—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, spoke to the pending amendment, and stated the Commission would not accept it.

Amendment Adopted—Count Vote Called For

The amendment of Clarence M. Dannelly (Alabama), on being put to a vote of the General Conference, was adopted, and Bishop A. Frank Smith so ruled.

The vote being close a count vote was called for.

Bishop A. Frank Smith put the question as to the adoption of the amendment for the second time, and stated he thought the amendment carried.

Count Vote Requested—E. E. Voigt—Not Ordered

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) moved that a count vote be taken. The motion was duly seconded.

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Division of Question Called For—L. D. Slutz ()*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) under Rule 12 of the Rules of Order, requested that the pending question be divided as follows: (1) Permission of the Annual Conference to change the date of the observance; (2) Changing the name of the day from "Childhood Sunday," to "Children's Day."

Ruling—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith ruled the point of division well taken.

Count Vote Not Ordered

The motion of Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) for a count vote, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

W. S. Boyd Speaks to Amendment

Welsh Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh) spoke to the pending amendment.

Childhood Sunday Changed to Children's Day

On being put to the vote of the General Conference, the amendment was adopted changing the term "Childhood Sunday," to "Children's Day."

Annual Conference Determines Date

The amendment inserting the following words, "or some other day selected by the Annual Conference," was adopted, on the vote of the General Conference.

Amendment Adopted as a Whole

The amendment was then adopted as a whole, by the General Conference.

Amendment—H. H. Wagner—Not Adopted

H. Hughes Wagner (New England) moved to amend Paragraph 205, Page 47 of the Report (DB-94), by deleting from Item 3 the words, "on the second Sunday in February of each year," found at the beginning of line two and substituting therefore the words, "on that Sunday in each year which corresponds to Brotherhood Sunday as sponsored by the National Association of Christian and Jews," so that the sentence will read:

"3. Race Relations Sunday shall be observed in every local church on that Sunday in each year which corresponds to Brotherhood Sunday as sponsored by the National Association of Christians and Jews."

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The motion to amend, being duly seconded, H. Hughes Wagner (New England) spoke to the same.

Amendment Accepted—A. K. Smith—Objection Raised

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church stated that the Commission would accept the proposed amendment.

Bishop A. Frank Smith asked if there was any objection from the General Conference.

Question Raised—J. O. Gross

John O. Gross (Kentucky) raised the question as to whether or not the proposed date might conflict with the Week of Dedication observance.

F. C. Tucker Against Amendment

Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis) spoke against the amendment.

J. E. Moreland () Against Amendment*

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia) spoke against the amendment, no one rising to speak for it.

M. LaFayette Harris Against Amendment

M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington) spoke against the pending amendment.

Previous Question Ordered—W. F. Davis (*)

Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula) moved the previous question on the pending amendment. The motion was duly seconded.

The previous question on the pending amendment was ordered by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference.

Amendment Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of H. Hughes Wagner (New England), on being put to a vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—F. C. Tucker—Accepted

Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis) moved to amend Paragraph 195, Page 43 of the Report, by adding at the end of the Paragraph the following (DB-95):

"The Commission on Education shall be auxiliary the Division of the

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Local Church of the General Board of Education, and to the Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Education."

Amendment Accepted—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend Paragraph 193, Section 1 (DB-96), by deleting the last two (2) sentences of Section 1, Pages 41 and 42 of the Report, which reads as follows:

"The pastor shall be permanent Chairman. The Committee shall elect a Secretary, and such other officers and Committees as may be determined."

and substituting therefore the following:

"The Commission shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and such other officers and Committees as may be determined."

so that Section 1 will read as follows:

"At the beginning of the Conference year the Pastor shall call together the members of the Commission for organization. The Commission shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and such other officers and Committees as may be determined."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona) spoke to the same.

Amendment Not Accepted—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, spoke against the amendment.

Edmund Heinsohn for Amendment

Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Amendment Adopted

The proposed amendment of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona) on being put to a vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

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Amendment—O. D. Jackson—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota) moved to amend Paragraph 191, second paragraph, Page 41 of the Report, by adding (DB-97) to "(4) the Commission on Finance." The following,

"When desired, a Commission on Worship, and a Commission on Social and Recreational Activities may be constituted for the promotion and supervision of related functions of the church."

so that the Section will read,

"(4) the Commission on Finance. When desired, a Commission on Worship, and a Commission on Social and Recreational Activities may be constituted for the promotion and supervision of related functions of the church."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota) spoke to the same.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—N. W. Clemens—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Norman W. Clemens (Wyoming) moved to amend Paragraph 194, Page 42 of the Report (DB-98) by inserting after the words, "To take an annual religious census of the community," found in the first line of sub-section 2, the words, "in which the co-operation of other churches in the community shall be sought," so that sub-section 2 shall read:

"2. To take an annual religious census of the community in which the co-operation of other churches in the community shall be sought, to seek the co-operation of the Church School, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and other church organizations in making a list of persons from these and other sources who should be won to Christ and His Church."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission or of the General Conference.

Amendment C. H. La Rue—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Clarence H. La Rue (North-East Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 194, Page 42 of the Report, Section 2 by deleting

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the words "an annual," found in line one (1) following the words "To take," and inserting the letter "a," and add following the words "religious census of the community," found in line one, the words, "at appropriate intervals," so that the amended sentence will read:

"2. To take a religious census of the community at appropriate intervals, etc."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—Miss Edith F. Welker ()—Not Adopted*

Miss Edith F. Welker (*) (New York East) moved to amend Paragraph 205, Page 48 of the Report, Section 5, by adding to the last paragraph of the Section, the words,

"No other special day shall be observed on the same day selected as Children's Day."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Miss Edith F. Welker (*) (New York East) spoke to the same.

Amendment Accepted—A. K. Smith—Objection Raised—F. G. Holloway

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the Commission would accept the amendment.

Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) spoke against the amendment, stating that if adopted, it would destroy previous amendments already adopted concerning this matter.

The amendment of Miss Edith F. Welker (*) (New York East) on being put to a vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith called the attention of the General Conference to the fact, that when we adjourned last evening, action on Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, was pending, and that other important matters should be acted on by the General Conference this morning.

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Previous Question—C. Homer Ginns—Ordered

C. Homer Ginns (New England Southern) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

The previous question was ordered by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference.

Proposed Amendment—F. D. Jenkins—Not in Order

Farrell D. Jenkins (Southern Illinois) asked if the Commission on the Study of the Local Church would accept an addition at this time to have a layman as the Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism.

Ruling of Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith stated that the previous question had been ordered, and that any further amendment would be out of order at this time, and suggested that Farrell D. Jenkins (Southern Illinois) take the matter up with Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, for presentation when the Report of the Commission comes before the General Conference to be adopted as a whole.

Section II, Commissions Adopted

Section II, Commissions, Pages 41 and 51 inclusive, embracing Paragraphs 191 through 215 inclusive was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. See page 1621.

• Method of Procedure—Commission on Study of the Local Church Yields Floor—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the Commission would gladly yield the floor at this time to hear a Report from the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, as consideration of an action on Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission was one of the matters pending when the General Conference adjourned Thursday evening, May 1, 1952.

Report on Local Church resumed, see page 477.

Report No. 3 Committee of Six on Report of Survey Commission Amended—Adopted—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin (*)

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, and requested common consent to change the name of the "Department of Higher Education

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of the Division of Educational Institutions," found on page one of the Report to read "Department of Secondary and Higher Education."

Common consent was unanimously given by the General Conference for this change.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) moved the adoption of the Report, and the motion was seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark).

Postpone Action—H. N. Holmes ()—Accepted*

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East) moved to amend the Report, and presented the following Resolution (DB-99):

"BE IT RESOLVED, That consideration of the one Section on 'Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief,' on page six of Report No. 3 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, be postponed until Report No. 5 of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 53, DCA-254, Column 2, Subject, 'Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief,' is before the General Conference, and that the Section be discussed in conjunction with that Report."

(Signed) HARRY N. HOLMES (*) (New York East)

Resolution Accepted—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin ()*

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) stated that the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission would gladly agree to this method of procedure, and Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) concurred in the same.

Amendment—D. W. Throckmorton—Withdrawn

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) moved that we hold in abeyance action on page four (4) of the Report until the Board of Social and Economic Relations report is presented by the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church.

Amendment Not Accepted—H. C. Case—Withdrawn

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the General Conference; The Committee of Six would not accept that amendment for the reason that this simply puts squarely before the Conference the question of a Board. It would harmonize with any subsequent action the General Conference might take, but it would facilitate the forward movement of the Conference in deciding how it will constitute its Boards."

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) said he would accept the explanation of Dr. Case, and asked the

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privilege of withdrawing his motion. Unanimous consent was given that this be done.

Previous Question—L. J. Radcliffe—Ordered

Lynn Radcliffe (Ohio) moved the previous question on the adoption of the Report.

The motion for the previous question, being duly seconded, was adopted by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Report No. 3 Committee of Six on Report of Survey Commission Adopted

Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission was adopted, as amended by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1705.

Five Questions Raised by Committee of Six

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented five questions for the consideration of and action on by the General Conference, as the Committee of Six desired the counsel and guidance of the General Conference on the matters set forth in the five questions.

Motion to Vote at Once—L. J. Radcliffe—Not Adopted

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) moved that as a matter of procedure to save the time of the General Conference, we have Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) and Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) succinctly present the matters contained in the five questions, and then take a vote. The motion was duly seconded.

J. D. Heer Opposed to Plan of Procedure

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) spoke against the proposed method of procedure.

Motion of L. J. Radcliffe Not Adopted

The motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Question No. 1—Tenure of Membership—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin (*)—Adopted

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Question No. 1 and moved its adoption as follows:

"1. Tenure on any Division, Board, Commission, or Council shall hereafter be limited to eight (8) consecutive years, this provision to begin with 1952, but not to be retroactive."

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) seconded the motion to adopt, and stated that although it involved some risks, he would support it.

N. B. Harmon Against Proposition

Nolan B. Harmon (Baltimore) spoke against the general principles involved in Question No. 1.

The General Conference, by vote, adopted Question No. 1.

Question No. 2—Ineligible Members of Boards, etc.—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin ()—Adopted*

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Question No. 2, and moved its adoption, as follows:

"2. No person who receives compensation for services rendered or commission of any kind from a Board, or other Agency, shall be eligible for membership."

The motion to adopt was duly seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark).

Previous Question—J. O. Gross—Ordered

John O. Gross (Kentucky) moved the previous question on the pending matter. The motion was duly seconded.

By vote of the General Conference, the previous question was ordered on the pending matter by more than the two-thirds majority vote.

Question No. 2 was then adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Question No. 3—Reduction of Membership of Boards, etc.—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Question 3, and moved its adoption, as follows:

"3. Whether in principle there shall be any reduction in the size of membership in the General Boards and Agencies?"

The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) spoke for Question 3 as presented.

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C. C. Parlin () Opposed to Question 3*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) spoke against the adoption of Question 3.

V. M. Mouser () for Question 3*

Vincent M. Mouser (*) (Louisiana-SC) spoke in favor of Question 3. (See page 416.)

Recess

The hour of recess being at hand Bishop A. Frank Smith stated that when we re-convene, and resume debate on Question 3, that anyone who was opposed to the principle of the reduction of membership of the General Boards, etc., would be accorded the floor.

Re-convene

At the close of the recess period Bishop A. Frank Smith called the General Conference to order.

Montana Conference Quartette—J. R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music presented the Montana Annual Conference Quartette, composed of Rev. M. J. Wilcox, first tenor, Missoula, Montana; Rev. Reuben Dutton, second tenor, Bridger, Montana; Rev. Hugh S. Herbert, baritone, Bozeman, Montana; and Rev. Harold Engdahl, bass, Choteau, Montana.

Rev. Hugh S. Herbert stated that Brother Van had come to Montana in 1872, that he had been instrumental in building over one hundred churches, four hospitals, and established a university and a deaconess home for children, and had been a member of several General Conferences.

The quartette sang "Harvest Time," a song dedicated to Brother Van, and known throughout Montana as "Brother Van's song." The quartette rendered a second selection, "My Old Montana Claim."

Bishop A. Frank Smith, thanked the Montana Annual Conference Quartette in behalf of the General Conference, for their thrilling selections.

No. 11. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith—Lowell Thomas

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia) Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Lowell Thomas to address the General Conference.

The Conference stood and applauded.

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Lowell Thomas () Addressed General Conference*

Lowell Thomas (*) briefly addressed the General Conference. The General Conference applauded at the conclusion of the remarks.

Bishop A. Frank Smith appropriately replied, in behalf of the General Conference, thanking Lowell Thomas (*) for his remarks.

Committee of Six—Debate on Question 3 Resumed

D. S. Patterson Opposed to Reduction

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore) spoke in opposition to the principle of the reduction in number of the membership of the General Boards and Agencies.

R. C. Calkins for Reduction

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke in favor of the principle of reduction in the size of the General Boards and Agencies.

Point of Order—C. C. Parlin ()—Sustained*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) raised the following Point of Order:

"When your Committee met last night, and finally agreed upon their method of presenting the problems, it was agreed that they would be separated and presented to you as separate issues. We are now under point 3, which deals with the principle of the size of the Boards. This does not involve the question on which Reverend Calkins spoke. We come to that under Items 4 and 5 at a later time. The two points are completely independent."

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"There is a fine distinction there. The larger number of Bishops had to do with a larger membership. Of course, since Bishops are considered specifically later, there is a point also to what you say. So the Chairman stands with a foot in either camp and recognizes the brother now before you?"

M. R. Mobley () Against the Principle of Reduction*

M. Randolph Mobley (*) (South Carolina-SE) spoke against the principle of the reduction of the membership of the General Boards and Agencies.

Motion to Refer Question 3 Back to Committee—L. J. Radcliffe—Not Adopted

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) moved that Question 3 be referred back to the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, and that they be requested to bring

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back to the General Conference something concrete and definite.

The motion, being duly seconded, Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) spoke to the same.

The motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) to refer Question 3 back to the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Previous Question—R. F. Curl—Ordered

Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) moved the previous question on Question 3.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds majority required, and the previous question was ordered by the vote of the General Conference.

Closing Debate on Question 3—C. C. Parlin (*)—H. C. Case

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) closed the debate on the adoption of Question 3, which proposes the principle of the reduction of the membership of General Boards and Agencies, speaking against the adoption of Question 3.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) spoke in conclusion for the principle of the reduction of the membership of the General Boards and Agencies.

Question Raised—Mrs. S. W. Tillman (*)—Answered H. C. Case

Mrs. Sadie Wilson Tillman (*) (Tennessee-SE) raised the following question:

"We are just wondering if this will be accepted as a mandate that all Boards must be reduced."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied as follows:

"There is no mandate involved. It is the establishment of a principle, and then the entire matter, the size of every Board and Agency, would still be before the General Conference for a decision."

Question 3 Adopted

Question 3, "Whether in principle there shall be any reduction in the size of membership of the General Boards and Agencies," on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

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Question 4 Divided—Presented—H. C. Case—Adopted

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Question 4 as follows:

"4. Whether a Bishop may serve as a member of either the Co-ordinating Council, or the Council on World Service and Finance, and at the same time be a member of a General Agency."

and stated that Question 4 should be considered in two separate sections as two different Councils were involved, namely, the Co-ordinating Council, and the Council on World Service and Finance. By unanimous common consent this method of procedure was agreed upon.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) moved that

"A Bishop may serve as a member of the Co-ordinating Council, and if so, he may not at the same time be a member of a General Agency."

The motion, being duly seconded, Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) spoke in favor of the same.

C. C. Parlin () Spoke Against the Adoption of the Motion*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) spoke against the adoption of the motion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona).

V. M. Mouser () Speaks for Motion*

Vincent M. Mouser (*) (Louisiana-SC) spoke in favor of the motion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona).

Clarifying Information—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith asked the following question:

"Now, pardon me just a moment. Allow the Chair to ask a question here for clarification. The present practice and law of the Church is that every Bishop belongs to the Board of Missions, every Bishop belongs to the Board of Education. Do you proponents of this mean that if this is adopted, then that legislation must be changed, so that every Bishop shall not belong to those? Or, if it remains in that fashion, no Bishop shall be on the Council on World Service, or on the Co-ordinating Council?

Harold C. Case (Southern-California-Arizona). It means that an amendment would have to be passed.

Bishop A. Frank Smith. That is what you have in mind?

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona). Yes.

Bishop A. Frank Smith. That would affect the structure of those Boards?

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona). That is correct.

Bishop A. Frank Smith. That was merely for information."

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Question Raised—C. S. Kendall—H. C. Case Replies

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona) asked the following question:

"I would like to ask Dr. Case, if this Item 4 should be decided in the negative, that is, the Bishop may not be a member of the Council, and also of a General Agency, if that should be the decision, would it preclude the Bishops from sitting on any or all Boards of the General Agencies as observers and *ex officio* members, but without the right to vote? They could be there even though they were not members?"

"Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona). They could sit in every Board and Agency with the full effect of all the information that would come to them, but without vote."

L. T. Moore Speaks in Opposition

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) spoke in opposition to the pending matter.

Previous Question Moved and Ordered—A. W. Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved the previous question on the pending matter.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered by more than the two-thirds vote of the General Conference required.

C. C. Parlin ()—H. C. Case—Close Debate*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) closed the debate, speaking in opposition to the adoption of Section 1, Question 4.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) closed the debate, speaking for the adoption of Section 1, Question 4.

Question Raised—C. W. Cooper

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines) asked the following question:

"May the motion upon which we are voting be clearly stated? They may or may not, so that we will understand it."

Motion Stated—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) stated, the motion is as follows:

"The motion is that while a Bishop is serving as a member of the Co-ordinating Council he may not at the same time be a member of a General Agency."

Section 1 of Question 4 Adopted

The motion, that a Bishop, while serving as a member of the Co-ordinating Council may not also serve as a member of a General Agency of the Church, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Section 2 of Question 4—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin ()*

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented the second Section of Question 4, as follows:

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"A Bishop who is a member of the Council of World Service and Finance, may not at the same time be a member of a Board or General Agency."

The motion, being duly seconded, Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) spoke in favor of its adoption.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) spoke in opposition to the adoption of Section 2 of Question 4.

Previous Question Moved—B. V. Powell—Ordered

Bradford V. Powell (Missouri) moved the previous question on the pending matter. The motion was duly seconded.

Question Raised—P. V. Shearer ()—Answered—Bishop A. Frank Smith*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) asked the following question:

"The question I would like to ask is whether or not the Committee or Council on World Service and Finance have the power to allocate the various sums of money to the General Agencies? If they do, it seems to me that we have a principle involved regarding determination."

"Bishop A. Frank Smith: You, sir, are discussing the question, Mr. Shearer. The answer to your question is, That they do."

Previous Question Ordered

The previous question on Section 2 of Question 4, was ordered by more than the two-thirds vote by the General Conference.

Debate Closed—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin ()*

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) and Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) both stated they had nothing more to say on the pending question.

Section 2 of Question 4 Adopted

By vote of the General Conference Section 2 of Question 4 was adopted as follows:

"A Bishop who is a member of the Council on World Service and Finance, may not at the same time be a member of a General Agency."

Question 4 Adopted in Its Entirety

Question 4 was then adopted as a whole, as follows:

"A Bishop may not serve as a member of either the Co-ordinating Council, or the Council on World Service and Finance, and at the same time be a member of a General Agency."

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Question 5 Presented and Withdrawal Suggested—H. C. Case—Objection Raised

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) stated that Section 5 is no longer germane. Therefore we will delete it from this Report.

Objections were voiced to this procedure from several parts of the floor of the General Conference.

Substitute Motion Offered—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin ()*

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) moved as a substitute for the original Section 5, which reads as follows:

"5. Whether the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and the Board of Education shall have all the effective Bishops resident in the United States of America as members."

The following:

"5. Bishops who are not members of the Co-ordinating Council, or the Council on World Service and Finance may be members of the Board of Missions and the Board of Education." (See statement of H. C. Case, bottom of page 425.)

The motion to substitute was duly seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark).

Question Raised—W. B. Robinson—Answered—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin ()*

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) raised the following question:

"The question I am raising, sir, is if we have not already taken care of that matter, in our vote on No. 1 where we have listed the tenure in all Divisions and Boards and Commissions, would those Bishops, then, who have served longer than eight years in their capacity be barred by this action?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied as follows:

"At least much the Committee could clear. It is not intended, of course, under Section 1 of this Report to apply to membership on the Council of Bishops, or membership on the Judicial Council."

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) said,

"This was clearly the intention of your Committee of Six, and was understood so."

Question of Legality of Proposed Action—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) raised the question of the legality of passing such a proposal.

Motion to Refer Back to Committee—E. S. Bucke—Not Adopted

Emory S. Bucke (New England) moved that the entire question set forth in Section 5, now under discussion, be referred back to the Committee of Six for further consideration.

The motion, being duly seconded, Emory S. Bucks (New England) spoke to the same.

C. V. Adams () Against Referring*

Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the motion to refer.

Question Raised—C. S. Kendall—Reply—Bishop Smith

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona) raised the following question:

"The question I would like to ask the Chair is whether or not, if this motion of reference prevails, it would give the Committee of Six opportunity to resolve the confusion implicit in Dr. Case's motion and the proposed giving the Bishops opportunity to give special help in the suggested reorganization of the Church. There seems to be confusion. Would not this motion of reference give the Committee of Six an opportunity to study that further?"

Bishop A. Frank Smith replied:

"The Chair is unable to specify as to what areas the Committee of Six might explore if this is referred to them. The immediate motion before the General Conference is that of Dr. Case and the subsequent motion of Dr. Bucke that the motion of Dr. Case be referred back to the Committee of Six."

Previous Question Moved—E. D. Worley—Held in Abeyance

Elbert D. Worley (Holston) moved the previous question on the pending matter, but held his motion in abeyance until a question raised by Frederick B. Newell (New York East) could be answered.

Question—F. B. Newell—Answered—H. C. Case

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) raised the following question:

"I would like to ask Dr. Case what exactly he meant when he said that paragraph or Question 1 did not apply to the Council of Bishops or to the Judicial Council? Many of us assume that he meant that their term should not be limited."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied as follows:

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"Mr. Chairman, the question was the matter of tenure. I wanted to make it clear that if passed, point 1 on tenure, limiting it to eight years, would not apply to the Judicial Council, or to members of the Council of Bishops."

Question—J. K. Mathews—Answer—Bishop A. Frank Smith

James K. Mathews (Bombay) raised the following questions:

"We certainly do not have under discussion the tenure of Bishops as Bishops. It is rather their possible tenure on the various Boards. The question would be, are they also limited to eight years in their tenure on any or all of the Boards?"

Bishop A. Frank Smith replied:

"The answer is yes, they are."

Question—F. B. Newell—Answer—H. C. Case

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) raised this further question:

"May I then in view of that answer (the answer of Bishop A. Frank Smith), ask Dr. Case one more question? Would it not mean, then, Dr. Case, that if all the Bishops except those who may be upon the World Service Council, and the Co-ordinating Council, should be on the Board of Missions at the end of eight years, all of them would have to go off?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied as follows:

"We would be obliged, Mr. Chairman, to write in the exception, if that is the will of the Conference, except for membership on the Board of Missions and membership on the Board of Education from among the Bishops of the Church."

Previous Question—E. D. Worley—Adopted

The motion of Elbert D. Worley (Holston) for the previous question, previously made and held in abeyance until certain questions had been raised, and answered, being duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Motion to Refer—E. S. Bucke—Not Adopted

The motion of Emory S. Bucke (New England) to refer Section 5 to the Committee of Six for further consideration, on being put to a vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

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Motion to Amend Motion of H. C. Case—Oran Stephens—Not Adopted

Oran Stephens (Central Texas) moved to amend the motion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) by substituting the word "shall," for the word "may."

The motion, being duly seconded, Oran Stephens (Central Texas) spoke to the same.

G. H. Atkinson () Against Motion to Amend*

George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada) spoke against the motion to amend.

D. R. Youell () for Amendment*

Donald R. Youell (*) (Holston) spoke in favor of the motion to amend.

O. G. Robinson for Amendment—Out of Order—Ruling, Bishop A. Frank Smith

Orris Gravenor Robinson (Baltimore) was recognized, and started speaking for the amendment.

Bishop A. Frank Smith ruled Orris Gravenor Robinson (Baltimore) out of order as the preceding speaker had been in favor of the amendment.

Previous Question—W. S. Boyd—Ordered

Welsh Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh) moved the previous question on the pending matter.

The motion, being duly seconded, was adopted by the General Conference by more than the required two-thirds vote, and the previous question was ordered.

Amendment Not Adopted

The amendment of Oran Stephens (Central Texas) to substitute the word "shall" for the word "may," on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Motion to Substitute—W. R. Cannon—Out of Order—Bishop A. Frank Smith

William R. Cannon (North Georgia) moved as a substitute for the motion of Harld C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) that not more than two Bishops, two from each Jurisdiction, not less than two Bishops shall be on any General Agency of the Church.

Bishop A. Frank Smith ruled the substitute motion out of order, as it is a de novo motion.

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Motion to Defer—C. P. Hardin—Not Adopted

Cecil P. Hardin (Holston) moved that action on the matter involved in the motion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) be deferred until the Reports are brought in from these various Boards as to their membership. The motion was duly seconded.

The motion of Cecil P. Hardin (Holston) to defer action, on being put to a vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Motion Re Board Membership—W. R. Cannon—Out of Order—Bishop A. Frank Smith

William R. Cannon (North Georgia) moved as a substitute for the motion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) that not more than twelve Bishops, two from each Jurisdiction, shall be members of the Board of Education and the Board of Missions.

Bishop A. Frank Smith ruled that the motion was out of order, as Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Education, Calendar No. 5, DCA-153, Column 3, Subject, "Organization of the Board of Education," had previously been adopted at the evening session of Thursday, May 1, 1952, fixing the membership of the Board of Education to include all effective Bishops resident in the United States.

Personal Privilege—C. C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) as a matter of personal privilege stated that he considered it impossible for the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission to work out all of the organizational details, and urgently recommended that all such matters be left with the Legislative Committee of each respective Board.

Previous Question—L. S. Ivins ()—Ordered*

Lester S. Ivins (*) (Ohio) moved the previous question on the pending matter. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the necessary two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Closing Remarks—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin ()*

Under the call of the previous question Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) said:

"Mr. Chairman, it was the intention of the motion to say, in order that the Committee of Six may bring you a specific recommendation."

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) stated he had nothing further to say.

Section 5 Adopted

Section 5 was adopted as follows:

"5. Bishops who are not members of the Co-ordinating Council or the Council on World Service and Finance may be members of the Board of Missions and the Board of Education, in order that the Committee of Six may bring you a specific recommendation."

Question Raised Re Tenure—E. A. Love—Answered—H. C. Case

Edgar A. Love (Washington) raised this question:

"Item No. 1: I understood Dr. Case to say it was not their intention to include the Bishops in this provision, but no action has been taken on No. 1 which exempts them from this condition."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, the intention of No. 1 was that tenure would apply to Bishops for all Agencies and Boards of the Church, with the exception of special action that might be taken concerning the Board of Education and the Board of Missions, and excepting the Council of Bishops."

Motion to Reconsider Section 1—E. A. Love—Not Adopted

Having voted with the prevailing side, Edgar A. Love (Washington) moved a reconsideration of Section 1 on tenure of membership.

The motion was duly seconded, but on being put to a vote of the General Conference was not adopted.

Motion to Extend Time—R. H. Nichols—Not Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas) moved to extend the time.

The motion, duly seconded, was not adopted.

Adoption of Report as a Whole—Point of Order—J. E. Skillington—Point of Order Sustained

Bishop A. Frank Smith started to present the Report as a whole for adoption, when J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made the following Point of Order:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: Dr. Cannon's motion was ruled out of order because it was in conflict with the action taken by the Conference last night determining that all effective members of the Council of Bishops resident in the United States shall be members of the Board of Education.

"Dr. Case's motion, then, was also out of order, and we have by

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adopting it, adopted something that was contrary to the action we took last night.

"Last night we took action saying that all the Bishops effective in the United States shall be members of the Board of Education, now we have taken action to say that all should be members except those who are on these other two Agencies.

"Where do we stand?"

Bishop A. Frank Smith ruled that the point of order was well taken.

Time Extended by Common Consent

The hour of adjournment nearing, by unanimous common consent the time of this session was extended.

Motion to Amend Set of Questions—C. C. Parlin ()*

(See Ruling of Bishop Smith, bottom page 433.)

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) moved that the Report before the General Conference be amended to carry instructions that the details as to the constitution of the Boards be referred to the respective Legislative Committees.

The motion to amend, by reference, being duly seconded, Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) spoke to the same.

R. C. Calkins Against Referral

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-De Moines) spoke against the motion to refer.

E. W. Peterson () For Motion to Refer*

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon) spoke for the motion to refer.

Question—J. O. Gross—Answer—C. C. Parlin ()*

John O. Gross (Kentucky) asked the following question:

"Does the amendment carry only matters concerning membership on the Board, or does it carry also the reconciliation of parts of legislation which may be in variance with what has been adopted today?"

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) answered the question, as follows:

"We did two things today. We adopted Report No. 3, which carries some legislation. That is on your books.

"Then we submitted to you five questions, merely for direction and advice. We have received your answers.

"Now comes the task of following your instructions as to the legislation to draft. We have on the basis of these answers some wide open territory for debate. On a Board, how many Bishops should you have? What Jurisdiction should they come from? How many laymen? How many laywomen on each Board? The construction of the individual Boards, even the numbers. It is all so wide open. As Dr. Case said,

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you still have the questions of how much to reduce your Boards. Do you reduce them by one man? By 20 percent? Do you cut them in half? I think those are the questions which must be thrashed out.

"It seems to me the Legislative Committees find that within their legislative means, and they should bring back to the floor of this General Conference their recommendations on legislation on that point, just as the Legislative Committee always does do. It would be normal, standard procedure."

Bishop A. Frank Smith asked Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) if he had anything to say. The answer was, No.

Amendment to Amendment—R. E. Clay

(See Ruling of Bishop Smith, top of page 432.)

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the motion to refer by adding "In harmony with the principles in Sections 1, 2 and 3 adopted this morning."

The motion to amend the amendment to refer, being duly seconded, Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) spoke to the same.

Point of Order—V. M. Mouser ()—Out of Order—Bishop A. Frank Smith*

Vincent M. Mouser (*) (Louisiana-SC) raised a point of order as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, I raise a point of order, that the Survey Commission had assigned the responsibility for dealing with these problems which had arisen with respect to the Survey Report, to the Committee of Six.

"In order that we might discharge that responsibility we requested instructions from the General Conference upon these specific issues.

"Now, what the Conference has done is to advise us as to what we should do in principle with respect to these matters. I feel that it would be out of order to tack onto that a transferring to the Legislative Committees, unless you would also direct us to consider that no longer any of our business."

Ruling of Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith replied, as follows:

"The Chair will have to rule that the amendment is in order unless you appeal, Judge Mouser."

Parliamentary Situation Stated—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith stated the parliamentary situation as follows:

"We have a motion to adopt this paper. We have an amendment to refer the paper to the Legislative Committees. We have an amendment to the amendment giving instructions that the three principles adopted be considered."

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Question Asked—A. G. Walton—Answered—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Aubrey G. Walton (Little Rock) raised a question which was answered by Bishop A. Frank Smith.

Point of Order Raised—J. E. Skillington—Well Taken

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that the amendment that was offered gave some instructions, namely that it was to refer in accordance with the judgments of the General Conference expressed in their previous votes on these questions, and therefore it was not an amendment at all, but a straight motion of reference.

Ruling of Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith ruled as follows:

"The point is well taken. It is matter of referral, rather than an adoption of the Report with the amendment of instruction."

N. B. Harmon Speaks to Pending Motion

Nolan B. Harmon (Baltimore), Book Editor spoke to the pending matter stating that we were dealing with the *Discipline* and the legislation which goes into the *Discipline*, and that to proceed properly we should have the actual legislation of the present *Discipline* before us with any and all suggested changes.

H. C. Case Speaks to Motion to Refer

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) spoke to the motion to refer, as follows:

"If now you vote to refer a portion of the Report of the Committee of Six brought to you today in order to get your judgment, you would defeat the method by which we have been working, and reduce us to an atomistic condition again. If you would defeat the motion to refer, then you would have enhanced the principles, the entire 1 to 5 reports you have passed, one by one. You will then simply say to the Committee of Six, 'Well, you come back with a specific report for the full consideration of the Conference to vote up or down as the Conference may wish.'"

C. C. Parlin () Speaks to Motion to Refer*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) spoke to the motion to refer, as follows:

"Here Dr. Case and I have some different concepts of our Committee of Six. We have been discussing principles on which we could agree, and today you have heard the first principles on which we were not in agreement, and we presented them to you for guidance.

"We have your answers, and I am not asking in any way for a re-

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consideration, but within those questions—and all you have done is to answer certain questions—somebody has got to sit down and do some hard work on legislative drafting and co-ordinating the *Discipline* as it exists, and try to fit in what you have suggested in your will today.

"That is the job of Legislative Committees. I don't believe this Committee of Six was set up with the idea that we are going to redraft the *Discipline*. Certainly I don't think so. I think now the Legislative Committees would pick up and act in the light of the guidance which you today gave them."

D. E. Walter () for Referring Report to Committee of Six*

Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio) spoke against referring the Report to the Legislative Committees, and for referring the Report to the Committee of Six.

Previous Question—V. D. Morris—Ordered

Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana-SC) moved the previous question on everything before the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered on all before the General Conference.

Question of R. C. Baker

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado) raised the following question:

"If we refer these 5 questions without adopting them as a whole, then will the several Legislative Committees have your choice in this matter before them, or will they be left free to make their own decision as to all these matters that have been presented in these questions?"

Reply of Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith replied as follows:

"The Chair would presume that the Legislative Committees will act under the instructions contained in the principles here adopted."

Parliamentary Situation Discussed by J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the parliamentary situation as follows:

"If the motion to refer prevails, we have adopted nothing, though there appears to be a bit of difference between the two spokesmen of the different sides here. I understand Mr. Parlin to say they have brought us just five questions, and we have given answers to those questions, and anyway, if we are going to vote on the thing as a whole, that implies our adoption to 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 was only a tentative adoption, and didn't become a real adoption, until we adopt the whole.

"Now, if we refer, before we adopt the whole, we haven't adopted anything."

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Statement of Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith replied as follows:

"We have adopted the five individually, and Mr. Parlin offered an amendment, which you informed us later, and we accepted the same, was a move to refer that that amendment carried with the direction as it was adopted as a whole that these five points be taken to the respective Legislative Committees. That was the purpose of your motion, was it not, Mr. Parlin?"

Reply of C. C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) replied as follows:

"You have stated it correctly, Bishop. I in no way intended to open up or review the answers which you had given to the five questions. This is simply a motion to adopt in total the five after you have adopted them seriatim.

"The question is, who picks up those recommendations and works on them afterwards? My amendment was designed to force the Legislative Committees to now study the structures of their respective Boards in the light of your decisions."

Response of J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) replied as follows:

"Well, if his motion to refer was after it was adopted, then the motion to refer ought to have been made after it was adopted."

Statement of Bishop A. Frank Smith

"Well, we all know where we are headed, Doctor. Now, whether we are on the road exactly or not, no one would question your astuteness there. The point is Mr. Parlin is not trying to circumvent the action of this Conference.

"The action having been taken on the five, and we now having come to the point to adopt as a whole, Mr. Parlin wishes these to be referred to the respective Legislative Committees, which will consider these as instructions and will bring in the necessary legislation to implement the whole.

"Now, an amendment was offered there that carried with it the declaration that we recognize the first three principles as binding. Mr. Parlin had no thought of not recognizing them as binding in the motion he made."

C. C. Parlin () Makes Statement*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) made the following statement:

"I do not accept that as an amendment because it limits it. I don't think you should limit any principles. I think all the principles should be adopted in accordance with your wish and handled in the way I have indicated."

Amendment to Amendment Not in Order—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith made the following statement:

"The reason the amendment to the amendment was offered was because the last two have to do with Bishops, and the first three with certain principles, but Mr. Parlin declares that his motion did not invalidate your action with respect to principles. Therefore, the amendment to the amendment is not in order unless his purpose is questioned. "That is the point he makes."

Question Raised—T. C. Hall ()*

Thomas C. Hall (*) (Pacific Northwest) asked the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask this question. If we refer these questions to the various Committees, the Committee of Six to which we have referred the Survey Report is still in possession of the Survey Report, and has not reported it back to this Conference for its consideration. At the present time, they have only asked for guidance in considering that Report. If we refer these recommendations to the various Committees, they have nothing before them except—"

Answer of Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith replied, as follows:

"You are making a speech, sir, though you are asking a question as to whether that will leave anything before them.

"The Chair is of the opinion that the motion is altogether in order, and the Legislative Committees and the Committee of Six would clarify that."

Point of Order—L. D. Slutz () Ruling of Bishop A. Frank Smith*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) started to raise a point of order, and Bishop A. Frank Smith stated "We are acting under the previous question."

Point of Order—L. J. Radcliffe—Sustained

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) was recognized and made the following statement:

"I have never before made a point of order. I do not want to delay our procedure at this time; I want to clarify it. I wonder whether a motion to adopt the entire Report is in order? This is not a Report. These were five separate questions brought to us for our judgment. We have spoken. That action should stand. I believe it was the final action on each of these five. With that interpretation Mr. Parlin is in agreement, and Dr. Case is in agreement. I wonder whether we may ask the question of the point of order, why we should adopt this as a whole? We have adopted directly what we democratically described as our will. Those principles stand; they need no further action."

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Ruling—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith made the following statement:

"The point will be sustained with that interpretation. But the Chair assumed naturally that this is a Report brought in; it isn't numbered, consisting of various sections. We adopt the various sections and then the Report as a whole. That is the invariable procedure.

"But if the proponents of these questions wish to say that they brought them in merely for information, and each question took care of itself, the matter has been settled, and then we are without a motion upon the whole."

Motion to Adjourn—L. D. Slutz ()—Held in Abeyance*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) moved that we do now adjourn.

Bishop A. Frank Smith replied, "Just a minute. Let's see what they have in mind."

C. C. Parlin () Speaks to the Situation*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) made the following statement at this time:

"I don't want to carry this any further. I think we are tired. But as a matter of personal privilege, if you ask your Committee of Six to draft this legislation you have imposed upon us, or at least I will speak in the first person—you have imposed upon me an impossible request.

"Remember that your Committee of Six has not yet completed its work. This is the first controversial item to come before us. We still have hours of work to frame agreements and disagreements on the whole area of promotion, publications and magazines. We have been working every night until after midnight on this thing.

"You cannot ask us to further study periodicals, publication, promotion, and bring you sensible reports, and at the same time ask us to do this terrifically difficult problem of redrafting almost your whole *Discipline*. It is just too much to ask. If I could do it, I would. I wouldn't shirk the request of this Conference, but you are imposing an absolutely impossible situation.

"I see no way to get through within the ambit of our time. But you assigned this particular function to our Legislative Committees."

Statement of Bishop A. Frank Smith

"Do you wish to say a word, Dr. Case? Can we not come to agreement here? I think you understand what Judge Parlin is trying to say, that the Committee of Six does not wish to have to write this legislation."

Question—J. E. Carothers

J. Edward Carothers (Troy) asked if there was a motion before the General Conference?

Ruling—Bishop A. Frank Smith

"If they insist that each of these be taken separately, the Chair

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accepts the interpretation, and the paper as a whole does not have to be adopted as a Report would.

"That being true, there is nothing before us."

Motion to Adjourn Renewed—L. D. Slutz ()*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) renewed his motion that we do now adjourn. The motion duly seconded, prevailed.

Announcements

Announcements of various kinds were made.

No. 10. Presiding Officers—Bishop Paul N. Garber—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented their Report (DB-100) designating Bishop Paul N. Garber, Geneva and Richmond Areas, Southeastern Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer for the next session. For Report see page 1088.

Benediction—Bishop Willis J. King

The morning session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church of Friday, May 2, 1952, adjourned at 1:05 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Willis J. King of the Monrovia Area, Central Jurisdiction, with two matters pending—namely, further consideration of the Action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church and further consideration of and action on the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

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Opening—Bishop P. N. Garber

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the session of the Ninth Day, Friday May 2, 1952, at 3:30 P.M. for the afternoon session, with Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Geneva and Richmond Areas, Southeastern Jurisdiction, in the Chair, with consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church and consideration of and action on the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission pending.

Hymn No. 287—James R. Houghton () Leads*

Bishop Garber announced Hymn No. 287, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music,

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the General Conference stood and joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Prayer—Bishop J. H. Straughn

The General Conference, remaining standing, was led in prayer by Bishop James H. Straughn.

Montana Annual Conference Quartette—Bishop Garber

Bishop Paul N. Garber presented the Montana Annual Conference Quartette.

The Quartette thrilled the General Conference with their rendition of "O Listen to the Wondrous Story."

Bishop Garber expressed the thanks of the General Conference to the brethren of the Montana Annual Conference Quartette for their musical selection.

No. 10. Journal—No Report—Clyde O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, stated the Committee had no Report to submit at this time.

No. 12. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith—No Report

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, stated that the Committee had no Report for this session.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Garber

Bishop Paul N. Garber read the statement of Bishop A. Frank Smith concerning the parliamentary situation at the close of the session of this morning, Friday, May 2, 1952, as follows:

"Bishop Smith. If they insist that each of these be taken separately, the Chair accepts the interpretation, and the paper as a whole does not have to be adopted as a Report would.

"That being true, there is nothing before us."

Method of Procedure—J. E. Skillington—Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was recognized and made the following motion (DB-101):

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the General Conference. I now move that the Committee of Chairmen and the Committee of Six be constituted a Committee charged with the responsibility of considering the situation in which the Conference is, relating to this matter of the consideration of the Report of the Survey Commission, and recommend to the Conference a method, or methods of procedure that will enable us to as speedily and as wisely as possible come to a conclusion without further loss of time." (See page 441.)

The motion, being duly seconded, was adopted.

Report, General Commission on World Service Granted Priority—J. E. Skillington

The following motion, made by J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, was adopted:

"I move that all conflicting Orders, if there be any conflicting debate for the consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, be set aside for the purpose of hearing and considering Reports of the General Commission on World Service and Finance."

Report, General Commission on World Service and Finance—Bishop Clare Purcell—T. B. Lugg

Bishop Clare Purcell, President of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, was recognized, and requested Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, to present the Report of the Commission.

Request—T. B. Lugg—Privileges of Floor—Adopted

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, requested that Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), Recording Secretary of the General Commission, and Foye G. Gibson (Holston), a member of the General Commission, be granted the privileges of the floor, for participation in the presentation of the Report, and that they come to the platform for this purpose.

The request, duly seconded, prevailed unanimously.

Second Request—T. B. Lugg—Report Assistants—Adopted

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, requested that Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas), Henry W. Blackburn (Florida-SE), Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), and J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) also come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Thanks of Appreciation—T. B. Lugg

Before presenting the detailed Report, Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, expressed the sincere appreciation of the General Commission for the superb leadership of Bishop Clare Purcell, President; Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Vice-President; and Charles A.

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Jones (*) (Ohio), Recording Secretary, for their untiring labors, and then expressed his personal thanks to every member of the General Commission in discharging their arduous responsibilities so efficiently.

Blue Book—Printed Report Presented—T. B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, briefly presented the matters contained in Sections I to IV of the blue bound printed Report of the Commission that had been distributed to each Delegate two mornings ago.

Motion for Printing in the Journal—T. B. Lugg—Adopted

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, made the following motion:

"I now move that this part of the Report be received for printing in the *Journal*, and that the central Treasury be permitted to complete the Report for the current year, so that the Report as printed in the *Journal* will cover the fiscal year of the quadrennium 1948-1952."

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 1837.

Presentation of the Report in the Daily Christian Advocate—T. B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, announced the Report would be presented as follows: Part V, Nos. 1, 6, 7, and 8, by Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio); Part V, No. 2, Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) and Henry W. Blackburn (Florida); Part V, No. 3, Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia); Part V, Nos. 4 and 5, Foye G. Gibson (Holston); Part IV, No. 9, and Part VI, J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania).

No. 1. Part V. First Section Presented—C. A. Jones (*)—Adopted

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio) presented Part V, No. 1, of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, Subject, "World Service Budget Recommendation," DCA-122, columns 1, 2 and 3, clearly explaining the same, and moved the adoption of the Section. The motion was duly seconded.

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Questions—W. S. Evans—R. E. Clay—Answer—C. A. Jones ()*

William S. Evans (Memphis) and Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) asked if the two Sections of Part V, No. 1, were up for action?

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio) stated that only the first Section, down to "Special Requests to Annual Conferences," was under consideration.

No. 1, Section 1, Part V, Adopted

The motion to adopt Section 1, Part V, No. 1, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 1916.

No. 1, Section 2, Part V—Presented—C. A. Jones (*)—Amended—Adopted

Charles A. Jones (Ohio) presented Section 2 of Part V, No. 1, Subject, "Special Requests to Annual Conferences," which embraces "I. Support of Schools, Colleges and Wesley Foundations," and "II. Need for Church Extension," DCA-222, column 3, and DCA-223, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—R. E. Clay—Accepted—C. A. Jones

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend Item (2) (DB-102) in the second paragraph of "I. Support of Schools, Colleges and Wesley Foundations," by adding after the words "Wesley Foundations," found in lines nine and ten, the words, "and student work approved by the Annual Conference and the General Board of Education," so that Item (2) will read:

"(2) That each Annual Conference determine its participation in this endeavor, and administer the funds thus raised for its schools, colleges, and Wesley Foundations and student work approved by the Annual Conference and the General Board of Education."

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio) accepted the amendment for the General Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

J. O. Gross Speaks to Pending Matter

John O. Gross (Kentucky) spoke to the pending matter, emphasizing the need of our Methodist Colleges, and urged the adoption of the Section.

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Section 2, Part V, No. 1, Adopted

Section 2, Part V, No. 1, Subject, "Special Requests to Annual Conferences," and No. II "Need For Church Extension," was adopted as amended. For Report, see page 1919.

No. 2, Part V, Presented—R. F. Curl—H. W. Blackburn—Adopted

Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) presented Part V, No. 2, Subject, "Recommendation for World Service Apportionments to the Annual Conferences," DCA-223, columns 1, 2 and 3, and DCA-224, columns 1, and 2, briefly explained the contents and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

H. W. Blackburn Speaks to Part V, No. 2

Henry W. Blackburn (Florida-SE) explained how the General Commission on World Service and Finance had arrived at the total askings of \$9,660,000.00.

Substitute—J. D. Heer—Not Adopted

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) moved as a substitute that the annual apportionment for all Areas in the 1952-1956 quadrennium be computed on the decimal, or as adjusted (DCA-223), whichever is the larger" (DB-103).

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, John D. Heer (Philadelphia) spoke to the same.

Amendment to Substitute—W. L. Hunt ()—Not Adopted*

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming) moved to amend the substitute by striking out the second column of figures headed, "1952-1956 Annual Apportionment as Adjusted."

The motion being duly seconded, Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming) spoke to the same.

R. F. Curl Speaks to Both the Substitute and the Amendment to the Substitute

Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas), for the General Commission on World Service and Finance, spoke to the questions raised.

W. C. Gum Speaks to Pending Question

Walter C. Gum (Virginia) spoke to the pending question, stating that if the decimal basis is pushed, the Southeastern Jurisdiction can meet its quota only by transferring what is now paid on Mission Specials to the World Service Budget.

C. H. La Rue for Amendment

Clarence H. La Rue (North-East Ohio) spoke in favor of the amendment.

C. S. Kendall for Report and Against the Amendment

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona) spoke for the Report and against the amendment.

H. S. Swales for Amendment

Harold S. Swales (Central New York) spoke in favor of the amendment.

E. H. Blackard for Report and Against Amendment

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina) spoke for the Report and against the amendment.

Previous Question—W. S. Overstreet—Ordered

Walter S. Overstreet (WestVirginia) moved the previous question on all that is before the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference.

R. F. Curl Closes Debate

Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) closed the debate for the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Amendment of W. L. Hunt Not Adopted

The amendment of Walter L. Hunt (Wyoming) to the substitute of John D. Heer (Philadelphia), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Substitute—J. D. Heer—Not Adopted

The substitute of John D. Heer (Philadelphia), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Part V, No. 2, Adopted

Part V, No. 2, Subject, "Recommendation for World Service Apportionments to Annual Conferences," DCA-223, columns 1, 2 and 3, and DCA-224, columns 1 and 2, was adopted. See page 1920.

No. 3, Section 1, Part V—L. W. Wells (*)—Adopted

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) presented Part V, No. 3, Section 1, Subject, "Bishops Elected by Jurisdictional Conferences," comprising twelve paragraphs, and found

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in DCA-224, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-225, column 1, briefly explained the twelve paragraphs, and moved its adoption.

The motion was duly seconded.

Motion to Adjourn—A. W. Pugh—Not Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved that we do now adjourn. The motion, duly seconded, was not adopted.

Amendment—L. T. Moore—Not Accepted—Not Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) moved to amend Paragraph 1 of Part V, No. 3, by substituting the sum of \$12,000.00 for the sum of \$10,000.00 found in line 2 of Paragraph 1, so that the paragraph will read:

"1. The salary of an effective Bishop shall be \$12,000 per year."

The motion to amend, being seconded by John M. Versteeg (Ohio), Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) spoke to the same.

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), speaking for the General Commission on World Service and Finance, stated that the Commission had thoroughly discussed this problem, and could not accept the amendment.

The amendment of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 3, Section 1, Part V, Adopted

Section 1 of Part V, No. 1, Subject, "1. Bishops Elected by Jurisdictional Conferences," DCA-224, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-225, column 1, was adopted. For Report, see page 1927. (See page 444.)

Motion to Adjourn—B. V. Powell—Adopted

Bradford V. Powell (Missouri) moved that we do now adjourn, after announcements and hearing from the Committee on Presiding Officers.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Statement and Announcement—H. C. Case—High Personal Privilege

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona), as a matter of high personal privilege, made the following statement:

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"I want to express appreciation, my own personal appreciation, and the appreciation of the Committee of Six, for the action of the General Conference in referring Items 1 to 5 in the Report on matters related to membership of the General Agencies to the Committee of Six, in consultation with the Chairman of the Legislative Committees.

"I want to request the unanimous consent of the General Conference to invite the Executive Secretaries and Presidents of the General Boards and Agencies in so far as they are here at the seat of the Conference, to meet with the Committee of Six, and the Chairmen of the Legislative Committees, for the purpose of getting the broadest experience and the best possible judgment for the size of the General Boards and Agencies in keeping with the vote of the General Conference this morning.

"This suggestion, by the way, has the approval of Mr. Charles Parlin. It seems to me in the interests, both of expediting the work of the Conference, and in bringing the best possible suggestion to the Conference, this would be a method in keeping with the spirit in which we have adopted this.

"If this is agreed upon by unanimous consent, we would suggest the meeting of the entire group named in Room 103, on the adjournment of this session."

Unanimous common consent was given by the General Conference for this method of procedure. (See pages 468, 473, 570.)

No. 11. Presiding Officer—Bishop R. C. Raines—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented their Report (DB-104) designating Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area, North Central Jurisdiction, to preside at the next session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church. For Report see page 1088.

Announcements—E. H. Nease

Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina), First Assistant Secretary, made some necessary announcements.

Adjournment—Benediction—C. E. Lundy

The afternoon session of the Ninth Day, Friday, May 2, 1952, of the General Conference of The Methodist Church adjourned at 5:20 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Clyde E. Lundy (Holston), with the following matters pending:

- (1) Section II of Part V, No. 3, of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance;
- (2) Further consideration and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church;
- (3) Further consideration of and action on the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

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EVENING SESSION**

Opening—Bishop R. C. Raines

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the Ninth Day, Friday, May 2, 1952, at 7:45 P.M., with Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area, North Central Jurisdiction, in the Chair, and the following three matters pending:

- (1) Section II of Part V, No. 3, of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance;
- (2) Further consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church; and
- (3) Further consideration of and action on the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

Hymn No. 23—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 23, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." The General Conference, standing, joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Hymn No. 44—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines announced Hymn No. 44, "Day Is Dying in the West." The General Conference, still standing, joined heartily in the singing of this Hymn.

Prayer—Bishop Shot K. Mondol

The General Conference, remaining standing, was led in prayer by Bishop Shot K. Mondol of the Hyderabad Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, and joined in the Lord's Prayer at the close of the prayer of Bishop Mondol.

Solo—Mrs. Marian Downs ()—J. R. Houghton (*)*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, presented Mrs. Marian Downs (*) who thrilled the General Conference with her rendition of "Faith, Only Faith," by Samuel Richard Gaines, and a spiritual, "Roll, Jordan, Roll," arranged by Hall Johnson, and then led the General Conference in the singing of the "Amen Chorus."

Bishop Raines, in behalf of the General Conference, thanked Mrs. Downs for her musical selections and leading the General Conference in the "Amen Chorus."

Business Session

Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area, North Central Jurisdiction, stated the General Conference is now open for business.

No. 11. Journal—C. O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-105) and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted, as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal for Friday morning, May 2, 1952, and find it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*), *Chairman*
WILLIAM H. BECKER (*), *Secretary*

No. 13. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith—Order of the Day—Korean Consul to Present Award to Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, moved that the Order of the Day be established for Saturday, May 3, 1952, at high noon, twelve o'clock, when Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam would present the Consul of the Korean Republic, who would make a citation to Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Order of the Day was established.

Report General Commission on World Service and Finance Resumed—T. B. Lugg

Consideration of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, under discussion when the General Conference adjourned this afternoon, was resumed.

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, requested Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), Recording Secretary of the Commission, and Foye G. Gibson (Holston) to come to platform, in order to present their Reports, and stated that Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) would present the remainder of the Part V, No. 3, dealing with matters germane to the Episcopacy.

No. 3, Section II, Part V—Presented—L. W. Wells—Amended—Adopted

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) presented Section II of Part V, No. 3, DCA-225, column 1, Subject, "II. Bishops

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Elected by Central Conferences," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Juan Nabong—Adopted

Juan Nabong (Philippines) moved to amend Paragraph 4 of Section II by deleting the last twelve words of the paragraph, which read as follows: "providing the original home of the wife is in the United States." so that the Paragraph, as amended, will read (DB-106):

"4. Travel expenses for one round trip to the United States during the quadrennium will be paid a wife of an effective Bishop of a Central Conference."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Juan Nabong (Philippines) spoke to the same.

Ciriaco Inis for Amendment

No one desiring to speak against the motion to amend, Ciriaco Inis (Northern Philippines) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Amendment Not Accepted—L. W. Wells ()*

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) stated for the General Commission on World Service and Finance that the Commission could not accept the proposed amendment, as the Commission were simply following the plan that had been in operation for many years.

Amendment Adopted

The amendment of Juan Nabong (Philippines), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

No. 3, Section II, Part V, Adopted as Amended

Section II, Part V, No. 3, Subject, "Bishops Elected by Central Conferences," DCA-225, column one, was then adopted, as amended. For Report see page 1929.

No. 3, Section III, Part V—Presented—L. W. Wells ()—Adopted*

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) presented Section III of Part V, No. 3, Subject, "III. Reserve for Pensions of Retired Bishops," DCA-225, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Section III was adopted. See page 1930.

No. 3, Section IV, Part V—Presented—L. W. Wells ()—Adopted*

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) presented Section IV,

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Part V, No. 3, Subject, "Increase or Decrease During Quadrennium," DCA-225, column 2, and, on his motion, duly seconded, Section IV was adopted. For Report see page 1930.

No. 3, Section V, Part V—Presented—L. W. Wells (*)—Adopted

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) presented Section V, Part V, No. 3, Subject, "Travel Expense Vouchers," DCA-225, column 2, and, on his motion, duly seconded, Section V was adopted. For Report see page 1930.

No. 3, Section VI, Part V—Presented L. W. Wells (*)—Adopted

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) presented Section VI, Part V, No. 3, Subject, "Apportionment for the Episcopal Fund," DCA-225, column 2, and, on his motion, duly seconded, Section VI was adopted. For Report see page 1931.

No. 3, Section VII, Part V—Presented—L. W. Wells (*)—Adopted

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) presented Section VII, Part V, No. 3, Subject, "Determination of Validity of Claims," DCA-225, column 2, and, on his motion, duly seconded, Section VII was adopted. For Report see page 1931.

No. 3, Part V—Adopted as a Whole—L. W. Wells (*)

On motion of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), duly seconded, No. 3 of Part V, with its seven Sections, DCA-224, columns 2 and 3, DCA-225, columns 1 and 2, of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, was adopted as a whole, as amended. For Report see page 1927.

No. 4, Part V—Presented—F. G. Gibson—Adopted

Foye G. Gibson (Holston) presented Part V, No. 4, Subject, "The General Administration Fund," DCA-225, columns 2 and 3, DCA-226, column 1, for the General Commission on World Service and Finance, and stated that the Commission had unanimously made the following adjustments within the Annual Budget, the total Annual Budget remaining the same, namely, \$388,500.00. The adjustments are as follows: "Item 11, Methodist Foundation" will be \$65,000.00 instead of \$75,000.00; "New Item 12 will be the expense of the Co-ordinating Council, \$10,000.00; and the present Item 12 is changed to read Item 13, "General Expenses."

With these changes, made by the Commission, Foye G.

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Gibson (Holston) moved that No. 4 of Part V be adopted. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—A. W. Pugh—Not Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to amend Item 4 in "Items in Budget," DCA-225, column 3, by deleting the last sentence, reading as follows:

"The railroads have been most co-operative with the Methodist Clergy Bureau."

and substituting therefore the following:

"If travel is by air or automobile, the basis of payment shall be the first class rail fare, unless air or auto is less. Travel expense for ministers who travel by rail shall be on the basis of clergy rail fare when such rail fare is available."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) spoke to the same.

F. G. Gibson Speaks for Commission

Foye G. Gibson (Holston), speaking for the General Commission on World Service and Finance, stated that the General Commission had discussed this matter fully, and that they would like to have the judgment of the General Conference on the subject.

F. B. Newell Opposed to Amendment

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) spoke against the amendment.

Amendment—A. W. Pugh—Not Adopted

The amendment of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Question Raised—C. C. Parlin ()—Co-ordinating Council Expense*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) raised the question if \$10,000.00 would be sufficient for the expenses of the Co-ordinating Council, and requested the opinion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona).

Statement—H. C. Case Re Expense Co-ordinating Council

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) stated that \$15,000.00 per year would be more adequate than the \$10,000.00 proposed in the Budget.

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Reply—F. G. Gibson

Foye G. Gibson (Holston), for the General Commission on World Service and Finance, called attention to the wording of Paragraph 6 under DCA-226, column 1, under the heading "Recommendations," DCA-225, column 3, and which reads as follows:

"6. That the several interests included in the Annual Budget of the General Administration Fund shall draw upon the Administration Fund receipts as needed each year, within the limitations of their Budgets and as funds are available for the same; *provided* that if inflation or deflation during the quadrennium radically changes the costs upon this Fund, or the receipts for this Fund, adjustments may be made within the total framework of the Budget as may be deemed necessary upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the General Commission on World Service and Finance."

and then stated

"I feel that the total Fund could absorb a difference of \$5,000.00 in the overall amount if we had to."

Question Re Methodist Foundation—E. S. Bucke

Emory S. Bucke (New England) raised a question concerning the "Methodist Foundation," Item 11, DCA-225, column 3.

Reply—T. B. Lugg—Action on "Methodist Foundation" Held in Abeyance (See page 1947, Sec. 12)

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, answered the question, stating that legislation for the "Methodist Foundation" would be presented to the General Conference in a few minutes, and suggested that action on "Item 11, Methodist Foundation," be held in abeyance, until the Report concerning the "Methodist Foundation" is presented to the General Conference, and disposed of.

Motion to Hold in Abeyance—E. W. Gamble—Adopted

Motion of Edge W. Gamble (Louisville), duly seconded, prevailed that action on "Item 11. Methodist Foundation" be held in abeyance until the Report is before the General Conference, and acted upon.

Question—C. A. Smith ()—Answer—T. B. Lugg*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) asked a question concerning the full import of Paragraph 5, DCA-226, column 1, in regard to travel of Overseas Delegates to the General Conference.

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Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, answered the question.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Paragraph 5, DCA-226, column 1, by adding the following:

"That the accepted mode of travel from overseas to sessions of the General Conference shall be first class, the same as is authorized for those members of the General Conference who attend the General Conference from the United States."

The motion to amend being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

Prabhakar Balaram Against Amendment

Prabhakar C. B. Balaram (Delhi) spoke against the amendment.

W. N. Ross—For the Amendment

William N. Ross (Liberia) spoke for the amendment.

Explanatory Statement—Edmund Heinsohn

Speaking to the pending amendment, Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) called the attention of the General Conference to the fact that tourist passage is equal to first-class passage on trains.

Walther Zeuner—Against Amendment

Walther Zeuner (Northwest Germany) spoke against the amendment, stating that there was no discrimination involved.

Previous Question—S. R. Brammer ()—Ordered*

Shelby R. Brammer (*) (Holston) moved the previous question on the amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference.

F. G. Gibson Closes Debate

Foye G. Gibson (Holston) closed the debate for the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

The amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 4, Part V—Adopted

Part V, No. 4, "The General Administration Fund," as amended by the General Commission on World Service and Finance, was then adopted. For Report see page 1931.

No. 5, Part V—Presented—F. G. Gibson—Amended—Adopted

Foye G. Gibson (Holston) presented No. 5 of Part V, Subject, "The Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund," DCA-267, columns 1, 2 and 3, of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, and explained the same, and requested unanimous common consent to make the following amendment for the Commission:

Page 267, DCA, column 1, Section "D," add after the statement, "The World Council of Churches," the statement in parenthesis "(\$5,000.00 is for travel of Methodists on the Executive Committee)"; at the beginning of "E," DCA-267, column 1, change the word "This" to the word "The."

Unanimous common consent being given by the General Conference for these amendments, Foye G. Gibson (Holston) moved the adoption of No. 5 of Part V of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—H. H. Waller

Harry H. Waller (Florida-SE) raised the question as to what proportion of the total Budget for the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund is The Methodist Church contribution.

T. B. Lugg Replies

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, stated that the proportion was between "one-thirteenth" and "one-fifteenth."

Amendment—E. E. Voigt—Accepted—F. G. Gibson

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend (DB-109) the last sentence of Section "E," DCA-267, column 2, by deleting the words, "General Commission on

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World Service and Finance" and substituting therefore the words, "Council of Secretaries," so that the amended Section "E" will read:

"E. The apportionment of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. of \$200,000.00 is to be applied: \$120,000.00 to the General Purposes program; \$50,000.00 to be paid on order of the Methodist Radio, Films, and Television Commission; \$5,000.00 to cover the travel of Methodist members of the Executive Committee of the National Council; and \$25,000.00 to be held in a Reserve Fund to be applied on programs approved by the Council of Secretaries."

Amendment Accepted—F. G. Gibson

The amendment of E. E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) was accepted for the Commission by Foye G. Gibson (Holston), with the following phrasing:

"and \$25,000.00 to be held in a Reserve Fund to be paid by the General Commission on World Service and Finance, on recommendation of the Council of Secretaries."

No objection was raised by any member of the General Commission, or of the General Conference, to this acceptance.

W. S. Boyd—Raises Question

Welsh Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh) asked a question as to the meaning of "General Purposes" program in Section "E," DCA-267, column 1, and "purchased services" in Section "H," DCA-267, column 3.

Answer—F. G. Gibson

Foye G. Gibson (Holston) briefly answered the question propounded.

T. B. Lugg—Presents Bishop Oxnam

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, requested the privilege of the floor for Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area to make explanations.

The request was unanimously granted.

Bishop Oxnam Speaks

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, gave a lucid explanation to the question asked, prefacing his remarks with this statement:

"Mr. Chairman, it is solely at your request and solely for information. I believe fundamentally in the rule that the debate in this

body is to be by the Delegates to the General Conference. If it is understood it is information solely, I will be happy to respond."

Question—J. D. Heer

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) raised the following question:

"I would like to ask a question, too, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the difficulty of getting comparative figures for this particular General Conference, because since before, the money came through the Boards, and now has to be channeled through Dr. Lugg, and also the different fiscal dates.

"However, I think it would help this General Conference if we could know whether there is any comparative figure equal to that \$120,000.00 which is proposed to be given to the 'General Purposes' program, or was the \$550,000.00 (see end of Section 'H.'—Editor) for all special services, so that the \$120,000.00 would be in addition to what was given previously?"

Reply—F. G. Gibson

Foye G. Gibson (Holston) replied as follows:

"There were twelve different Agencies that have been consolidated recently into the National Council of Churches. The only individual Agency to which the World Service Commission contributed directly was the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. To that organization we formally contributed \$90,000.00, which in some measure would correspond to the \$120,000.00 referred to here."

Amendment—R. D. Williams—Not Adopted

Roy D. Williams (Memphis) moved to amend (DB-110), No. 5, Part V, by deleting Section "F" which reads:

"F. That the basis for apportionment to each Annual Conference be a sum equal to 1/5 of 1 per cent of the average annual amount of the Annual Conference's total giving for all purposes (not including sums paid on debts or for building and improvements) as reported in the General Minutes for the first three years of the 1948-1952 Quadrennium."

and to substitute therefore the following:

"F. That these funds shall be included in the World Service Budget, and made a part of the apportionments to the Annual Conferences."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Roy D. Williams (Memphis) spoke to the same.

R. W. Lyon—Opposed to Amendment

Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) spoke against the amendment.

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W. T. Jones—For Amendment

William T. Jones (Indiana) spoke for the amendment.

Amendment to Amendment—H. J. Smith—Not Adopted

Herbert J. Smith (New Jersey) moved an amendment to the amendment of Roy D. Williams (Memphis), by leaving Section "F," DCA-267, column 2, as it is originally printed, deleting the period (.) following the word "quadrennium." in the last line, substituting for the period (.) a comma (,), and adding the words, "and that this percentage be included in the asking for the General Administration Fund." so that Section "F" will read as follows:

"F. That the basis for apportionment to each Annual Conference be a sum equal to 1/5 of 1 per cent of the average annual amount of the Annual Conference's total giving for all purposes (not including sums paid on debts or for building and improvements) as reported in the General Minutes for the first three years of the 1948-52 quadrennium, and that this percentage be included in the asking for the General Administration Fund."

C. S. Kendall Against Both Amendments

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona) spoke against the amendment, and the amendment to the amendment.

Previous Question—F. H. Faber ()—Ordered*

Fran H. Faber (*) (Minnesota) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference.

F. G. Gibson Closes Debate

Foye G. Gibson (Holston) closed the debate for the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

J. E. Skillington Seeks to Speak—Out of Order

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was recognized, and started to speak to the amendment to the amendment.

Ruling of Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines ruled that, inasmuch as the previous question had been ordered, further speeches on the amendment to the amendment were out of order.

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Amendment to Amendment—Not Adopted

The amendment of Herbert J. Smith (New Jersey) to the amendment of Roy D. Williams (Memphis), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

J. E. Skillington Against Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the amendment to include the asking in the World Service Causes.

Amendment—R. D. Williams—Not Adopted

The amendment of Roy D. Williams (Memphis), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Point of Order—J. S. Chubb—Well Taken

James S. Chubb (Nebraska) raised the point of order that we were under the order of the previous question.

Ruling—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines ruled the point of order well taken.

Question Raised—W. E. Clark

William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana) asked for following question:

"The statement has been made that \$90,000.00 was raised approximately last year from somewhere, evidently without Annual Conference apportionment."

Answer—F. G. Gibson

Foye G. Gibson (Holston) replied, as follows:

"It was raised in the General Administration Fund, and properly apportioned to the Annual Conferences."

No. 5, Part V—Adopted as Amended

No. 5 of Part V of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, Subject, "Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund," DCA-267, columns 1, 2 and 3, was adopted, as amended. For Report see page 1935. (See page 457.)

No. 4. Tellers—Election Judicial Council Members—L. W. Wells ()—Elected—R. M. Houston—C. M. Dannelly (*)*

The results of the Fourth Ballot for Members of the Judicial Council whose term of office expire in 1960 was announced as follows by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers (DB-111):

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Ministerial Members

Total votes cast for ministerial members, 691; defective ballots, 4; total number of good ballots, 687; necessary to a choice, 344.

Ralph M. Houston	473
Lester A. Welliver	150
Harold H. Hughes	28
Edward G. Mackay	20
James A. Bays	13
J. Fielding Winton	2
A. Wesley Pugh	1

Ralph M. Houston, having received the required number of votes, was declared elected a Ministerial Member of the Judicial Council, his term of office to expire in 1960.

Lay Members

Total number of votes cast, 691; defective ballots, 11; total number of good ballots, 680; necessary for a choice, 341.

Clarence M. Dannelly	367
Vincent P. Clarke	137
F. Murray Benson	61
Leon M. Hickman	56
Charles D. Howard	27
James I. Dolliver	23
Osso W. Stanley	9

Clarence M. Dannelly, having received the required number of votes, was declared elected a Lay Member of the Judicial Council, his term of office to expire 1960.

No. 5. Tellers—First Ballot—Reserve Members of Judicial Council—L. W. Wells (*)

Questions—J. W. Wells (*)—J. M. Potts

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) raised the question, asked him by a Delegate, if the Reserve Members of the Judicial Council have to be from any Jurisdiction.

Bishop Richard C. Raines replied, "The answer seems to be they do not have to be from any Jurisdiction."

J. Manning Potts (Virginia) raised another question, as follows:

"Paragraph 902 of the *Discipline* says, 'Members of the Council shall be ineligible for membership in the General Conference or Jurisdictional Conference, or in any General Board or for any administrative service in any connectional office.' "

The question is, does this apply to the Reserves?

Bishop Richard C. Raines replied:

"It does not apply to the Reserves. They do not have to be located in any specific Jurisdiction, and the prohibition for their being a member of a Board does not apply."

Number of Votes Cast Requested—F. B. McIntosh

F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio) asked for the reading of the numbers of votes cast on the ballot just announced. At the request of Bishop Raines this was done by the Secretary, Lud H. Estes (Memphis).

Voting for Those Who Withdrew—L. D. Slutz ()*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) raised the following question:

"I want to ask whether we are privileged to vote for the two gentlemen who so graciously withdrew their names in the balloting for the Judicial Council. Can we vote for those two men for Reserve Members?"

Reply—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines replied:

"My understanding is that they have withdrawn, and cannot be voted for."

Instructions Given—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines stated that in voting for Reserve Members of the Judicial Council, terms of office expiring 1960, the Delegates were to vote for three ministers and two laymen.

Ballot Spread for Reserve Members Judicial Council—L. W. Wells ()*

The first ballot for Reserve Members of the Judicial Council, terms of office expiring 1960, was spread by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, assisted by Robert M. Williams (Washington), Walter C. Ball (North Carolina-SE), Bradshaw Mintener (*) (Minnesota), and Carl S. McFall (*) (West Oklahoma), Assistant Secretaries of Ballots and Tellers.

The voting was completed, the ballot declared closed by Bishop Richard C. Raines, and the Tellers retired to count the same.

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Report Judicial Council—Memorial No. 23 Returned to General Conference—Charles B. Ketcham

Memorial No. 23, Subject, "Duties of the Secretary of an Annual Conference," which had been received from the Secretaries and Statisticians of the South Central Jurisdiction, and had been referred to the General Standing Committee on Conferences, was referred to the Judicial Council on Tuesday morning, April 29, 1952, on motion duly made and seconded of Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona), for a Declaratory Decision.

The Judicial Council reported concerning the referred Memorial No. 23 as follows (DB-112):

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Dr. Lud Estes, Secretary,
The General Conference,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Dr. Estes:

The Judicial Council has carefully considered the enclosed Memorial which was referred to us by your office. It is the unanimous decision of the Council that this is not a Constitutional matter, and does not come within the jurisdiction that has been defined for us by the *Discipline*.

We are therefore returning the Memorial to you without action.
Very sincerely yours,

M. A. CHILDERS (*), *President*
CHARLES B. KETCHAM, *Secretary*

(For Final action see Report 23, Conferences, page 1181.)

Hymn Announced—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines announced Hymn No. 242, "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" and the General Conference stood and joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Report General Commission on World Service and Finance Resumed—C. A. Jones

Consideration of and action on the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance was resumed.

No. 6, Part V—Presented—C. A. Jones (*)—Adopted

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio) presented No. 6 of Part V, Subject, "Special Days," DCA-226, column 2, briefly explained the content, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—H. F. Carr—Not Adopted

Harold F. Carr (North-East Ohio) moved to amend the Report by deleting Section (1) which reads as follows:

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"(1) THE WEEK OF DEDICATION. Observed near the beginning of Lent, has an offering for which a special Week of Dedication voucher is issued."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Harold F. Carr (North-East Ohio) spoke to the same.

J. E. Stephens Against Amendment

John E. Stephens (North Mississippi) spoke against the amendment.

C. H. La Rue for Amendment

Clarence H. La Rue (North-East Ohio) spoke in favor of the amendment.

J. K. Matthews Against Amendment

James K. Matthews (Bombay) spoke against the amendment.

Previous Question—R. G. Morris—Ordered

Robert G. Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on all that is before the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference.

C. A. Jones () Closes Debate*

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio) closed the debate for the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Amendment—H. F. Carr—Not Adopted

The amendment of Harold F. Carr (North-East Ohio), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

H. H. Wagner—Point of Order—R. G. Morris—Sustained

H. Hughes Wagner (New England) was recognized, and started to speak, when Robert G. Morris (Lexington) raised the point of order that we were under the order of the previous question.

Ruling of Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines ruled the point of order well taken.

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Question of H. H. Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England) asked the following question:

"Does this set the date when the Week of Dedication is to be observed, or does that come from some other Board? The Quadrennial Report recommends the first Sunday in Lent."

Reply—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines replied:

"We are not setting the date here."

No. 6, Part V—Adopted

No. 6, Part V. "Special Days." DCA-226, column 2, was adopted as presented. For Report see page 1937.

Motion to Adjourn—J. M. Young (*)—Amended—L. J. Radcliffe—Adopted

Joe M. Young (*) (Southern California-Arizona) moved that we do now adjourn.

The motion was duly seconded.

No. 9. Chairmen—L. T. Moore—E. W. Peterson (*)

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, was recognized, and stated that while he was probably out of order to speak with a motion to adjourn pending, that the Calendar had not been taken up and that there was a tremendous amount of unfinished business before the General Conference for consideration and action.

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon) gave the schedule of the Orders of the Day.

Motion to Amend Motion to Adjourn—L. J. Radcliffe—Adopted

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) moved to amend the motion to adjourn.

Ruling of Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines stated that the motion was not in order.

Point of Order—L. J. Radcliffe—Well Taken

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) stated you can amend the motion to adjourn by specifying a certain time, and that his

amendment would state that we adjourn after completion of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, which would not take over thirty minutes.

Ruling—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines ruled that the amendment to the amendment was in order.

Amendment Accepted—J. M. Young ()*

Joe M. Young (*) (Southern California-Arizona), accepted the amendment, with the consent of the seconder of his motion, and the motion to adjourn after the completion of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance was adopted, by vote of the General Conference.

Report General Commission on World Service and Finance Resumed

No. 7, Part V—Presented—C. A. Jones (*)—Adopted

No. 7, Part V, of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, Subject, "War Emergency Appeals," DCA-226, columns 2 and 3, was presented by Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), and, on his motion, duly seconded, the same was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1938.

No. 8, Part V—Presented—C. A. Jones (*)—Adopted

No. 8, Part V, of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, Subject, "Miscellaneous Recommendations," DCA-226, column 3, and DCA-227, column 1, was presented by Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1939.

No. 9, Part V—Presented—J. E. Skillington—Amended—Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) presented No. 9 of Part V, Subject, "Legislation," DCA-227, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-228, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-229, columns 1 and 2, and lucidly explained the same, and requested unanimous common consent to make the following amendments for the Commission:

(1) Amend Paragraph 754, DCA-228, column 3, by inserting in the bold-faced type at the bottom of the column, after the words, "in the best interests of the Church." found in the eleventh line from the bottom, the following:

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"Where the income from a gift, devise or bequest to the Foundation is designated for an Agency which has permanent and trust funds of its own, such gift, devise or bequest shall be turned over to such Agency, *provided*, it be done under the terms and provisions of the gift, devise or bequest, and of the laws under which said gift, devise or bequest is administered."

(2) Change the words, "Inter-National Co-ordination," found in lines ten and eleven of the second paragraph to the words, "Inter-Denominational Co-operation," so that the sentence will read:

"(4) the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, and."

Unanimous common consent was granted for the above two amendments, made by the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Editorial Corrections—H. C. Phend ()*

Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana) moved to amend by changing the word "Foreign" in the bold-face type, DCA-227, column 2, to the words "World Missions."

Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision—J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) stated that the matter involved was purely one for the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, and Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana) stated that took care of the situation.

Amendment—B. V. Powell—Not Adopted

Bradford V. Powell (Missouri) moved to amend Paragraph 750, DCA-227, column 3, by deleting the bold-face type at the top of column 3, and which reads as follows:

"In each Annual Conference there shall be constituted a Commission on Promotion to make the foregoing effective. This Commission shall be composed of one representative of the Cabinet, the Missionary Secretary of the Conference, the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, the Conference Lay Leader, the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a representative of each of the following Conference Boards elected by these Boards, respectively: Board of Missions and Church Extension, Board of Education, Board of Evangelism, and Board of Lay Activities. The Budget for this Commission shall be provided by the Conference through its Commission on World Service and Finance."

The motion, being duly seconded, Bradford V. Powell (Missouri) spoke to the same.

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Legislation Explained—J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) explained the purport of the proposed legislation.

Amendment—B. V. Powell—Not Adopted

The amendment of Bradford V. Powell (Missouri), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Question—E. W. Gamble

Edge W. Gamble (Louisville) asked the following question:

"I would like to ask for clarification. In regard to Paragraph 754 on page 228, which provides for the setting up and the maintaining of The Methodist Foundation, does this provision herein contained in any way supersede or limit the operation and the function of our present investment trusts as they are now operated by the established Boards and Agencies?"

Answer—J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) replied as follows:

"It does not. It simply supplements them. Anybody who wants to give this way instead of that way may do so if you adopt this."

Amendment—Miss Georgia Harkness ()—Accepted—J. E. Skillington*

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy) moved to amend the Paragraph, DCA-229, column 2, headed "Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund," by adding in the sixth line after the words, "Council of Churches," the words, "and World Council of Churches."

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) accepted the insertion for the General Commission on World Service and Finance, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—Allen Whitfield ()—Accepted—J. E. Skillington*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend No. 9 by inserting at the end of line four, DCA-229, column 1, top of page, following the word, "Foundation," the following (DB-113):

"Care shall be taken by the officers of the Foundation to avoid solicitation of funds which interfere with solicitation of funds already approved by an Annual Conference."

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J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) accepted the amendment for the General Commission on World Service and Finance, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—G. M. Frye—Adopted

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan) moved to amend DCA-227, column 3, in the second line of the bold-face type by deleting the word "shall," and substituting therefor the word "may."

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) requested that the General Conference vote on the amendment.

The amendment of Glenn M. Frye (Michigan), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Amendment—R. W. Campbell ()—Not Adopted*

Richard W. Campbell (*) (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend Part V, No. 9 by deleting the entire Paragraph 754 in bold-face type, DCA-228, column 3, and DCA-229, column 1, which refers to the Methodist Foundation.

The motion, being duly seconded, Richard W. Campbell (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the same.

G. B. McKibbin ()—Against Amendment*

George B. McKibbin (*) (Rock River) spoke against the amendment.

W. E. Stanton—For Amendment

Willard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Previous Question—F. C. Tucker—Ordered

Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis) moved the previous question on all that was before the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

J. E. Skillington—Closes Debate

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) closed the debate for the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Question—F. B. McIntosh—Answered—J. E. Skillington

F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio) asked the following question:

"I would like to ask, Mr. Chairman, can funds of this sort be earmarked for any organization or institution within The Methodist

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Church? I am thinking about a school like Boston University that needs a lot of funds. If somebody comes along and says, 'I have a million dollars to go to Boston University,' will that money be earmarked for that particular purpose?"

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) replied as follows:

"It certainly will if it is given. Whatever designation you choose to give will be faithfully and legally observed."

Question—D. H. Youell ()—Answered—J. E. Skillington*

Donald H. Youell (*) (Holston) asked the following question for information:

"Mr. Chairman, and members of the Conference: I should like to know if it is intended within the literature of this organization to include all of the institutions, particularly educational institutions, universities and colleges, in the promotional literature?"

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) answered as follows:

"I cannot answer that question. Certainly we couldn't include them every one by name and description."

Amendment—R. W. Campbell ()—Not Adopted*

The amendment of Richard W. Campbell (*) (Central Pennsylvania) to delete Paragraph 754, on being put to the vote for the General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 9, Part V—Legislation—Adopted

No. 9, Part V, Subject, "Legislation," and "The Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund," DCA-227, columns 1, 2 and 3, DCA-228, columns 1, 2 and 3, and DCA-229, columns 1 and 2, as amended, was adopted, on the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1940.

Financial Support—Methodist Foundation—E. W. Gamble Adopted

The Methodist Foundation having been set up by the adoption of No. 9, Part V, Subject, "Legislation," Edge W. Gamble (Louisville) moved that the Financial Budget, DCA-225, column 3, of \$65,000 for the Methodist Foundation be now approved, action on the said Financial Budget for the Methodist Foundation having been deferred when No. 4, Part V, Subject, "The General Administration Fund," was considered and adopted in the early part of this evening's session of the General Conference.

The motion was duly seconded.

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Amendment—L. F. Worley—Not Adopted

Loyd F. Worley (New York East) moved to amend the Financial Budget by deleting the sum of \$65,000.00 and substituting therefore the sum of \$25,000.00.

The motion to amend was duly seconded.

J. E. Skillington—Against Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the amendment.

Question of Information—H. J. Smith

Herbert J. Smith (New Jersey) asked for information concerning the major items in the proposed Financial Budget for The Methodist Foundation.

Request Answered—T. B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois) Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, gave the following figures:

"Office rent, \$3,000.00; General Secretary, \$9,000.00; his house rent, \$1,500.00; Assistant Secretary, \$7,500.00; his house rent, \$1,500.00; stenographic help, \$3,000.00; mail and literature, \$10,000.00; social security and pension, workmen's compensation, etc., \$2,000.00; stationery and office expense, \$2,000.00; postage and express, \$5,000.00; telephone and telegraph, \$1,500.00; travel, \$4,000.00; meeting of the Commission, \$1,500.00; contingency fund, \$2,000.00; equipment, \$1,500.00."

Amendment to Amendment—J. O. Gross—Not Adopted

John O. Gross (Kentucky) moved an amendment to the amendment of Loyd F. Worley (New York East) as follows:

"That we approve a Budget of \$25,000.00, subject to review each year, and if in the judgment of the World Service Commission an additional \$25,000.00 should be added in the last three years, we give approval."

L. L. Roush—Against Amendments

Lester L. Roush (Ohio) spoke both against the amendment, and the amendment to the amendment.

Previous Question—H. B. Watts—Ordered

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

J. E. Skillington—Closes Debate

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) closed the debate for the General Commission on World Service and Finance, speaking against the amendment, and the amendment to the amendment.

G. C. Weaver () Moves Reconsideration—Out of Order—Bishop Raines*

Guy C. Weaver (*) (Western North Carolina) moved a reconsideration of the whole question.

Ruling—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines ruled the motion to reconsider was out of order, as the previous question had been ordered, and the vote was now on the matter of the Financial Budget for The Methodist Foundation, the motion to amend, and the motion to amend the amendment.

Amendment to Amendment—J. O. Gross—Not Adopted

The amendment of John O. Gross (Kentucky) to the amendment of Loyd F. Worley (New York East) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—L. F. Worley—Not Adopted

The amendment of Loyd F. Worley (New York East) to substitute \$25,000.00 for \$65,000.00, as the Financial Budget for The Methodist Foundation, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Financial Budget \$65,000.00—Adopted

The Financial Budget of \$65,000.00 for The Methodist Foundation as set forth DCA-225, column 3, was then adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Motion to Reconsider—G. C. Weaver ()—Not Adopted*

Guy C. Weaver (*) (Western North Carolina) moved a reconsideration of the action of the General Conference whereby No. 9, Part 5, Subject, "Legislation," was adopted.

The motion, duly seconded, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Ruling Asked on the Adoption of the Report as a Whole—W. S. Evans

William S. Evans (Memphis) asked the following question of the Chair:

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"Do I understand the Chair to rule that the Report as a whole has been adopted."

Reply of Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines answered as follows:

"It is not necessary, as I understand, that we do."

Statement—J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I object. The Report was adopted. It was presented as a whole. You didn't vote on any paragraph separately. You voted amendments to several paragraphs, and defeated all of them."

Statement—W. S. Evans

William S. Evans (Memphis) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I take the position that we have voted section by section, and I think that the matter should be properly before this body as a whole."

Ruling—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines ruled as follows:

"In order to bring it before us, I rule this time—having twice been against Dr. Skillington—in his favor, and if the body wishes it the other way, then you may not sustain the Chair in that stand."

"Do you appeal from the decision of the Chair?"

W. S. Evans—Appeals from Decision

William S. Evans appealed from the decision of the Chair to the General Conference, and made the following statement:

"I think that we have a right now to have the entire matter before us as a whole, so that any matter might be lifted up for consideration before it was finally adopted as we have done in other matters."

Statement—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines made the following statement:

"The Chair is of the judgment that that is not correct. Will you sustain the Chair?"

Ruling Bishop Raines Sustained

On being put to the vote of the General Conference, the ruling of Bishop Richard C. Raines, that the Report need not be adopted as a whole, was sustained.

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No. 12. Part VI—Presented—J. E. Skillington—Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) presented Part VI, DCA-229, column 3, Subject, "World Service Manual," and on his motion, duly seconded, the same was adopted. For Report see page 1952.

Motion to Print Report in Discipline—T. B. Lugg—Adopted

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois) Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance made the following motion:

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that the several Reports incorporated in Part V of this Report be printed in the 1952 *Discipline* under the heading of Resolutions, *provided* the Editors of the *Discipline* find this feasible.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference. (See page 674.)

Committee of Six—Survey Report—A. W. Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) announced that the Committee created at the afternoon session, consisting of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission and the Committee of Chairmen, said Committee to work out the best method of procedure for the consideration of and action on future Reports of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, had organized by electing A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) as Chairman, and Frank Prentzel, Jr. (Philadelphia) as Secretary, and that the Committee would meet in Room 103, immediately after adjournment tonight. (See page 473.)

No. 12. Presiding Officer—Bishop J. Ralph Magee—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented their Report (DB-114), designating Bishop J. Ralph Magee of the Chicago Area, North General Jurisdiction, to preside at the next session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church. For Report see page 1088.

Thanks—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines thanked the General Conference for the splendid co-operation given him during the evening session.

Closing Hymn—Bishop Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines announced, and the Conference standing, joined in singing Hymn No. 53, "Now the Day Is Over."

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Closing—Benediction—Bishop Lowe

The evening session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church of the Ninth Day, Friday, May 2, 1952, adjourned at 11:45 P.M. with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Titus Lowe, with the following matters pending:

(1) Consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church;

(2) Consideration of and action on the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

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Opening—Bishop J. Ralph Magee

The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the session of the Tenth Day, Saturday, May 3, 1952, with Bishop J. Ralph Magee, of the Chicago Area, North Central Jurisdiction, presiding, with consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, and consideration of and action on the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission pending.

Commemoration Service—Bishop C. W. Brashares—Bishop J. Ralph Magee

Bishop Magee announced that the Commemoration Service would be conducted by Bishop Charles W. Brashares of the Des Moines Area, North Central Jurisdiction.

Commemoration Service—Bishop C. W. Brashares—The Call to Worship

Bishop Brashares gave the Call to Worship, the General Conference standing, as follows:

Bishop: "O give thanks unto the Lord: for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." Psalm 118:29.

Conference: "Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee." Psalm 63:3.

Bishop: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." Psalm 34:3.

Conference: "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. Amen." Lamentations 3:32.

The Collect

With Bishop Brashares leading, the General Conference joined in the Collect:

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O God, the strength of those who suffer, and the repose of them that triumph; we rejoice in the communion of saints. We remember all who have faithfully lived on earth and have passed on to their reward in heaven. May we have the assurance of their continual fellowship in Thee, and realize that, though converse be no longer possible according to the flesh, there is no separation in the realm of love. Lift us into that light and love where the Church on earth is one with the Church in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 527—Bishop Brashares

Bishop Brashares announced Hymn No. 527, "For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest," and, the General Conference still standing, joined in the singing of the Hymn.

The Canticle—Bishop Brashares

Bishop Brashares leading, the General Conference, still standing, joined in the recital of the Canticle, as follows:

THE CANTICLE

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to die: and their departure was accounted for their hurt,

And their going from us was taken to be their ruin; but they are in peace.

For though in the sight of men they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality.

And having borne a little chastening, they shall receive great good; because God made trial of them, and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace he proved them, and accepted them.

For in the Lord is their reward, and the care of them is with the most High.

Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a crown of beauty from the Lord's own hand.

The Gloria Patri

The General Conference then joined in the singing of the "Gloria Patri."

*Litany of Appreciation:***THE LITANY OF APPRECIATION**

Bishop

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead, Light of lights, Fountain of wisdom and goodness, who livest in all pure and humble and gracious souls; For all who have witnessed a good confession for thy glory and the welfare of the world, patriarchs, prophets, and apostles,

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the wise of every land and nation, all teachers and preachers of thy truth.

Conference: We praise Thee, O God, and bless thy name.

Bishop For the martyrs of our holy faith, the faithful witnesses to Christ of whom the world was not worthy, and for all who have resisted falsehood and wrong unto suffering or death,

Conference: We praise Thee, O God, and bless thy name.

Bishop For all who have labored and suffered for freedom, good government, just laws, and the sanctity of the home, and for all who have given their lives for their country,

Conference: We praise Thee, O God, and bless thy name.

Bishop For all who have sought to bless men by their service and life, and to lighten the dark places of the earth,

Conference: We praise Thee, O God, and bless thy name.

Bishop For those who have been tender and true and brave in all times and places, for those who have been devoted ministers and faithful shepherds of souls in thy holy Church, and for all who have been one with thee in the communion of Christ's Spirit and in the strength of his love,

Conference: We praise Thee, O God, and bless thy name.

O God, the God of all goodness and of all grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with such love toward Thee that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or suffer in obedience to thy will; and grant that thus loving Thee we may become daily more like unto Thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to those who love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message of Remembrance—Bishop Brashares

Using as the basis for his message the words found in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," Bishop Brashares brought a most timely and inspiring message on, "The Significance of Lives Dedicated to God."

Record of Remembrance—Bishop Brashares

The General Conference stood as Bishop Brashares read the following:

Record of Remembrance:

Bishop Brenton Thoburn Badley
Bishop John Calvin Broomfield
Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes
Bishop George Carleton Lacy
Bishop Edwin Ferdinand Lee
Bishop John Monroe Moore
Bishop Harry Lester Smith

Bishops' Wives

Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt
 Mrs. Theodore S. Henderson
 Mrs. Horace M. DuBose
 Mrs. Merriman C. Harris
 Mrs. John M. Springer
 Mrs. I. B. Scott
 Mrs. John Lloyd Decell
 Mrs. William F. Anderson
 Mrs. John C. Broomfield
 Mrs. Hoyt M. Dobbs

Delegates-elect:

Edward L. Clark (*) (Oregon)
 Immanuel Gutekunst (*) (Southwest Germany)

Reserve Delegates-elect

Irving Carpenter (*) (North-East Ohio)
 Silas Johnson (South Georgia)
 Smith L. Johnston (*) (North Georgia)
 Seamon Rhea (North Mississippi)
 Frank Y. Whitfield (*) (Mississippi-SE)
 David T. Peel (*) (Southwest Texas)
 George A. Laughead (Philadelphia)
 Earle M. Rugg (Indus River)

Prayer—Personal—Bishop Welch

The General Conference stood in silent prayer for a moment, and then Bishop Herbert Welch led in an appropriate prayer for the Church, and the loved ones of the homes bereaved by the hand of death, and closed with the Benediction.

Business Session—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee of the Chicago Area, North Central Jurisdiction, called the General Conference to order for the business session, with the consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, and consideration of and action on the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission pending.

No. 12. Journal—C. O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-115), and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

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"Your Committee has examined the Journal for Friday afternoon, May 2, 1952, and find it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*) (Chairman)

WILLIAM H. BECKER (*) (Secretary)

No. 14. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, stated that the Committee had no Report for this session.

No. 10 and 11 Credentials—H. L. Bradway

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, made an important announcement relative to substitutions for the sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 10 and 11 of the Committee, DCA-425, and on his motion, duly seconded, they were adopted, without reading. See pages 1045, 1046.

Rules—Courtesies and Privileges—A. W. Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, called attention to the last sentence of the provision of Section "e" of the regulations governing the Committee on Courtesies and privileges, which reads as follows (Handbook for Delegates, page 166):

"No person or persons shall be presented after the sixth day, unless approved by a two-thirds vote of the Conference."

Report Joint Committee on Procedure Survey Report— A. W. Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Joint Committee on Procedure for the Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, presented the Report of the Joint Committee (DB-116), and on his motion, it was adopted as follows:

Report of the Joint Committee on Procedure for Handling of the Survey Report—Adopted

The Joint Committee constituted by the action of the General Conference on Friday afternoon, including the membership of the Committee of Chairmen and the Committee of Six, recommends as follows:

1. That the matter of membership of Boards and Agencies be committed to the officers of the Legislative Committees and Chairmen or Presidents of Boards or Agencies involved, for recommendation and report to the Committee of Six; such reports to indicate

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minimum, medium and maximum possibilities of reduction in membership.

2. That the remainder of matters involved in the Survey Report be left for consideration in the hands of the Committee of Six, to bring their recommendations to the General Conference.

3. That Monday, 12:30 P.M., be set as a deadline for the completion of the consideration of the Report of the Survey Commission, and that all matters not completed at that time be referred to the Coordinating Council, to be worked out during the quadrennium, within the framework of existing organizations in so far as possible.

4. That the entire business session of Monday morning be set aside for the consideration of the report of the Survey Commission.

(Signed) A. WESLEY PUGH, *Chairman*
FRANK PRENTZEL, JR., *Secretary*

(See page 570.)

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Joint Committee stated that the words "in so far as possible," found at the close of Item 3,

"refers not to the framework of the Church, but to the working out of the parts of the Survey Commission Report which have not been adopted."

Motion to Reconsider—Leland Clegg—Not Adopted

Leland Clegg (West Oklahoma) moved to reconsider No. 9 of Part V of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, Subject, "Legislation," adopted last evening, Friday, May 2, 1952, in order to propose an amendment.

The motion was duly seconded.

Bishop Magee stated that the motion to reconsider had not received the necessary two-thirds vote, of the General Conference, and therefore was not adopted.

Point of Order—A. W. Pugh—Point Well Taken

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the point of order that it requires only a majority vote to order reconsideration.

Ruling Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee stated the point of order was well taken.

Point of Order—J. E. Skillington—Well Taken

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that Leland Clegg (West Oklahoma) had moved to reconsider as a matter of privilege, and therefore it would take a two-thirds vote of the General Conference to order reconsideration.

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Ruling Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee ruled that the point of order, in regard to the matter of privilege, was well taken.

Point of Order—A. W. Pugh—Well Taken

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised this point of order:

"My point of order would be that the Chair had already granted the brother the floor, and had judged it to be a privileged matter, and therefore it was before the House when the vote was taken."

Ruling—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee stated the point was well taken.

Speech to Sustain Bishop Magee—D. C. LeFevre ()*

DeWitt C. LeFevre (*) (Northern New York) spoke in favor of sustaining the ruling of Bishop J. Ralph Magee in stating that the point of order made by J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was well taken.

Point of Order—A. W. Martin—Well Taken

Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) raised the point of order that a motion to reconsider was in order, and cited "Rule 27. Reconsideration," which reads as follows:

"A motion to reconsider an action of the Conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated."

Ruling—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee stated that he had previously ruled incorrectly in regards to the two-thirds, and the motion to reconsider was now before the General Conference.

The motion of Leland Clegg (West Oklahoma) to reconsider No. 9 of Part V of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, adopted Friday, evening, May 2, 1952, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

**Name of E. M. Rugg Added to Record of Remembrance—
E. E. Davis—Adopted**

On motion of Ernest E. Davis (Genesee) duly seconded, the name of Earle M. Rugg, Reserve Ministerial Delegate from the Indus River Annual Conference, was added to the Record of Remembrance, as Brother Rugg had died April 25, 1952.

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Meeting of All Quadrennial Boards—J. D. Herr—Not Adopted

John D. Herr (Philadelphia) made the following motion (DB-117):

"I move that if possible, the Council of Secretaries be instructed to arrange, as early as possible after the membership of the Quadrennial Boards shall have been determined, following the last of the Jurisdictional Conferences, for one meeting to which all of the members of these Quadrennial Boards shall come, and at which all of the Boards shall be organized."

The motion, being duly seconded, John D. Heer (Philadelphia) spoke to the same.

The motion of John D. Heer (Philadelphia) on being out to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Privileged Matter—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), as a privileged matter requested that Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen be recognized to make a motion that would expedite the business of the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

No. 10. Chairmen—Rules Suspended—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen moved to suspend the Rules, in regard to the Calendar, in order to expedite the business of the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference.

Presentation of Committee Reports—L. T. Moore—Adopted

The Rules being suspended, Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved that the Chairmen of the various General Standing Legislative Committees present the Report, or Reports, of their respective Committees in accordance with the importance of the subject matter involved, and not according to the Calendar numbers as they appear in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and further, that any Report, or Reports, of a General Standing Committee which did not have a quorum present when said Report, or Reports, were considered, acted upon and referred to the General Conference for its consideration and action, also be presented, considered and acted upon by the General Conference on presentation by the Chairmen of the respective General Standing Legislative Committees, or someone designated by him.

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The motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Sunday Afternoon Session—H. B. Watts—Referred

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) moved, that in order to further expedite the business of the General Conference, we have a session Sunday afternoon, May 4, 1952, beginning at 3 P.M.

Massed Choirs to Rehearse—R. M. Stuart

R. Marvin Stuart (California-Nevada) stated that the Massed Choirs of the Bay Area had a definite appointment for 5 P.M. for a rehearsal session, on Sunday afternoon, May 4, 1952.

Motion Referred—A. W. Pugh—Adopted

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) duly seconded, prevailed, that the motion of H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) for a Sunday afternoon session be referred to the Committee of Chairmen for their consideration, and report back during the day.

**Report Commission to Study Local Church Resumed—
A. K. Smith**

Consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission to Study the Local Church was resumed.

Chapter V—Section III—Committees—Presented—A. K. Smith—Amended—Adopted

Section III of Chapter V, pages 51, 52 and 53 of the Report, Paragraph 216 with 14 sub-divisions, Subject, "Committees," of the Official Board, was presented by Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, who moved its adoption.

The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—R. T. Henwood—Accepted—A. K. Smith

Roy T. Henwood (Wyoming) moved to amend Paragraph 216, page 53 of the Report (DB-118) by adding at the end of the sentence which closes Paragraph 216, page 53, and which reads as follows:

"All Committees shall be responsible to the Official Board, and shall report to the Board regularly, and to the Quarterly Conference as requested."

the following words:

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"Care should be exercised that the Official Board Committees do not overlap or conflict with Committees named by the Quarterly Conference."

so that the amended sentence will read:

"All Committees shall be responsible to the Official Board, and shall report to the Board regularly, and to the Quarterly Conference as requested. Care should be exercised that the Official Board Committees do not overlap or conflict with the Committees named by the Quarterly Conference."

The above proposed amendment also called for the deletion from Paragraph 135, page 21 of the Report, of the following sentence found at the end of Section 10, which reads:

"Care should be exercised that the Quarterly Conference Committees do not overlap or conflict with Committees named by the Official Board."

so that the amended Section 10, page 21 will read as follows:

"10. Any other Committees which the Quarterly Conference may determine to be necessary to its work, *provided*, the same are in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline*."

The amendment of Roy T. Henwood (Wyoming) was accepted by Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, for the Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Question of Amendments—H. J. Smith—Reply—A. K. Smith

Herbert J. Smith (New Jersey) asked:

"if after the Report had been considered section by section, will it be considered as a whole and the making of amendments permitted?"

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, replied:

"that when the adoption of the Report as a whole would be before the General Conference for action, any amendment to any Section of the Report would be in order at that time."

Previous Question—R. G. Morris—Ordered

Robert G. Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on the pending matter.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

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Section III—Chapter V—Committees—Adopted

Section III of Chapter V, pages 51, 52 and 53 of the Report, Paragraph 216, was adopted with the accepted amendment. See page 1633.

Section IV—Chapter V—Presented—A. K. Smith—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented Section IV of Chapter V, Subject, "Woman's Society of Christian Service," pages 53 and 54 of the Report, Paragraphs 217, 218 and 219, and on his motion, duly seconded, the same was adopted. See page 1636.

Section V—Chapter V—Presented—Amended—A. K. Smith—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented Section V of Chapter V, Subject, "Lay Activities in the Local Church," pages 54 and 55 of the Report, Paragraphs 220, 221, 222 and 223, and requested permission to make the following two amendments for the Commission.

Unanimous common consent being given, Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia) Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented the following two amendments:

(1) In Paragraph 222, insert after the words, "by the Official Board," found in line two of the Paragraph, the following words, "from its membership," so that the corrected first sentence of Paragraph 222 will read:

"222. There shall be a Lay Leader in each local church, elected by the Official Board from its membership, who shall promote, in co-operation with the pastor and the Board Chairman, the program of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church."

(2) In Paragraph 223, in line three on page 55, change the word "the," to the word "this," so that the first sentence of Paragraph 223 will read as follows:

"223. The pastor of a Circuit with the consent of the Official Boards of the charge, shall organize the several Official Boards into a single Board of Lay Activities. The Charge Lay Leader shall be the Chairman of this Board of Lay Activities of the pastoral charge (Par. 128).

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, then moved the adoption of Section V of Chapter V.

The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Question—P. D. Womeldorf—Not in Order

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas) stated that an amendment had been made to the sentence at the top of page 39, and had been referred to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, and asked if the Report of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition should not be presented, and acted upon, before the full Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church is adopted?

Ruling—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee ruled that the question of Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas) was out of order at this time because Section V of Chapter V of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church had not been acted upon by the General Conference.

Amendment—D. E. Greelis ()—Not Adopted*

David E. Greelis (*) (Troy) moved to amend Paragraph 222 (DB-119), by inserting after the words, "Official Board," found in line 2 of Paragraph 222, the words "or Quarterly Conference," so that the amended first sentence of Paragraph 222 will read:

"222. There shall be a Lay Leader in each local church, elected by the Official Board or Quarterly Conference from its membership, who shall promote, in co-operation with the pastor and the Board Chairman, the program of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church."

The motion, being duly seconded, David E. Greelis (*) (Troy) spoke to the same.

A. K. Smith Against Amendment—Not Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, spoke against the amendment.

The amendment of David E. Greelis (*) (Troy), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Section V—Chapter V—Amended—Adopted

Section V of Chapter V of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, Subject, "Lay Activities in the Local Church," as amended by the Commission, pages 54 and 55, Paragraphs 220, 221, 222 and 223, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. See page 1637.

Amendments of Commission to Report—Presented—A. K. Smith—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the

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Commission on the Study of the Local Church stated that Section V of Chapter V completes the Report of the Commission and that the Commission had some amendments to offer to the Report of the Commission, as follows:

(1) When paragraph 4, of Paragraph 170, page 35 of the Report, of Section 11, Subject, "Discontinued or Abandoned Churches," was under the consideration of the General Conference on Thursday morning, May 1, 1952, action on the above mentioned paragraph 4 was deferred for the time being.

Paragraph 170 Amended by Commission—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, moved that paragraph 4 of Paragraph 170, page 35 of the Report of the Commission be deleted; said paragraph 4 of Paragraph 170, page 35 reading as follows:

"4. When the District Board of Church Location and Building shall report to the presiding Bishop that any church has been discontinued or abandoned, and that religious meetings have not been held regularly therein for a period of twelve months, and the Annual Conference is not in session, the presiding Bishop, upon approval of a majority of the District Superintendents, may declare any such church discontinued or abandoned, and he may proceed to dispose of the property by the procedure outlined in Par. 170 (1). A report thereof shall be made to the Annual Conference, and a record thereof be inserted in the Annual Conference Journal."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, moved that Paragraph 255.1, DCA-350, column 1, of Report No. 8 of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 128, DCA-349, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-350, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-351, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-252, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-353, columns 1, 2 and 3; and, DCA-354, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "Board of Missions and Church Extension," be substituted for the aforesaid paragraph 4 of Paragraph 170, page 35 of the Report of the Commission, said Paragraph 255.1, reading as follows:

"Par. 255.1. With the consent of the presiding Bishop and of a majority of the District Superintendents and of the District Board of Church Location and Building (Pp. 704-7) of the District in which the action is contemplated, the Annual Conference may declare any charge or church within its bounds discontinued or abandoned. Upon a charge or church's being thus discontinued or abandoned, it shall be the duty of its Board of Trustees to make such disposition of the property thereof as the Annual Conference shall direct, and if no such lawful Trustees remain, or if for any reason said Trustees fail to make such disposition, then it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the

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Annual Conference to sell or dispose of said property in accordance with the direction of the Annual Conference. Where a church property has been abandoned by its membership and no abandonment action has been taken by the Annual Conference, and circumstances make immediate action necessary, the Annual Conference Trustees may take control of the property, with the consent of the Bishop of the Area and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the District in which the property is located. And in the event of the sale or lease of said property the Trustees of the Annual Conference shall recommend to the Annual Conference at its next session the disposition of the proceeds derived from such sale or lease."

The motion to substitute was duly seconded.

Amendment—C. A. Smith () Out of Order*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to delete paragraph 4, Paragraph 170, page 35 of the Report of the Commission.

Ruling—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee, ruled that as the Commission itself had moved the deletion of paragraph 4 of Paragraph 170, page 35 of the Report, and the substitution therefore of "Paragraph 255.1" of Report No. 8 of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 128, the motion of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) was out of order.

Substitute Adopted

On being put to the vote of the General Conference, the motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, to substitute Paragraph "255.1," DCA-350, column 1, No. 8, Calendar No. 128, of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, was adopted.

Paragraph 156 Amended by Commission—A. K. Smith

(2) Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, requested the General Conference to turn to page 29 of the Report, section (1) of Paragraph 156, which had been amended at the morning session of Wednesday, April 30, 1952 by an amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), which reads as follows:

"Notice of the proposed action, and the date and time of the regular or special meetings of the members of said church at which it is to be considered, shall be given at least fourteen (14) days prior thereto, twice from the pulpit of the church and in its weekly bulletin."

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Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, made the following statement:

"The amendment which was offered the other day required that the announcement shall be given twice from the pulpit and in the bulletin of the church.

Suppose a church does not have a bulletin, or suppose it be a Circuit and preaching service is held the second or third Sunday; we are up against a difficulty in that situation.

We move to amend the paragraph as it stands here, substituting fourteen (14), which was by your action, for ten (10) days notice. Otherwise the reading of the section stands as it is printed in the Report of your Commission on page 29."

The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—C. A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke for his former amendment, as follows:

"I desire to make the amendment that if the church has a bulletin, but if the church has no bulletin, then it shall not be published in the bulletin.

I desire that we retain the rest of that provision as I made it, and as you accepted it."

Statement—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, replied, as follows:

"We offer no alteration of the statement we have just made, announcements from the pulpit or the weekly bulletin."

Question—L. H. McKay ()*

Leo H. McKay (*) (Erie) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I have a question of the Chairman. I understand the intent of Mr. Smith's amendment a few days ago to be that the sale of property and mortgage of property had to be ratified and approved by the membership of the church.

The Chairman has just read the section that says fourteen (14) days' notice shall be given of the Quarterly Conference meeting, and otherwise the section remains as it is. Will that be clarified?"

Reply—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, replied as follows:

"I referred to the sentence under (1). We made no change in the other amendment that was proposed by Brother Chester Smith. 'A

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Resolution authorizing the proposed action shall be passed by a majority vote of the members of said church present and voting at such special meeting called to consider such action.' We have not touched that. That remains."

Question—L. H. McKay ()*

Leo H. McKay (*) (Erie) asked a further question, as follows:

"That is to be added to the section?"

Reply—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, replied as follows:

"Yes, sir. It is in there; we are not offering any change on that."

(Note. The amendment of Chester A Smith (*) (New York) now under discussion, was made to Section (2) of Paragraph 156. Editor)

Amendment—W. B. Robinson—Out of Order—Bishop Magee

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 149, page 27 of the Report.

Ruling—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee ruled the amendment out of order at this time, because action was still pending on the amendment of Paragraph 156, page 29 of the Report.

Amendment to Amendment—E. P. O'Rear—Not Seconded

Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona) moved an amendment to the amendment proposed by the Commission, by deleting the word "or" following the word "church," in line four of Section (1), and substituting therefore the word, "and."

There was no second to the motion to amend the amendment.

Previous Question—C. H. Ginns—Ordered

C. Homer Ginns (New England Southern) moved the previous question on the pending matter.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference.

Paragraph 156—Amended

The amendment to Paragraph 156, section (1), page 29

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proposed by the Commission was adopted, and reads as follows:

"(1) Notice of the proposed action and the date and time of the regular or special meeting of the Quarterly Conference, at which it is to be considered, shall be given at least fourteen (14) days prior thereto from the pulpit of the church, or in its weekly bulletin."

Amendment—W. B. Robinson—Accepted—A. K. Smith

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 149, page 27 of the Report, by adding at its close, the following:

"nor shall the Trustees permit the use of said property for religious or other meetings without the consent of the pastor, or in his absence of the District Superintendent."

so that the last sentence of Paragraph 149, page 27 of the Report shall read as follows:

"*provided*, however, it shall not violate the rights of any local church organization elsewhere granted by the *Discipline* (Par. 189), and *provided* further, that the Board of Trustees shall not prevent or interfere with the pastor in the use of any of the said property (Par. 159), for religious services or other proper meetings or purposes recognized by the law, usages, and customs of The Methodist Church, nor shall the Trustees permit the use of said property for religious or other meetings without the consent of the pastor, or in his absence the consent of the District Superintendent."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment of William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—J. M. Versteeg—Deferred

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman and members of the Conference. A matter of personal privilege. I proposed an amendment to Paragraph 101, page 10 of this Report, and it was reported on pages 232 and 233 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

The Chairman of this Commission summarily declared my proposal unconstitutional, and was sustained by the Chair. I then asked that the Judicial Council might rule as to my right to make such a proposal.

I wish now to ask, Mr. Chairman, if the Judicial Council is ready with a Report on my proposition so that, if I am in order, I may make my proposal."

Reply—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee replied, as follows:

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"Judge Childers says he thinks they will have it before the day is over, but they do not have it back from the stenographers as yet."

A Further Question—J. M. Versteeg

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) asked a further question, as follows:

"Do I understand I will have the right to make that proposition even though this Report has been adopted as a whole? Where do I come in?"

Reply—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee answered, as follows:

"It would be the judgment of the Chair we cannot adopt it as a whole while there is something in suspension."

Answer—J. M. Versteeg

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) answered, as follows:

"Thank you, sir, that is all I wanted established."

Question—J. R. Kenney—Answered—A. K. Smith

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) raised the following question:

"There is a Report from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, on page 350, *Daily Christian Advocate*, the second column, in about the middle of the page, that has to do with constituting a new church.

If you notice in the pamphlet, the organization of a new church deals more with the membership and the officers than those matters. The Board of Missions Report deals with the property.

If the Commission is willing to accept it and let the Editor of the *Discipline* harmonize it when the *Discipline* is printed, it will be acceptable to the Board of Missions, I am sure.

Reply—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, replied, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, I think the matter of procedure; what you refer to is in a Memorial to be presented, and we think it ought to come in regular order. We will deal with it at that time."

Further Question—J. R. Kenney

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) asked this further question, as follows:

"Let me ask this question: If, when it is presented by the Board of Missions, and is adopted, it will appear in this part in the editing of the *Discipline*?"

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Reply—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, replied, as follows:

"It will in so far as it is reconciled to what you pass as legislation of the local church."

Answer—J. R. Kenney

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) replied,

"That is fair enough."

Amendment—Miss Edith F. Welker ()—Accepted—A. K. Smith*

Miss Edith F. Welker (*) (New York East) moved to amend Paragraph 196, page 43 of the Report, by inserting in line eleven (11) following the word, "Superintendent," the words, "and the Chairman of the Commission on Education."

The motion to amend, was duly seconded.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—J. M. Potts—Accepted—A. K. Smith

J. Manning Potts (Virginia) moved to amend Paragraph 184, page 39 of the Report, by inserting at the proper place, the words, "the Chairman of Commission on Membership and Evangelism."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, accepted the amendment of J. Manning Potts (Virginia) for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Question—A. W. Pugh—Answered—A. K. Smith

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the question of certain legal involvements implied in Paragraph 173, page 36 of the Report, Subject, "Removal of Trustees From Office."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, answered that by a cross reference to Paragraphs 164-167 all matters presented by A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) would be

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taken care of, and that the Commission would gladly make the cross reference referred to, by inserting at the close of Paragraph 173, the statement, "See Pars. 164-167."

Previous Question—E. H. Blackard—Ordered

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina) moved the previous question on the amendments before the General Conference for consideration and action.

The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—C. A. Smith ()—Not Well Taken*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) raised the point of order that the motion for the previous question was out of order because it called for the adoption of the Report as a whole.

Ruling—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee ruled that the point of order was not well taken as the motion for the previous question, made by Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina) was for the amendments before the General Conference.

Previous Question—Ordered

The motion of Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina) for the previous question on the pending amendments, being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted by more than the required two-thirds majority vote, and the previous question was ordered.

Amendments—Adopted

The amendments accepted by the Commission at this morning's session were approved by the vote of the General Conference.

Amendment by Commission—Adopted—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, moved that Paragraph 172, pages 35 and 36 of the Report, be amended by deleting the next to the last sentence in the Paragraph, with reads:

"Any sum received as or from such share shall be used for no purpose other than the purchase or building of a parsonage."

and substituting therefore the following sentence:

"Any sum received as or from such share shall not be applied to current expense or current budget."

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The motion to amend, being duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference. (See page 490.)

Decision No. 86—Judicial Council—Majority Opinion—Minority Opinion—M. A. Childers (*)—J. E. Wilkins (*)

Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas) President of the Judicial Council, presented J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington) a member of the Judicial Council, and requested that he present Decision No. 86 of the Judicial Council, Subject, "Constitutionality of Proposed Legislation Referred to the Judicial Council by the General Conference."

Privileged Question—R. C. Calkins

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the question of privilege if it would not be possible to have only the Decision presented, without reading the argument and the facts in the case?

Statement—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee stated,

"The question is whether or not this long argument shall be read before the Decision is rendered. The Chair does not know whether it can or not. Somebody else will have to decide that."

Statement—M. A. Childers ()*

Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas) President of the Judicial Council, made the following statement:

"We would think that is within the purview of the General Conference to say whether it shall all be read, or simply printed in the *Advocate*.

If it is the desire that it be printed in full in the *Advocate*, and only the Decision read here, then it is within the power of the General Conference to request it."

Motion Re Decision No. 86 Judicial Council—R. C. Calkins—Adopted

Motion of Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) duly seconded, prevailed, by vote of the General Conference, that we dispense with the reading of everything contained in Decision No. 86, except the "Decision of the Judicial Council," with the understanding that the entire document would be published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Decision Read—J. E. Wilkins

J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington) gave a brief statement regarding the facts of the case, and read the Decision. For full text of Decision see page 1019.

Dissenting Opinion—W. A. Stanbury

Walter A. Stanbury (Western North Carolina) a member of the Judicial Council, read a brief dissenting opinion concerning the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council over one of the matters presented to it for a Declaratory Decision.

Question of J. M. Versteeg—Unconstitutional

The Decision stated that the insertion of the words "is the creation of God and," in the first clause of Paragraph 101 of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, following the opening words of the Paragraph, "The visible Church of Christ," is unconstitutional.

The matter had been referred to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision by the General Conference, on motion made by John M. Versteeg (Ohio), duly seconded.

Reference to Judicial Council—E. H. Nease—Vote of Retired Ministers—Adopted

At the request of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, and on motion of Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina), duly seconded, Memorial No. 79 relative to the right of a retired minister to vote in the Annual Conference, was referred by the vote of the General Conference to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision.

(For Decision 87, see pages 580 and 1023. Editor.)

Report of Commission on the Study of the Local Church Resumed—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the Report of the Commission was now before the General Conference to be adopted as a whole, with the exception of the matter that had been referred to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, and moved, with the exception noted, that the Report be adopted.

The motion to adopt the Report as a whole, with the exception as noted, was duly seconded.

Paragraphs Referred—R. F. Curl—Adopted

Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) moved that Paragraph 102, page 10 and Paragraph 111, page 11 be referred to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision for review, and a report to the General Conference during the day concerning any contradictions or inconsistency between the two Paragraphs.

The motion, being duly seconded, Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) spoke to the same.

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The motion to refer, on being put to the vote of the General Conference was adopted.

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Amendment—R. E. Clay—Not Accepted—A. K. Smith—Not Adopted

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend Paragraph 135, page 19 of the Report by inserting in line eight (8) following the words, "and such Committees," the words, "and their Chairmen."

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the Commission could not accept the amendment.

The amendment of Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—W. T. Jones—Adopted

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William T. Jones (Indiana) moved to amend Paragraph 213, page 50, Item 7, by adding following the words, "in the Budget," found at the end of line three (3), the words, "provided, the pastor's salary shall be excepted, and given priority claim, "so that Item 7 will read:

"7. As far as practicable, and under the direction of the Commission, the Treasurer shall prorate the income received each month among the respective items and causes represented in the Budget, *provided*, the pastor's salary shall be excepted, and given priority claim, according to the proportional share of each."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, William T. Jones (Indiana) spoke to the same.

The amendment, being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Amendment—W. T. Jones—Not Adopted

William T. Jones (Indiana) moved to further amend Paragraph 213, page 50, by adding Item 10 at its close, said Item 10 to read as follows:

"10. It shall be the further duty of the Commission to distribute copies of the above stated responsibilities of the Commission to every home represented in the congregation as information and guidance.

The Methodist Publishing House shall be instructed to print in leaflet form the above listed duties of the Commission for the use of the local churches."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, William T. Jones (Indiana) spoke to the same.

The amendment of William T. Jones (Indiana) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Previous Question—R. G. Morris—Not Ordered

Robert G. Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on the Report as a whole.

The motion, duly seconded, did not prevail.

Question—R. V. Candelaria (*)—Answer—A. K. Smith

Ruben V. Candelaria (*) (Philippines) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I just want to ask a question for the benefit of our Philippines Conferences. On page 18, the section on elections, Paragraph 133, it says, 'The Quarterly Conference shall elect annually the following officers for the pastoral charge,' and the number and the election of the Lay Members of the Annual Conference. This matter has always been a problem in our Conferences, because in many instances our Ministerial Delegates are far outnumbered almost two to one by the Lay Delegates because of the fact that there are many pastoral charges consisting of four or five local churches with organized Quarterly Conferences, each electing a Lay Delegate to the Annual Conference.

I should like to ask the Chairman of this Commission if that is permissible under this Paragraph?"

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, answered, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, the Commission thinks that it should be permissible to do it that way."

Amendment—Earl Elijah (*)—Adopted

Earl Elijah (*) (North Iowa) moved to amend Section 7, page 20, Paragraph 135, by deleting the words, "as family type farm owners," found in line three (3) of Section 7.

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Earl Elijah (*) (North Iowa) spoke to the same.

The motion of Earl Elijah (*) (North Iowa) being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Amendment—Earl Elijah—Adopted as a Resolution

Earl Elijah (*) (North Iowa) moved to further amend Section 7, page 20, Paragraph 135 of the Report by adding the following statement at the end of Section 7:

"Any Church-affiliated Institution or Organization owning farmland should work closely with this Committee (The Farm and Home Committee) in each community where such farmland is located."

The motion, being duly seconded, Earl Elijah (North Iowa) spoke to the same.

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Statement—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, we have no opposition to the intent of the statement, but we do not believe it to be the province of this Commission on Legislation to direct any other Boards of the Church. We are dealing entirely with the Local Church."

L. H. McKay () for Amendment*

Leo H. McKay (*) (Erie) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Suggestion—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, suggested that the amendment be presented in the form of a Resolution, to be placed in the back of the *Discipline* under Miscellaneous Resolutions.

Motion—J. E. Brower—Re Amendment—Adopted

On motion of J. Emmons Brower (North Carolina-C), duly seconded, the amendment of Earl Elijah (North Iowa) was adopted as a Resolution by the General Conference, the same to be placed among Miscellaneous Resolutions in the back of the *Discipline*.

Amendment—N. G. Talbott—Adopted

Norbert G. Talbott (Indiana) moved to amend Section 6 of Paragraph 213, page 50 of the Report, by deleting the last sentence of Section 6, which reads as follows:

"If at the end of the year there is a surplus, World Service and Conference Benevolences shall receive its proportional share of such surplus, and the amount thereof shall be remitted promptly to the Conference Treasurer."

The motion, being duly seconded, Norbert G. Talbott (North Indiana) spoke to the same.

The amendment of Norbert G. Talbott (North Indiana) to amend by deletion on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Reference to Judicial Council—J. M. Versteeg—Not Referred

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) moved to refer to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision the following questions (DB-120):

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"Is the General Conference, and are our ministers and laymen free to use any or all words used in the Articles of Religion with any definition of the Church they wish to make, which is not contradictory to the Articles of Religion?"

The motion to refer, being duly seconded, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Recess

The General Conference recessed at 10:32 A.M. for the regular Recess period.

Re-Convene—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee, of the Chicago Area, North Central Jurisdiction, called the General Conference to order at the close of the recess period for the transaction of business, with consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church as a whole pending.

Solo—Bernard Vessey (*)—J. R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, presented Bernard Vessey (*) (Colorado) Director of Music for the Western Jurisdictional Conference, who thrilled the General Conference with his rendition of, "We Shall Shine as the Stars."

Bishop J. Ralph Magee, in behalf of the General Conference, thanked Bernard Vessey (*) (Colorado) for his vocal selection.

No. 15. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith—Bishop Oxnam—Chaplain Major General C. I. Carpenter

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, asked unanimous common consent to present Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, for a privileged presentation.

Unanimous common consent was given by the General Conference for the presentation.

Chaplain Major General C. I. Carpenter Presented—Bishop A. Frank Smith—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, requested that Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston Area, South Central Jurisdiction, escort to the platform, Chaplain Major General Charles I. Carpenter, of the Peninsula Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, and Chief of Chaplains of the Air Force.

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Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction presented Chaplain Carpenter to the General Conference, and the General Conference arose and applauded.

Bishop's Son to Pronounce Benediction—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, moved that Bishop J. Ralph Magee request his son, who is a Delegate from the Montana Annual Conference, to pronounce the benediction at the close of this session.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the unanimous vote of the General Conference.

Report of Commission on the Study of the Local Church Resumed

Consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church was resumed.

Previous Question—H. B. Watts—Ordered

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklaoma) moved the previous question on the adoption of the Report as a whole of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church.

The motion for the previous question was duly seconded.

Point of Order—C. A. Smith ()—Not Well Taken*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) raised the point of order that the motion for the previous question was not in order because there were some members of the General Conference who had amendments to make to the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, and they had not had privilege of doing so.

Ruling—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee made the following ruling:

"The Chair ruled that this body has the right to order the previous question if it wants to."

Question—C. A. Smith ()—Appeal from Decision of Chair*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) raised the following question:

"Does the Chair rule that this motion for the previous question is in order?"

Ruling—Bishop Magee—Ruling Sustained

Bishop J. Ralph Magee replied:

"It is."

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Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) appealed to the General Conference from the ruling of Bishop J. Ralph Magee. The General Conference sustained Bishop J. Ralph Magee in his ruling that the previous question was in order.

Question—W. H. Alderson—Answered—A. K. Smith

William H. Alderson (New York East) raised the question as to what will become of the amendment at the top of page 39 which had been referred to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that the motion to adopt, was that we adopt the Report, with the exception of the matter which had been referred to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

Amendment—C. W. Haggard ()—Out of Order*

Carl W. Haggard (*) (Kentucky) was recognized and sought to make an amendment to the Report.

Ruling—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee ruled that the General Conference was under the motion for the previous question, and that any amendments at this time were out of order.

Previous Question Ordered

The motion of H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) for the previous question on the adoption of the Report, as a whole, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted by more than the required two-thirds vote, and the previous question was ordered.

Report Adopted as a Whole

The Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, as amended, was adopted as a whole, with the exception of the matter referred to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition. For Report see page 1077.

Covering Resolution—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented a Covering Resolution (DB-121), and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted by the General Conference, as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED, That the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, as amended and adopted by this General Con-

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ference be and is hereby substituted for Part II, Paragraphs 101-279, 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, and for Paragraphs 1502-1508 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, and that the same be included in the 1952 *Discipline* as legislation duly enacted by the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all other legislation in the 1948 *Discipline* dealing with the organization and work of the local church that is in conflict or at variance with the legislation governing the Local Church, approved by this General Conference, and referred to above, be and hereby is revised to conform therewith, and that the Editors of the 1952 *Discipline* be and hereby are instructed and directed to make such corrections and revisions as may be necessary to give effect to this action."

No. 1. Report Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision—D. L. Marsh

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, made the following Report for the Committee on the matter referred to them earlier in this session:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the General Conference:

The question that was referred to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision asked for a reconciliation of Paragraphs 102 and 111 in the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, which you have just adopted.

It is plain that there is a conflict. Paragraph 102 says certain things, 'and one who has been baptized,' and Paragraph 111 says very plainly that 'a person in good standing from any Christian denomination may be admitted by a Certificate of Transfer.'

The Committee is of the opinion that the General Conference ought to do one of two things: First, either say there are two ways by which a person can become a member of The Methodist Church, one expressed in Paragraph 102, and the other in Paragraph 111, or the phrase, 'and who has been baptized,' should be inserted in Paragraph 111.

In the light of the Articles of Religion XVII, it would seem that probably the latter method should be followed."

Motion to Amend Paragraph 111—W. R. Cannon—Adopted

Motion of William R. Cannon (North Georgia), duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference amending Paragraph 111, page 11, of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, by inserting the words, "has been baptized and," in the first line of Paragraph 111, following the words, "Christian denomination," so that the amended Paragraph will read:

¶ 111. A member in good standing in any Christian denomination who has been baptized and who desires to unite with The Methodist Church may be received into membership by a proper certificate of transfer from his former Church, or by his own declaration of Christian faith, and upon affirming his willingness to be loyal to The Methodist Church, and after he and the members of the church have entered into solemn covenant with one another as provided in the Ritual (¶ 1916).

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**Amending Articles of Existing Local Church Corporations
—A. K. Smith—Adopted**

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented a Resolution (DB-122) pertaining to the amendment of Articles of existing Local Church Corporations, and on his motion, duly seconded, the General Conference adopted it, as follows:

**RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE AMENDMENT
OF ARTICLES OF EXISTING LOCAL CHURCH
CORPORATION****"RESOLVED:**

1. That the Articles of Association or Articles of Incorporation, as the case may be, of every local Methodist church heretofore incorporated and existing as such under a corporate charter issued by its local authority, shall be reviewed in the light of the legislation, adopted by this General Conference, pertaining to the incorporation of local Methodist churches, and such Articles shall be amended, when necessary, to comply with the legislation so adopted, to the extent that such amendments are permissible by and not contrary to the local laws.
2. That the District Superintendent shall, at the next succeeding first Quarterly Conference of every heretofore incorporated local church in his District, bring this legislation to the attention of the Quarterly Conference, and it shall be the duty of that body and of the corporate Board of Directors, or Board of Trustees, as the case may be, to take the necessary and proper action to amend all such Articles of Association, or Articles of Incorporation, so that they shall be in conformity to the law of The Methodist Church, as set forth in its *Discipline*, to the extent permissible under the local laws.
3. That this Resolution shall apply only to local Methodist churches within the United States of America and its territories and possessions."

Recommendations—A. K. Smith—Adopted

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, presented "Recommendations" of the Commission (DB-123), and, on his motion, duly seconded, they were ordered printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, without reading.

The "Recommendations" are as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS

As a result of our study of the Local Church and its organizational needs, the members of the Commission on The Study of the Local Church have experienced an increasing appreciation of the great importance of the more than 45,000 local churches of our communion, at home and overseas, established and maintained for the worship of God, and the promotion of his kingdom. These thousands of congregations in many lands are The Methodist Church. They supply the

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Church's material and spiritual resources. Since unification we have given large attention to our General Agencies. It is the conviction of your Commission that during the next quadrennium we should look especially to the local church—to perfecting its organization, enriching its life, and undergirding its ministry. We, therefore, recommend:

1. That the General Conference request the Council of Bishops during the first two years of the ensuing quadrennium to give special leadership to the perfecting of our church rolls and local church organization after the following manner:

(1) Through the District Superintendents in their respective Districts to see that a proper Committee is appointed in each local church for the purpose of setting up the roll of membership in each in accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline*;

(2) Through the District Superintendents in their respective Districts to lead in an effort to have every local church to meet the minimum organizational requirement as provided in the *Discipline*—to wit: (a) An Official Board, constituted as the legislation directs, and meeting regularly, (b) and as a minimum four Commissions as required on Evangelism, Education, Missions, and Finances;

(3) To receive from the District Superintendents at proper intervals reports of the number of churches in their respective Districts achieving these goals;

(4) To report on the above items from time to time and in such detail as the Council may determine, including a Report to the next quadrennial session of the General Conference showing the results in each Episcopal Area in the Jurisdictions. We recommend that further details of this program be committed to the Council for its determination.

2. We further recommend:

(1) That the General Conference request the General Board of Lay Activities to assume leadership in instructing our people through the ensuing quadrennium in the organizational structure of The Methodist Church, with emphasis on the local church; that plans be made immediately for the production of proper literature, the cost to be provided out of the funds derived from the sale thereof; that the Board plan church institutes on the Area, Conference, District, or Sub-district level, making use of lay leadership on these respective levels;

(2) That the General Conference request the Board of Education in its current literature and in its leadership schools to provide suitable material for instructing our people in the organization and spiritual significance of the Church;

(3) That the General Conference request the Board of Lay Activities and the Board of Education to establish an Inter-Board Committee for the purpose of planning and correlating their work, and that the Boards above mentioned report in detail to the 1956 General Conference.

Report Completed—Commission on the Study of the Local Church—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, stated that this completes consideration of and action on the Report, with the exception of that part at the top of page 39 which had been referred to the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition. For Report see page 1077.

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Point of Order—W. M. Scheuermann—In Order

Walter M. Scheuermann (Iowa-Des Moines) raised a point of order as to whether or not the motion of William R. Cannon (North Georgia) relative to the amending of Paragraph 111, page 11, of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church was not out of order.

Ruling—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee replied, as follows:

"No. You had asked the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision to straighten that thing out, and they reported it. He made a motion to correct it, which seems to me perfectly in order."

No. 5. Tellers—Result Ballot for Reserve Members Judicial Council—L. W. Wells (*)—Elected—L. A. Welliver—H. H. Hughes—E. G. MacKay—V. P. Clarke (*)

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, reported the result of the first ballot for Reserve Members of the Judicial Council, their terms of office expiring in 1960, as follows (DB-124):

Ministerial Members

Total number of votes cast, 685; defective, 74; total number of good ballots, 611; necessary to a choice, 306.

Lester A. Welliver	472
Harold H. Hughes	449
Edward G. Mackay	375
J. Fielding Winton	284
James A. Bays	253

Lester A. Welliver, Harold H. Hughes, and Edward H. Mackay, each having received the required number of votes for election, were declared elected Ministerial Reserve Members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, their terms of office to expire in 1960.

Lay Members

Total votes cast, 685; defective, 68; total number of good votes, 617; necessary to elect, 309.

Vincent P. Clarke	402
F. Murray Benson	274
Leon M. Hickman	206
Charles P. Howard	181
James I. Dolliver	171

Vincent P. Clarke, having received the required number of votes for election, was declared elected a Lay Reserve Member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, his term of office to expire in 1960.

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No. 6. Tellers—Second Ballot for Reserve Lay Members of the Judicial Council—L. W. Wells (*)

Statement—C. W. Haggard ()*

Carl W. Haggard (*) (Kentucky) made the following statement:

"May I make a statement, please?

I don't think we would want to do something that would be discourteous to anyone, and yesterday when we were balloting, the Secretary announced those two men who had withdrawn.

I followed that very closely, and I talked to one of these men. I tried to find him last night, but he was sick, and he did not intend that his name should be withdrawn except for the principal, and not as an alternate.

I want to state further that the Chair, or the Secretary, did not announce that there were to be any alternates to be elected until after these two gentlemen had withdrawn their names as principals. I can speak for only one, and that was not his intention. And that was Judge Osso W. Stanley."

Instructions—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee announced that the Delegates were to vote only for one Lay Reserve Member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Second Ballot Spread—L. W. Wells ()*

Under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, assisted by Robert M. Williams (Washington), Walter C. Ball (North Carolina-SE), Bradshaw Mintener (*) (Minnesota), and Carl S. McFall (*) (West Oklahoma), the Second Ballot was spread for the election of one Lay Reserve Member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, term of office to expire in 1960; the votes were collected, the Ballot declared closed by Bishop J. Ralph Magee, and the Tellers retired to count the same.

Motion to Limit Debate—J. R. Kenney—Withdrawn

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) moved that the time of debate be reduced from five (5) minutes to three (3) minutes.

The motion was duly seconded.

No. 12. Entertainment—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, requested that the General Conference hear Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen,

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before voting on the motion of John R. Kenney (California-Nevada).

No. 11. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, presented a Report from the Committee as follows:

Session tonight to begin at 8:30 P.M.

Close this afternoon's session at 5 P.M.

No Sunday afternoon session.

Wait until Monday to limit debate.

Motion to Limit Debate Withdrawn—J. R. Kenney

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada), with the consent of the seconder of his motion to limit debate, withdrew his motion, after the statement of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen.

Question—H. B. Watts

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) asked why we were meeting tonight at 8:30 P.M. instead of 7:30 P.M.

Statement—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:

"We were informed of certain meetings that have been scheduled which would interfere tremendously with the work that Committees and groups are doing, and we felt in deference to them we should come back at 8:30 P.M. That would still not make us any later than we have been on previous evenings."

Amendment—H. B. Watts—Adopted

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) moved to amend the Report by substituting 8:00 P.M. for 8:30 P.M. for the session tonight.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

Report Committee of Chairmen—Adopted

The Report of the Committee of Chairmen, as amended, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as follows:

Session tonight to begin at 8:00 P.M.

Close this afternoon's session at 5:00 P.M.

No Sunday afternoon session.

Wait until Monday to limit debate.

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Calendar—W. S. Overstreet

The Calendar was taken up under the direction of Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia), Secretary of the Calendar.

Motion Re L. T. Moore—W. S. Overstreet—Adopted

Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia), Secretary of the Calendar, made a motion (DB-125), which was duly seconded, and adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as follows:

"I move that in order to assist in the presentation of the Reports of Legislative Committees, that Dr. Leon T. Moore, be seated on the platform, with the understanding that such seating does not affect his right to speak to or vote on motions."

No. 12. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, stated the method of procedure would be as follows:

"The procedure is going to permit the Chairmen of the Legislative Committees to bring before us the matters which they consider to be the more important matters.

We have decided in the Committee of Chairmen to follow the procedure of granting the Chairman of each Committee thirty minutes, if necessary. Some of them stated it would be not be necessary; and in that way we feel we can expedite the Calendar."

No. 1-B Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Amended—Adopted

The original Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 17, DCA-187, column 2, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions," was withdrawn from the Calendar at the morning session of Tuesday, April 29, 1952, and referred to the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, for a Declaratory Decision concerning the same.

The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church rendered Declaratory Decision No. 85 on Thursday, May 1, 1952, at the evening session of the General Conference, concerning the Constitutional matters involved.

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) then moved as a substitute for Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences Calendar No. 17, DCA-187, column 2, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions," a Resolution from the General Standing Committee on Conferences.

Ruling—Bishop Purcell

Bishop Clare Purcell of the Birmingham Area, South-

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eastern Jurisdiction, presiding Bishop at this session, ruled that the substitute was in the nature of a new Report, and therefore would have to be published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* to be acted upon the day following its publication as provided for in Rule 33 of the Rules of Order.

No. 1-B Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Amended—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines) presented Report No. 1-B of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 148, DCA-360, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions, explaining the same, and requested that John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) be permitted to present two amendments to the published Report.

Unanimous consent was granted by the General Conference for this purpose.

Amendment No. 1—J. R. Wilkins—Adopted

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) moved to amend (DB-126) section (c), DCA-360, column 3, by inserting after the words "Annual Conferences," found in lines 2 and 3 of section (c), the words "and also by the Jurisdictional Conference," so that the amended section (c) will read:

"(c) Approval by a majority of the Annual Conferences, and also of the Jurisdictional Conference of both the Jurisdiction of which the church has been a part, and the Jurisdiction to which it is transferring."

The amendment of John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada), duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Amendment No. 2—J. R. Wilkins—Adopted

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) moved to further amend Report No. 1-C of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 148, DCA-360, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions," by adding section (e) as follows (DB-127):

"(e) Such transfer shall be effected when all of the required actions have been certified to the Council of Bishops by the Secretaries of all the Conferences involved, whereupon the Council of Bishops shall issue a declaration to the effect that the transfer has been duly effected."

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The motion of John R. Wilkins to amend, duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Amendment—H. J. Smith—Adopted

Herbert J. Smith (New Jersey) moved to amend Report No. 1-C of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions," Calendar No. 148, DCA-360, columns 2 and 3, section (a) by inserting the words, "the membership and," following the words, "Approval by," found in the first line of section (a), so that the amended section (a) will read (DB-128):

"(a) Approval by the membership and the Quarterly Conference of said Church."

The amendment of Herbert J. Smith (New Jersey), being duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Amendment—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines) requested common consent to make the following change of wording in both sections (b) and (c); change the expression, "to which it is transferred." to read, "to which transfer is desired."

Unanimous common consent of the General Conference was granted for the requested change of wording in both (b) and (c).

Report No. 1-B Conferences—Adopted as Amended

Report No. 1, General Standing Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions," Calendar No. 148, DCA-360, columns 2 and 3, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as amended. For Report see page 1169.

No. 2 Conferences Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Report No. 2, General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 18, DCA-187, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Election of Bishops," was presented by Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—H. H. Waller—Answer—T. B. Lugg

Harry H. Waller (Florida-SE) asked the following question:

"As a matter of information, we adopted a Budget last night as presented by the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

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I am wondering, if this Report is adopted, if the provision of that Budget would provide for the additional Bishop required."

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, replied as follows:

"We estimate that the cost per Bishop—and that can only be an average—under the new amendments that were set last night, will run somewhere between \$17,500.00 and \$18,500.00 per Bishop. That would increase the total, amout \$35,000.00.

We are in a period of rising salaries, and the Budget as presented last night—2 per cent would probably carry it during the quadrennium."

• *Report No. 2-A Adopted*

Report No. 2 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 18, DCA-187, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Election of Bishops," was then adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1170.

No. 3 Conferences—Presented—Action Deferred—C. W. Cooper

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines) presented Report No. 3 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 38, DCA-219, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Annual Conference Deaconess Board," and moved its adoption.

The motion was duly seconded.

Question Raised—J. S. Ploughe

Joseph S. Ploughe (Central Kansas) raised the question whether or not that action on this Report should not be deferred until Report No. 7 of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, on the same Subject, had been presented.

Action Deferred—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conference, moved that consideration of and action on Report No. 3 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences be deferred until Report No. 7 of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension had been considered and acted upon.

The motion, duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. See pages 625, 1171 and 1314.

No. 4 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Report No. 4 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 39, DCA-219, column 2, Subject,

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"Enabling Act for Wyoming State Annual Conference," was presented by Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), and, on his motion, duly seconded, the General Conference adopted the same. For Report see page 1172.

No. 5 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines) presented Report No. 5 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 40, DCA-219, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Enabling Act for the Rio Grande Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1172.

No. 6 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Referred

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines) presented Report No. 6 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 41, DCA-219, column 3, Subject, "Certificate of Transfer."

Referred to Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, moved the reference of Report No. 6 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, to be checked by them with the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, said Commission having taken action in regard to Certificate of Transfer.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference. See pages 526 and 1173.

No. 7 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Report No. 7 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 46, DCA-252, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Declaratory Decisions of the Judicial Council," was presented by Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1172.

No. 8 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines) presented Report No. 8 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 47, DCA-252, column 2, Subject, "Membership of District Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted on the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1174.

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No. 5 and 5-A Education—Presented—Amended—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 37, DCA-219, column 1, Subject, "Relation of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education to the Board of Publication," said Report No. 5 of the General Standing Committee on Education recommending the adoption of Report No. 5-A, Subject "Report of the General Conference Committee to Study the Relation of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education to the Board of Publication," found on page 168 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, columns 1, 2 and 3. For Report see page 1200.

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, explained the content of the Report of the General Conference Committee to Study the Relation of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education to the Board of Publication, and moved the following amendment:

Delete the second paragraph, DCA-168, column 3, beginning with the words, "In order to clarify," and ending with the words, "be made a part of Paragraph 1425," and substitute the following (DB-129):

"Paragraph 1425. After 'responsible' in line 5 delete the remainder of the sentence, and add the words 'to the Board of Education through its Editorial Division for editorial policies and content, and preparation of curriculum materials, including periodicals, undated materials and books authorized for use in the program of Christian education; and in matters related to the publication and financing thereof he shall be responsible to the Board of Publication. He shall also be responsible for the preparation of visual education materials relating to the curriculum.'"

so that the amended Paragraph 1425 will read:

"Par. 1425. Through the Editorial Division, working in co-operation with the Curriculum Committee, the General Board of Education shall provide all curriculum materials necessary for carrying on its work. The Editor of Church School publications shall be responsible to the Board of Education through its Editorial Division for editorial policies and content, and preparation of curriculum materials, including periodicals, undated materials and books authorized for use in the program of Christian education; and in matters related to the publication and financing thereof to the Board of Publication. He shall also be responsible for the preparation of visual education materials relating to the curriculum. The circulation of the literature prepared by this Division shall be a joint responsibility of the Board of Education and the Board of Publication."

The motion to amend was duly seconded.

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R. C. Baker Speaks to Report

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, spoke in favor of the Report.

H. C. Case Speaks to Report

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, for the sake of the record I would like the General Conference to know that this Report embodies not only the spirit but substantially the language of the Survey Commission Report at this point."

Amendment Adopted

The motion of Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee to amend the Report of the General Conference Committee to Study the Relation of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education to the Board of Publication, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Reports No. 5 and 5-A Education—Adopted

Reports No. 5 and 5-A of the General Standing Committee on Education, Calendar No. 37, DCA-219, column 1, Subject, "Relation of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education to the Board of Publication," was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, on the motion of Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), duly seconded. For Report see page 1200.

No. 4 Education—Presented—F. C. Tucker—Amended—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, requested Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis) to present Report No. 4 for the Committee.

Typographical Error Corrected—C. M. Dannelly ()*

Before Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis) presented Report No. 4, Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama) requested unanimous common consent to correct a typographical error, DCA-216, column 1, relating to Paragraph 1444 in which the remainder of the Paragraph had been inadvertently omitted following the words "Annual Conference," found in the bold-face type in line nine at the close of Paragraph 1444.

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Unanimous common consent was given by the General Conference for this correction.

No. 4 Education—Presented—F. C. Tucker—Amended—Adopted

Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis), Chairman of the Subcommittee preparing the subject matter of this Report, presented Report No. 4 of the General Standing Committee on Education, DCA-214, column 3; DCA-215, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-216, columns 1 and 2, Calendar No. 22, Subject, "Matters Related to the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education," and succinctly explained all the changes and provisions, and requested unanimous common consent to make the following changes for the Committee of Education in the bold-face type, Paragraph 1404, DCA-215, column 1, as follows:

In line eighteen (18) from the bottom of the column change the word "three" to "four"; at the end of that sentence in line fifteen (15) from the bottom of the column, change the period (.) to a comma (,) and add the words, "one Staff member from each of the other General Boards." so that the amended sentence will read:

"The following shall be *ex officio* members of the National Conference: members of the Staff of the Division of the Local Church who have responsibility for youth work, members of the Staff of the Division of Educational Institutions who are responsible for student work, four representatives of the Staff of the Division of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, one Staff member from each of the other General Boards."

Unanimous consent was given by the General Conference for the amendment to Paragraph 1404, DCA-215, column 1, as suggested by Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis).

Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis) moved the adoption of the Report, as amended by unanimous common consent. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—W. M. Scheuermann—Accepted—F. C. Tucker

Walter M. Scheuermann (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend Paragraph 1444, DCA-216, column 1, by adding at the close of the bold-face type at the close of the Paragraph, and which reads, "Annual Conference," the sentence,

"provided, that in the filling of a vacancy between the sessions of an Annual Conference, the approval of the Annual Conference is not required for the interim period."

Amendment Accepted—F. C. Tucker

Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis) accepted the amendment for

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the Committee on Education, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Substitute—Claude Young—Referred

Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) moved to amend Paragraph 1399, DCA-215, column 1, which reads as follows:

"Paragraph 1399. The Division shall have authority to determine the Statistical questions which shall be asked concerning the Church School in the Quarterly Conference and Annual Conference blank forms and shall co-operate with the Commission on Statistical Blanks in the organization of these questions in the authorized forms."

by offering the following substitute:

"The Division may determine the Statistical questions which shall be asked concerning the Church School in the Quarterly Conference and Annual Conference blank forms. It can co-operate with the Council of World Service and Finance in the preparation of the Statistical forms. The Council on World Service and Finance shall have authority to determine the forms used."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) spoke to the same.

H. C. Case Speaks to Amendment

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: In Report No. 2 of the Special Committee of Six, on the Report of the Survey Commission adopted by the General Conference it says a part of the function and responsibility of the Council on World Service and Finance is to 'prepare and edit all official statistical blanks, record forms, and record books required for use in The Methodist Church (except official records for use in the Local Church School and forms used by the Woman's Board of Christian Service). In the preparation of these forms it shall consult with a Committee appointed by the Council of Bishops from that body, and with representatives of The Methodist Publishing House,' and so on.

This has been passed and does give authority, I believe, to the Council on World Service and Finance."

Question—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee asked the following question:

"Does that take care of what you wanted?"

Reply—Claude Young

Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) replied, as follows:

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"Well, will this legislation then stand as we have passed it this morning, or as we shall have passed it should we adopt this Report?"

Reply—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee asked the following question:

"Dr. Case, that motion you spoke of has been passed, has it not?"

Reply—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied:

"Yes."

Answer—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee made this further statement:

"That is already passed and a part of our action.
Just a minute: I want to know whether this takes care of his substitute."

Answer—Claude Young

Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) made the following statement:

"What I would like to know, Bishop, is this: Would there, then, be a conflict between the legislation that has been passed, and the Report which is before us, as it was before us originally?"

F. C. Tucker—Speaks to Amendment

Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis) spoke to the amendment, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, could that not be referred to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision?"

Reply—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee replied, as follows:

"I judge it could, but it is up to this House to decide. The Chair is not deciding questions."

Motion to Refer—Claude Young

Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) moved as a substitute for this particular matter that Paragraph 1399, DCA-215, column 1, be referred to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision.

The motion to refer was duly seconded.

F. C. Tucker—Speaks to Motion to Refer

Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis), presenting the Report for the General Standing Committee on Education, spoke to the motion to refer.

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Refer with Instructions—R. C. Calkins—Accepted—Adopted

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend the motion for referral, with instructions that Paragraph 1399 be brought in conformity with Report No. 2 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

Claude Young (Northwest Indiana), with the consent of the seconder of his motion to refer, accepted the amendment to his motion, and the motion to refer to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. (See No. 3, page 569.)

Amendment—Mrs. Stewart Colley ()—Accepted—C. M. Dannelly (*)*

Mrs. Stewart Colley (*) (North Georgia) moved to amend (DB-130) Paragraph 1404, Section 4, DCA-215, column 1, line eight (8) by adding, "the Conference Secretary of Youth Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service," so that Section 4 of Paragraph will read:

"(4) To give youth free opportunity to participate creatively in planning the Church's program by making recommendations to all Boards and Agencies of the Church, and through the Youth Members of the General Boards and Agencies, and through fellowship with the Staff Members of these Boards and Agencies and the Conference Secretary of Youth Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service."

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, accepted the amendment, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Point of Order—J. Q. Schisler—Amendment Withdrawn—Mrs. Stewart Colley ()*

John Q. Schisler (Tennessee), Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church. General Board of Education, raised the point of order that Paragraph 1404, DCA-215, column 1, is setting up the National Conference of Methodist Youth, and not an Annual Conference organization.

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, stated that he was in error in accepting the amendment of Mrs. Stewart Colley (*) (North Georgia), and moved a reconsideration of the matter, if he was in order.

Statement—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee made the following statement:

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"It does not need reconsideration, because it is not a motion. You accepted it. All we need to do is now you have withdrawn your opinion, and her motion is before us."

Mrs. Stewart Colley (*) (North Georgia) stated that "If it is already in the Woman's Division, it is quite correct," and, with the consent of the seconder of her amendment, Mrs. Stewart Colley (*) (North Georgia) withdrew the same.

Amendment—J. T. Simangan ()—Not Adopted*

Jose T. Simangan (*) (Northern Philippines) moved to amend (DB-131) Paragraph 1404, DCA-215, column 1, by adding after Section (2) a new Section (3), present Section (4) to become Section (5), the following:

"(3) To provide an opportunity for the youth to study the culture and history of different races."

The amendment, being duly seconded, Jose T. Simangan (*) (Northern Philippines) spoke to the same.

Statement—F. C. Tucker

Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis) stated that the amendment proposed does not properly belong in this Paragraph, and that where it should appear is another question.

The amendment of Jose T. Simangan (*) (Northern Philippines) was not adopted, on the vote of the General Conference.

Amendment—W. B. Robinson—Accepted—F. C. Tucker

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 1448, DCA-216, column 1, by inserting the words, "agreed upon," following the words, "by the Annual Conference those persons," in line twenty-eight (28) of the Paragraph, so that the amended sentence will read:

"The Executive Secretary shall consult with the District Superintendent relative to nominations for the District Staff of Christian education, and shall report to the Board for confirmation by the Annual Conference those persons agreed upon, etc."

Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis) accepted the amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Previous Question—B. V. Powell—Ordered

Bradford V. Powell (Missouri) moved the previous question on all pending matters in regard to the Report.

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The motion for the previous question was duly seconded, and, by more than the required two-thirds vote, was ordered by the General Conference.

Report No. 4—Education—Adopted as Amended

Report No. 4 of the General Standing Committee on Education, Calendar No. 22, DCA-214, column 3; DCA-215, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-316, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Matters Related to the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education," was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, with Paragraph 1399, DCA-215, column 1, being referred to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision with instructions to be brought in conformity with Report No. 2 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission. For Report see page 1193.

Order of the Day—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Citation for Bishop Arthur J. Moore—Consul General Young Han Choo of Korea

The Order of the Day having arrived, Bishop J. Ralph Magee requested Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam to take charge.

Bishop Oxnam Presents Bishop Moore, Bishop Lew, Bishop Welch

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the General Conference. This is a very high moment of privilege.

"Among us there is one who stands uniquely, I think, as Methodism's missionary to the world. Many of our Bishops have served with distinction in fields overseas, but I think no one now living, with the exception of the one who is about to be honored, has been in fact an Ambassador of Christ at large, an Episcopal leader, whose parish is the world.

"The Council of Bishops has sent Bishop Arthur J. Moore upon several important missions overseas. No one of them has been more important than the mission to Korea immediately after the war. He was commissioned to reorganize the Korean Church; he was conspicuously successful.

"In 1951 Bishop Moore was commissioned to visit Korea once again. He presided at the Conference in which the Korean Bishop, Bishop Hyunki J. Lew, was elected, and he consecrated Bishop Lew. He was the guest of the President of the Republic, of General Ridgway, and of General Van Fleet and, under military permit, visited the front lines.

"So outstanding was his service that the Republic of Korea is about to confer upon him one of its highest honors, the National Medal of Honor.

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"I shall suggest that Bishop Moore take his place here, that Bishop Lew stand upon his right, and that Bishop Welch stand upon his left, and after they have taken their places, I shall present the Consul General of the Republic of Korea who will confer the honor, reading the citation. After that, a word concerning Bishop Lew, and a prayer by Bishop Welch."

The General Conference rose and applauded.

Young Han Choo Presented—Bishop Oxnam

The General Conference still standing, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the Honorable Young Han Choo, Consul General of the Republic of Korea.

The General Conference applauded.

Citation Read—Young Han Choo

The Honorable Young Han Choo, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, read the citation, first in the Korean language, and then the English translation, as follows:

"For many years Bishop Moore has been known for his efforts in behalf of the Korean people. His intense interest and zeal have been constantly displayed. With a heavy schedule of work in his homeland, he has found time to make a number of trips to Korea to secure first-hand information and consult with Korean leaders. His visits have contributed greatly to Korean morale.

"In America Bishop Moore has continuously used public address and private counsel, radio and printed word, to impress upon his people the tremendously difficult situation confronting Korea. Through his efforts many tons of goods and thousands of dollars have been secured for civilian relief in Korea.

"As President of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church for twelve years, and as President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, he has had a nationwide influence in uniting the hearts and efforts of America and Korea in building toward a true peace and a united world.

"It is a great privilege, and a great honor for me to present the National Medal of Honor of the Republic of Korea to Bishop Arthur J. Moore in behalf of my beloved President, Dr. Syngman Rhee."

There was continued applause as the Consul General presented the National Medal of the Republic of Korea to Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

Bishop Oxnam Replies to Presentation

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, replied as follows:

"Mr. Counsel General, I am sure I speak on behalf of this Conference when I voice our gratitude, because in honoring one of our most

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distinguished Methodists you have also honored The Methodist Church."

Bishop Lew Presented—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented Bishop Hyungki J. Lew of the Korean Methodist Church, with the following statement:

"It is also a privilege to present to you our newly created Bishop of Korea, Bishop Lew, who has been ill. He has just arrived, but he requested me to say that he will be unable to say a word, because of his illness.

"We do wish to welcome him and give him our love, and assure him of our abiding affection."

The General Conference arose and applauded.

*Further Word to Consul General of the Republic of Korea
—Bishop Oxnam*

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, spoke further to the Consul General of the Republic of Korea, as follows:

"And now before I call upon Bishop Welch to offer a brief word of prayer, will you allow me also to say to the Consul General of the Republic of Korea that we assure him of the abiding interest of the American people, as his people with our people face the issue of freedom in an issue that today is faced in such costly fashion that there can be no answer save the answer of seeing that matter through until at last freedom exists there and everywhere. I am sure I speak for the Delegates.

Prayer—Bishop Welch

Bishop Herbert Welch led in the following prayer:

"O God and Father of us all, we pause to say a word of prayer together for Korea, for its distressed and tortured people, for its Church standing so gallantly to bear witness for Christ and for good will; for the schools and hospitals and orphanages; for the doctors and the nurses and the teachers and the preachers who together are going through these dark days still believing in the light and looking for the light.

"And especially we pray Thy blessing upon our brother upon whom such heavy responsibilities have been placed by the letter of his Church and people, and upon his dear wife and helpmeet; that in this day of fiery trial they will have the courage and the strength and the wisdom to carry out Thy will, and to receive Thy abundant blessing.

"For this land, and for all lands we ask Thy blessing and guidance, through Jesus Christ. Amen."

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Naval Officers of Korea Presented—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented Lieutenant Oh Seh Kwan and Lieutenant Kwon In Chae, young Naval Officers of the Republic of Korea who were present in the balcony. The Naval Officers rose where they were, and the General Conference applauded.

Mrs. Lew Presented—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented Mrs. Hyunki J. Lew, wife of Bishop Lew of the Methodist Church of Korea.

The General Conference arose and applauded.

No. 6. Tellers—Result Second Ballot Lay Reserve Member—Judicial Council—L. W. Wells (*)—F. M. Benson (*)

The result of the ballot for the last Reserve Lay Member of the Judicial Council, term of office to expire in 1960, was presented by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, who made the following statement:

"Before the Chair announced the ballot we called your attention to the fact that we are instructed that anyone who had withdrawn would not be counted in the ballot.

"Representatives of one of them requested that his name might be included in this morning's ballot, but we were not instructed to include it by the General Conference. However, we do not want to do an injustice to anyone. For that reason if we include the votes put in for Brother Stanley, the person now with the majority would not have a majority, and there would be no election.

"So I thought in due consideration of his matter that the Conference shall have it in their possession. If they instruct his name should be on the ballot we should take another ballot."

Statement—Osso W. Stanley

Osso W. Stanley (*) (Kentucky) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I requested withdrawal from the ballot."

Statement—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee stated:

"Judge Stanley still says to withdraw. Therefore there is a majority."

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Result of Ballot

The result of the second ballot for a Lay Reserve Member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, term of office expiring in 1960, is as follows (DB-132):

Total ballots received, 654; defective ballots, 110; total good ballots, 544; necessary to elect, 272.

F. Murray Benson	287
Leon M. Hickman	95
Charles G. Howard	81
James I. Dolliver	81

F. Murray Benson (*), having received the required number of votes, was declared elected a Reserve Member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, his term of office to expire in 1960.

This election completed the number of Members, Regulars and Reserves, both Ministerial and Lay, to the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, that were to be elected at this 1952 session of the General Conference.

No. 13. Entertainment—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, made three important announcements, as follows:

(1) Stressed tomorrow evening's service and the theme, "Let the People Sing," and expressed appreciation to Dr. James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, for his untiring labors in setting up the program.

(2) Expressed the appreciation of the General Conference to Howard W. Selby (*) (New England), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Program of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, for the great evening programs that had been furnished for this session of the General Conference.

(3) Called a meeting of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment to convene immediately after adjournment to consider an important matter relating to the problem of travel.

No. 13. Presiding Officer—Bishop C. J. Harrell—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented their Report (DB-133) designating Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer for the next session of this General Conference. For Report see page 1089.

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Thanks—Bishop Magee

Bishop J. Ralph Magee expressed his personal appreciation of the courtesy shown him by the General Conference during the session this morning, and especially thanking the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges in requesting his son, J. Homer Magee, Ministerial Delegate from the Montana Annual Conference, to pronounce the benediction.

Closing—Benediction—J. Homer Magee

The morning session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, Tenth Day, Saturday, May 3, 1952, adjourned at 12:35 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by J. Homer Magee, Ministerial Delegate from the Montana Annual Conference, and District Superintendent of the Glacier Park District.

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AFTERNOON SESSION****Opening—Bishop C. J. Harrell**

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church convened for the afternoon session of the Tenth Day, Saturday, May 3, 1952, at 2:30 P.M., in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, South-eastern Jurisdiction, in the Chair.

Hymn 279—J. R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 279, "God of Grace and God of Glory." The General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of this Hymn.

Prayer—Bishop M. R. Reed

The Conference remained standing, and Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Detroit Area, North Central Jurisdiction, led in prayer.

Sunbonnet Girls—J. R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, presented the Sunbonnet Girls from the Henderson Settlement Community Center, Frakes, Kentucky.

The Sunbonnet Girls delighted the General Conference with their rendition of "Farther Along" and "Never Grow Old."

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Bishop Harrell expressed the thanks of the General Conference to the Sunbonnet Girls and their conductor, H. M. Frakes (Indiana), for their musical selections.

No. 13. Journal—C. O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, stated that the Committee had no report at this time.

No. 16. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, as a matter of high privilege, presented Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio), General Executive Secretary of the Department of Home Missions of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, in order that he might present a "Statement on Church Extension," from the Council of Bishops, and the Secretaries of the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension, of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension.

A Statement on Church Extension—E. R. Brown

Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio), General Executive Secretary of the Department of Home Missions of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, called attention to the action of the General Conference on Friday afternoon, May 2, 1952, in the adoption of "Section II Need for Church Extension," of "Special Requests to Annual Conferences," DCA-223, column 1, which reads as follows:

"The General Commission calls the attention of the General Conference to the urgent necessity of establishing and housing new congregations if Methodism is to maintain its position of leadership in America and around the world. We found that 600 newly organized congregations are in temporary quarters; that 1,500 new churches should be organized within the quadrennium; and that an adequate building program calls for \$219,225,000.00.

"We therefore recommend a Conference-initiated Financial Program as provided in suggested legislation known as Par. 784B."

Earl B. Brown (North-East Ohio) next called the attention of the General Conference to its action in adopting on Friday night, May 3, 1952, the following legislation, DCA-227, column 1:

1. Insert in Paragraph 1299 of the 1948 *Discipline* a new section (3) reading as follows:

At least quadrennially each Annual Conference and District shall survey its Church Extension needs, placing special emphasis upon the unchurched areas, with a view to determining in each what should

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be the overall financial objective. Due consideration shall be given to the responsibility of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension for areas requiring home missions and church extension aid beyond that which the Conference is able to provide. From this study an adequate Conference-initiated financial program shall be formulated with a view to meeting these needs.

Sections (3) and (4) as numbered in the 1948 *Discipline* should, after the insertion of this new section, be renumbered (4) and (5) respectively.

Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio) then made the following statement:

"It seemed very wise and expedient that a statement should come to this body. It does not necessarily require action, but does set up a procedure between the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Annual Conference, if this program is to become effective.

"Therefore we will read it, and take just as little of your time as possible."

Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio) then read the following statement (DB-134), requesting the approval of the General Conference, and its publication in the *Journal*:

Statement on Church Extension

The strategic importance of Church Extension has been emphasized by the Episcopal Address to the 1952 General Conference, by the report of the Quadrennial Committee of Twenty-eight, and by the Report of the General Conference Commission on World Service and Finance. The members of this General Conference realize the imperative need to reach the unchurched multitudes for Christ. We have no alternative except to build our share of the new sanctuaries for America and to provide adequate pastoral leadership for these new churches. The continued support of our Methodist institutions and the financial undergirding of the on-going program of the Church, at home and abroad, depend to a large degree upon a well-planned and far-reaching program of Church Extension. Over 70,000,000 Americans have changed their residence within the past decade and this great shift in population continues to create new needs and opportunities. This unprecedented mass migration of people has created a Church Extension challenge which we simply cannot avoid and dare not neglect.

The recent survey conducted by the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension indicates that The Methodist Church is confronted with a building program of \$219,225,000 during the coming quadrennium. A minimum of 1,500 new churches—in excess of one a day—must be built to house new congregations and an effective pastoral leadership must be provided. At present, over 600 new congregations are worshipping in temporary quarters or public buildings and must have new church edifices. Over 15 per cent of our 1,300 abandoned church buildings—most of which are in revived rural areas—should be reopened for divine services. The present available resources are not sufficient to meet this staggering task. The Division of Home Missions and Church Extension is anticipating requests for donation aid and salary support for new churches in an amount over nine times the funds which will be available.

In addition, the need for loans to Methodist churches for building

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purposes will exceed \$70,000,000 for the next four years. At present, the loan funds of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, in an amount of approximately \$12,000,000, are either loaned to churches or committed to churches. The Division has made available for church loans all funds except those trust and annuity funds which cannot legally be used for church loans. We urge all churches which have loans from the Division to repay those loans as quickly as possible, in order that these funds may be used for those desperately needed new congregations.

It is, therefore, recommended that the 1952 session of the General Conference endorse all efforts to arouse Methodism to her duty to establish these new churches by:

1. Seeking Divine guidance in the development of an effective strategy of advance in this great task of church extension, to the end that the effort to establish new congregations be accepted as a primary objective of each Annual Conference of The Methodist Church for the quadrennium 1952-56.

2. Urging our pastors and church members to give full support to this program, reminding them that existing churches never suffer from the establishment of new societies. We call attention to the effective precedent established by many of our great churches in sponsoring a number of new congregations in adjacent communities.

3. Requesting each Annual Conference to make a careful survey of its Church Extension opportunities, and if practical, to set up a priority list of these opportunities that the needs may be met in the order of strategic importance.

4. Urging each Annual Conference to set an adequate financial objective (based upon actual need) in order to finance these new congregations under the plan for Conference-initiated specials. The goals thus set should be vigorously promoted in each Annual Conference, and the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension should expand its services where necessary in order to provide leadership for these Conference surveys and financial efforts.

5. Urging each Annual Conference to utilize the services available through the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension: such as (1) supervision of research and survey; (2) consultation for architectural planning; (3) direction in conducting the Conference financial crusades; (4) guidance in financial program for individual building projects; (5) the granting of aid in the form of donations and loans so far as the fund will permit.

We further call attention to the fact that the total resources of the Church must be mobilized in the local churches, on the Districts, within the Annual Conferences, and by our General Agencies that together we may co-operate fully that our beloved Church may meet the challenge of the hour. Methodism has never refused to face a great opportunity and challenge. We must act *now* for the crucial need will be within the next four years. It is our conviction that this General Conference will sound the call for a vital and effective Church Extension program which shall challenge the entire Church and produce the strategy and resources by which Methodism may meet her share of the need for new churches.

(Signed) For the Council of Bishops
BISHOP A. FRANK SMITH
BISHOP DONALD H. TIPPETT
For the Staff of the Division
EARL R. BROWN
ELLIOTT J. FISHER
M. VERNON MIDDLETON
BONNEAU P. MURPHY

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Motion of Approval and Publication—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) moved that the General Conference heartily endorse the program, and that the statement be published in the Journal of the General Conference.

The motion to endorse and publish was duly seconded.

Question—W. S. Evans—Answered—E. R. Brown

William S. Evans (Memphis) asked the following question:

"Does this motion pertain to the Report of the Commission on World Service and Finance?"

Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio) replied:

"Yes; it does."

Point of Order—W. S. Evans—Not Sustained

William S. Evans (Memphis) raised the following point of order:

"When this matter of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance was before us, I asked the Chair, the Presiding Officer, if this matter was being adopted in substance by sections, or would I have an opportunity to present a matter later. He said it was pertaining only to that section. Then when the Report was closed, I asked for the floor and asked the question if this matter was before us, and the Chair ruled that this matter was closed, that it would not be adopted as a whole.

"Now, here is another motion that is before us pertaining to that same matter when I have been ruled out of order."

Statement—E. R. Brown

Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio) made the following statement:

"May I say, this is not a Report of the Commission. It is a Report of a Committee composed of the Council of Bishops and the Secretaries of the Division, and it deals with nothing except a procedure.

"An Annual Conference is not bound in any way by it, for they have the final decision."

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell ruled as follows:

"The Chair must rule that the Brother's point is not well taken, and that the paper is before you. Is there any discussion?"

Statement Endorsed and Ordered Published in Journal

The motion of Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) to

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endorse the statement and have it published in the Journal of the General Conference, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Trustees Drew University—Elected—F. G. Holloway—C. E. Lundy

Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) presented nominations (DB-135) for the Trustees of Drew University, and moved that the Secretary of the General Conference be instructed to cast the vote of the General Conference for the election of the Trustees nominated.

The motion, duly seconded by Clyde E. Lundy (Holston), prevailed, by vote of the General Conference.

Lud H. Estes (Memphis), Secretary of the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, acting under the authority of the motion adopted by the General Conference, cast the vote of the General Conference for the following as Trustees of Drew University:

TRUSTEES OF DREW UNIVERSITY
CLASS OF 1964

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson
Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
Bishop Herbert Welch
Rev. Henry L. Lambdin
Rev. Roswell W. Lyon
Rev. Herbert J. Smith
Donald R. Baldwin
James T. Buckley
Everett W. Corradini
Joseph R. Ferry
Ellis L. Phillips

TO FILL VACANCY IN CLASS OF 1956

Julius A. Rippel
W. Spencer Robertson

TO FILL VACANCIES IN CLASS OF 1960

Fred Herrigel, Jr.
Rev. Harry M. Taylor
Raymond B. Weatherby
Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

and Bishop Costen J. Harrell stated that the seventeen (17) brethren named had been duly elected as Trustees of Drew University.

Officers Judicial Council—C. B. Ketcham

Charles B. Ketcham (North-East Ohio), Secretary of the Judicial Council, was recognized, and stated that the Judi-

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cial Council had elected its officers for the ensuing quadrennium, as follows:

President: Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas)
Vice-President: Walter C. Buckner (Southern California-Arizona)
Secretary: Charles B. Ketcham (North-East Ohio)

New Members Judicial Council Presented—Bishop C. J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell presented the newly elected members of the Judicial Council, as follows:

Ralph M. Houston (New York)
Fred B. Noble (*) (Florida-SE)
Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama)

Calendar—W. S. Overstreet—L. T. Moore

The Order of the Day having arrived, consideration of and action on Legislative Committee Reports on the Calendar, was resumed, under the direction of Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia) and Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen.

No. 2. Report Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision—D. L. Marsh—Adopted—C. E. Lundy

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, presented a Report of the Committee (DB-136), and, on motion of Clyde E. Lundy (Holston), duly seconded, it was adopted by the General Conference, as follows:

"In response to the action of the Conference in referring Report No. 6 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 41, DCA-219, column 3, Subject, "Certificate of Transfer," to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, we recommend the adoption of the following at the end of Paragraph 117, page 13 of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, viz.: 'For the transfer of a member of The Methodist Church to a church of another denomination, forms similar to those described in Paragraph 116 of the Commission's Report shall be used, with the substitution of the name of the other denomination for the word, METHODIST, in those forms.'"

(Signed) DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*
MURRAY H. LEIFFER, *Secretary*

No. 5 Lay Activities—R. H. Nichols (*)—Amended—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 19, DCA-187, column 3, Subject, "Organization of Methodist Men," and

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requested permission to delete the words "or the Board of Stewards," found in lines 1 and 2 of the bold-face type.

Unanimous common consent being given by the General Conference for the deletion, Report No. 5 of the Committee was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, on the motion of Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), duly seconded. For Report see page 1249.

No. 6 Lay Activities—R. H. Nichols—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 33, DCA-218, column 2, Subject, "Issuing A Charter for Methodist Men," and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1249.

No. 7 Lay Activities—R. H. Nichols—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 34, DCA-218, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Time for Laymen's Day," and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—D. W. Throckmorton—Not Adopted

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) moved to amend the Report by substituting the word "may" for "shall" in lines 2 and 6 of the bold-face type.

Ray H. Nichols (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, stated that the Committee would be glad to accept the amendment, but objection was raised by members of the General Conference.

F. M. Templin Against Amendment

Frank M. Templin (Indiana) spoke against the amendment.

Amendment to Amendment—D. W. Throckmorton—Not Acceptable

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) asked if he might amend his amendment by making it read "may, if possible."

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell ruled as follows:

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"The House will have to pass on it in order to amend your amendment. It has to be done by common consent of the House. Is there objection?"

"There is objection, and it cannot be done."

Sven E. Stromberg () Against Amendment*

Sven E. Stromberg (*) (New York) spoke against the amendment.

The amendment of Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 7 of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1250.

No. 8 Lay Activities—R. H. Nichols (*)—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 35, DCA-218, column 3, Subject, "Election of District and Associate District Lay Leaders," and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1251.

No. 9 Lay Activities—R. H. Nichols (*)—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 36, DCA-218, column 3, and DCA-219, column 1, Subject, "Associate District Lay Leaders," and, on his motion, duly seconded, the General Conference adopted Report No. 9. For Report see page 1251.

No. 5 Membership and Evangelism—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 56, DCA-262, column 3, Subject, "Evangelism in Our Seminaries," and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1256.

No. 6-A Membership and Evangelism—R. W. Ragsdale—Amended—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership

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and Evangelism, presented Report No. 6-A of the Committee, Calendar No. 106-A, DCA-341, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Program of Evangelism," and asked permission to make the following amendments:

(1) In line twelve (12) of the first paragraph, DCA-341, column 1, insert the words "the United States of" before the word "America."

(2) In Section III, paragraph 3, DCA-341, column 2, delete the words "Every Annual Conference definitely" in line 1 and capitalizing the word "seeking" at the beginning of the second line.

(3) In Section III, paragraph 4, DCA-341, column 2, delete the words "Every Annual Conference" and capitalize the word "encourage" and change it to read "Encouraging."

Unanimous common consent was given by the General Conference for the suggested changes.

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona) stated that because of the importance of the matters involved he would like to read the Report to the General Conference, and started to read.

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell called the attention of the General Conference to Rule 33 of the Rules of Order, that provides that Reports shall not be read unless the General Conference orders that it be done.

Motion to Read—A. W. Cliffe ()—Not Adopted*

Albert W. Cliffe (*) (Philadelphia) moved that Report No. 6-A of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, Subject, "Program of Evangelism," be read.

The motion, duly seconded, when presented to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 6-A Membership and Evangelism was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1256.

No. 6-A Membership and Evangelism—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report 6-A of the Committee, Calendar No. 106-B, DCA-341, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-342, column 1, Subject, "Call to Evangelism," and requested that George A. Fallon (New England) read the Report to the General Conference.

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Motion to Read—T. O. Prewitt—Not Adopted

Thomas O. Prewitt (Mississippi-SE) moved that George A. Fallon (New England) read the Report to the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, on being presented to the General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 6-A was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, on the motion of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded. For Report see page 1258.

No. 7 Membership and Evangelism—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 107, DCA-342, column 1, Subject, "Securing Evangelists," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio) asked a question that was answered by the Chairman, Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona).

Report No. 7 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as presented. For Report see page 1260.

No. 8 Membership and Evangelism—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 108, DCA-342, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Reception of Member," and moved its adoption.

The motion to adopt, being duly seconded, prevailed, and Report No. 8 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1261.

No. 9 Membership and Evangelism—R. W. Ragsdale—Recommended

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 110, DCA-342, column 3, and DCA-343, column 1, Subject, "Resolution: Inactive Members," and moved its adoption.

The motion was duly seconded.

A. K. Smith—Against Report

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the

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Commission on the Study of the Local Church, spoke against the Report on the ground that legislation was passed in the adoption of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church that eliminated the terminology "Inactive Members."

*Refer to Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision—
R. W. Ragsdale—Recommended*

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, proposed to refer the Report of the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, for rewording.

L. T. Moore Against Referring

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) spoke against referring to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, stating that these were opposite matters involved and ought to either be voted up or voted down.

Statement—D. E. Walter ()*

Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that we might understand this word 'inactive' not in its technical sense, as we have used it in other legislation. An inactive member might be one who is moving away, or it might be one who has not responded, but he is not at that stage where we want to remove him from our rolls, under the legislation in the Local Church Report.

"I think that we might understand it in a non-technical sense here, and still adopt this Report."

Motion to Adopt with That Understanding—D. E. Walter ()*

Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio) moved that Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, Subject, "Resolution: Inactive Members," be adopted with the understanding of its content. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion to Recommit—A. W. Pugh—Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved that Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism be recommitted to the Committee, with the request that the Committee arrange the wording so that it conforms to legislation already adopted.

The motion to recommit, being duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, and Report No. 9 was recommitted to the Committee for further action. For Report, see Journal, pages 737, 1261, 1262.

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No. 10 Membership and Evangelism—R. W. Ragsdale—Amended—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 115, DCA-346, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Conference Evangelists," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—A. R. Perkins—Withdrawn

Albert R. Perkins (Kentucky) moved to amend the bold-face type, DCA-346, column 3, by deleting the word "Conference," in lines one, three, and twelve, and substituting therefore the word, "all."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Albert R. Perkins (Kentucky) spoke to the same.

Harry Denman () for Report*

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Executive Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, spoke for the Report.

Albert R. Perkins (Kentucky), with the consent of the seconder of his motion to amend, withdrew his amendment.

F. D. Jenkins—Typographical Error

Farrell D. Jenkins (Southern Illinois) called attention to the fact that the last two paragraphs were the same and that the paragraph in lines eight to ten should be deleted, and the following inserted:

"The Board shall provide uniform Report Blanks for the use of the Conference Evangelist in reporting to the Annual Conference."

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, stated that the printer had inadvertently left the paragraph out, and requested that it be inserted. By the unanimous common consent of the General Conference this was done.

Amendment—A. P. Landon—Accepted—R. W. Ragsdale

Alfred P. Landon (Detroit) moved to amend the first paragraph in bold-face type, DCA-346, column 1, by inserting the words, "the District Superintendents," after the word "Bishops," found in line six, so that the amended paragraph will read:

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"Conference Evangelists: The General Board of Evangelism shall set up standards for Conference Evangelists, and shall make known these standards to the Church at large. It shall send copies of these standards annually to the Bishops, the District Superintendents, and the Association of Conference Evangelists."

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, accepted the amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or any member of the General Conference.

Report No. 10 Adopted as Amended

Report No. 10 of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, as amended, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1263.

**No. 8. Membership and Evangelism—Reconsideration of—
K. M. Edwards—Not Reconsidered**

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, was recognized, and stated that Report No. 8 of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, Calendar No. 108, DCA-342, column 1, Subject, "Reception of Member," adopted a few minutes ago, did not properly belong within the purview of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, because it contains a recommendation for a change in the Ritual, and moved a reconsideration of the action of the General Conference in the adoption of the Report.

The motion was duly seconded, but on being put to the vote of the General Conference, it was not adopted.

No. 11 Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Amended—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern-California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 116, DCA-346, column 3, Subject, "Annual Conference and General Evangelists," and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted by the General Conference. For Report see page 1263.

No. 12 Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Action Deferred—H. C. Case

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership

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and Evangelism, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 117, DCA-346, column 3, and DCA-347, column 1, Subject, "General Board of Evangelism," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) moved that action on Report No. 12 of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism be deferred until the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission relating to the size of the Boards and the correlation of materials has been presented to the General Conference, and acted upon, that the two Reports may be harmonized.

The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, and action on Report No. 12 of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism was deferred. See Journal, pages 736, 1264.

No. 13-A Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 13-A of the Committee, Calendar No. 144-A, DCA-359, column 3, Subject, "Joint Committee on Training for Church Membership," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

C. M. Dannelly () Speaks for Report*

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, spoke in favor of the Report.

Report No. 13-A of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1264.

No. 11 Membership and Evangelism—Amended by Common Consent

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, stated there ought to be an adjustment in the wording of Report No. 11 of the Committee, adopted a few minutes ago, by changing the word "active," in line four of the bold-face type, to read, "effective."

Elbert D. Worley (Holston) moved a reconsideration of Report No. 11.

Before the motion was seconded, Bishop Costen J. Harrell suggested, to save the time of the General Conference,

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that unanimous common consent be given for the change. The General Conference gave the unanimous common consent asked for, and the change was authorized. For Report see page 1263.

No. 13-B Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 13-B of the Committee, Calendar No. 114-B, DCA-359, column 3, and DCA-360, column 1, Subject, "Joint Committee on Materials for Training for Church Membership," and on his motion, duly seconded, the General Conference adopted Report No. 13-B. For Report see page 1265.

No. 14 Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 145, DCA-360, column 1. Subject, "Membership Records," and on his motion, duly seconded, the General Conference adopted Report No. 14. For Report see page 1265.

No. 15 Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 146, DCA-360, column 1, Subject, "Evangelistic Literature," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1265.

No. 16 Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Amended—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 147, DCA-360, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Appointment of Conference Evangelists," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—C. C. Sherrod ()—Adopted*

Charles C. Sherrod (*) (Holston) moved to amend by

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changing the word "active" at the beginning of the fifth line in the bold-face type, to the word "effective." The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the General Conference ordered the change, as suggested.

Report No. 16, as amended, was adopted on the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1266.

No. 17 Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Action Deferred

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 166, DCA-414, column 1, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Report see pages 754, 1266.

Statement—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell called the attention of the General Conference to the fact that Report No. 17 has just been published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of this morning's issue.

Suspend Rules—A. W. Pugh—Not Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to suspend Rule 33 for this session and for the remainder of the Conference (DB-137) that requires that Legislative Committee Reports be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* at least one day before being presented for consideration by the Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

G. M. Davenport Against Suspension

G. M. Davenport (North Alabama) spoke against the motion to suspend Rule 33.

No. 13. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, requested that action be deferred on the motion to suspend until tonight's session, in order to get an expression from the Chairmen of the various Committees.

The motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) to suspend Rule for this session, and for the remainder of the Conference, was not adopted on being put to the vote of the General Conference.

No. 7 Lay Activities—R. H. Nichols (*)—Amended by Common Consent

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the

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General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, stated that, at the request of the delegates from overseas, he desired to add the following sentence (DB-138)

"provided, that the designation of a date shall not apply in overseas Conferences."

at the close of Report No. 7 of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, Calendar No. 34, DCA-218, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Time for Laymen's Day," said Report having been adopted this afternoon.

Suggestion—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell made the following request:

"Without going through the parliamentary process, may this be done by common consent?"

No objection being raised by any member of the General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, or of the General Conference, the addition was made to Report No. 7 of the Committee. For Report see page 1250.

Report of Commission to Study the Ministry—O. T. Olson

On Saturday, April 26, 1952, at the morning session of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church motion of Kenneth W. Pope (Texas-SC), duly seconded, prevailed that the Report of the Commission to Study the Ministry be referred, without reading and without instructions, to the General Standing Committee on Ministry.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, under the business of the Calendar, requested common consent of the General Conference for Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Commission to Study the Ministry, to present the Report.

Unanimous consent was granted by the General Conference for this purpose.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, requested permission of the General Conference for W. Kenneth Pope (Texas-SC) and Lester Rumble (North Georgia) to be seated on the platform, and help in the presentation of matters related to the Report of the Commission to Study the Ministry. Unanimous common consent was given by the General Conference to this request.

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Report Presented—W. K. Pope

At the request of the Chairman of the Commission to Study the Ministry, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction, W. Kenneth Pope (Texas-SC), Secretary of the Commission, presented the Report to the General Conference.

Bishop Kennedy Speaks to Report

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Commission to Study the Ministry, lucidly gave a brief résumé of the content and purpose of the Report.

Motion to Receive and Print in Journal—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, made the following motion:

"I would like to move that we receive this Report, have it printed in the Journal, and then such portions of this Report that call for legislative enactment, by which I mean the Chapter beginning on page 8 entitled, 'Ordination and the Sacraments,' the paragraphs on page 13 under the title, 'The Minister's Personal Habits,' and the paragraphs on page 15 entitled, 'Supply Pastor'; that these be printed, and then added to each of these paragraphs, such legislative enactments that will become a part of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church be indicated by Paragraph number."

The motion was duly seconded.

Motion to Delete—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to delete that portion of the Report entitled, "The Minister's Personal Habits," found on pages 13 and 14 of the Report.

The motion being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

Point of Order—A. W. Pugh—Not Sustained

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised a point of order that the Report is not before us for adoption, but for its reception and publication in the Journal of the General Conference, as the Report of a Committee.

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

"The Chair rules that Brother Smith has a right to move deletion of a certain part of the Report when it is up for publication."

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M. S. Kincheloe Against Deletion

Marvin S. Kincheloe (Holston) spoke against deletion.

G. M. Davenport for Deletion

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) spoke for the motion to delete.

Point of Order—O. T. Olson—Not Sustained

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) raised the point of order that we are not discussing legislation, but the publication of a Report.

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell ruled the point of order not well taken.

Previous Question—A. G. Walton—Ordered

Aubrey G. Walton (Little Rock) moved the previous question on all that is before us.

The motion was duly seconded.

Division Called For—W. S. Boyd—Out of Order

Welsh Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh) called for a division of the question under Rule 12 of the Rules of Order.

Ruling—Bishop Harrell—Previous Question Ordered

Bishop Costen J. Harrell ruled that call for the division of the question at this time was out of order, as the motion before the General Conference was the vote on the previous question.

The motion of Aubrey G. Walton (Little Rock) for the previous question, having been duly seconded, was adopted by the General Conference by more than the two-thirds vote required, and the previous question was ordered.

Question—Leland Moore—Answer—O. T. Olson

Leland Moore (South Georgia) asked the following question:

"I should like to know, Mr. Chairman, before I vote on this question, to what extent am I believed to be approving of this paper as a whole if I vote the publication of it?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied as follows:

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"The motion is merely to receive and print it in the Journal. You are neither approving nor disapproving. You are merely receiving and putting it in the Journal."

Point of Order—H. S. Swales—Not Well Taken

Harold S. Swales (Central New York) raised the following point of order:

"My point of order is that Mr. Smith's motion to delete a part of the Report is out of order. His motion might be in order if he had made a motion not to print, but to delete a part of a Report just nullifies the Report."

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell made the following statement:

"In the Chair's opinion, and it is the Chair's understanding, that Brother Smith made the motion that in the publication of this Report those paragraphs should be deleted. You cannot delete it from the Report that is before us. We are not approving it nor disapproving it.

"The Chair must therefore rule that the point of order is not well taken. The Conference can determine what it will publish."

Motion to Delete Not Adopted

The motion of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) to delete the Section on "The Minister's Personal Habits," pages 13 and 14 of the Report, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Thangaraj Thangadurai—Accepted—O. T. Olson

Thangaraj Thangadurai (Burma) moved to amend the Report on page 14, second paragraph, by changing the word "abroad," in line six (6) of the paragraph, to read "in the world," so that the amended sentence will read:

"They feel that in a time when there is a general moral laxness in the world, it would be unwise to lower our standards of personal cleanliness and health, especially as they effect the ministry."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, accepted the amendment, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Motion to Receive and Publish—Adopted

The motion of Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, to receive the Report of the Commission to Study the Min-

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istry and to publish it in the Journal of the General Conference, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1649.

**No. 3 Ministry—Majority Report—R. W. Goodloe—Adopted
No. 4 Minority Report—Presented—O. T. Olson—Motion
to Substitute—Not Adopted**

Report No. 3, Majority Report, of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 90, DCA-309, column 3, and DCA-310, column 1, Subject, "Unordained Ministers and Sacraments" was presented by Robert W. Goodloe (Central Texas), who moved its adoption, acting under Rule 34 of the Rules of Order, as the Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) was not in favor of the Majority Report of the Committee, and had signed the Minority Report.

The motion, being duly seconded, Robert W. Goodloe (Central Texas) spoke to the motion to adopt the Majority Report.

**Minority Report—Presented—O. T. Olson—Moved to Sub-
stitute**

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, the Minority Report, Calendar No. 91, DCA-310, columns 1, 2 and 3, and DCA-311, column 1, Subject, "Unordained Ministers and the Sacraments and the Ordination of Elders," and moved that the Minority Report be substituted for the Majority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry. The motion was duly seconded.

**Question—Time Limit—J. M. Versteeg—Answer—Bishop
Harrell**

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) raised the following question:

"Bishop Harrell, I want, first of all, to raise the point when the five minute rule enacted by this Conference does not obtain in these presentations."

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell ruled as follows:

"It does not obtain in the presentation of this Report. It is enforceable in debate."

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Question 2—J. M. Versteeg—Answer—Bishop Harrell

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) raised the following question:

"May I then ask a question of privilege for the House if the Chair will indicate whether we are operating under Rule 13, which calls for a vote by orders, and Paragraph 22 of the Constitution of The Methodist Church which says, down here, that 'on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members,' and so forth the laymen members may not vote."

Bishop Costen J. Harrell replied as follows:

"That is under Annual Conference regulations, is it not?"

John M. Versteeg replied, as follows:

"Here is Paragraph 22. Shall I read it, Mr. Chairman?"

Bishop Harrell replied:

"Yes."

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) read Paragraph 22 of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, as follows:

"The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all Constitutional Amendments, on the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers, and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution.

"What I want to ask is whether that applies to us here, or whether we must operate under Rule 13?" See note following.

(Note. Rule 13 of the Rules of Order reads as follows:

The ministerial and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body; but upon a call, by motion of any delegate, seconded by another delegate of the same order and supported by one-third of the members of that order voting, the ministerial and lay delegates shall vote separately. But when the Conference votes by orders no measure shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of both classes of delegates. In cases of such a vote the order calling for it shall vote first; *provided*, however, that the Conference may not vote by orders on a proposed Amendment to the Constitution. *Discipline* 1948, Paragraph 10, Item 2—*Editor*.)

Bishop Costen J. Harrell replied as follows:

"Brother Versteeg, do you raise that as a Constitutional question?"

John M. Versteeg answered, as follows:

"Purely by way of explanation for the House."

Bishop Costen J. Harrell ruled as follows:

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"I rule, sir, that in a General Conference that lays down rules for all of us, we all vote. The application of those Rules in an Annual Conference is confined to the ministerial part of the House in so far as they apply to those ministerial matters referred to."

Question 3—John M. Versteeg—Answer—Bishop Harrell

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) asked a third question, as follows:

"Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I shall then still ask, would it be permissible—I don't know whether it would be desirable—at any time that Rule 13 should be obeyed, namely, that we vote by orders, that it would be permissible."

Bishop Costen J. Harrell ruled as follows:

"That is permissible if you meet the proper conditions, a motion supported by one-third of the side of the House from which the motion comes."

O. T. Olson Speaks to Minority Report

The motion for the substitution of the Minority Report for the Majority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, having been duly seconded, Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, spoke for the substitution of the Minority Report for the Majority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry.

J. L. Radcliffe Speaks to Reports

J. Lynn Radcliffe (Ohio) spoke to both Reports, prefacing his remarks with the statement, "I would like merely to sharpen the choices which are now before us."

Lester Rumble—For Majority Report

Lester Rumble (North Georgia) spoke in favor of the Majority Report.

Point of Order—J. E. Brower—Not Sustained

J. Emmons Brower (North Carolina-C) raised the point of order that the General Conference had voted to have three-minute speeches instead of five-minute speeches.

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell stated that the motion for three-minute speeches, to take effect at this session, was not adopted when presented.

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Questions—H. J. Smith—Answers—Lester Rumble—O. T. Olson—W. K. Pope

Herbert J. Smith (New Jersey) asked a question of Lester Rumble (North Georgia), as follows:

"You said a poll had been made of the District Superintendents of the Church, if I understood you, with the exception of the Northeastern Jurisdiction."

Reply—Lester Rumble

Lester Rumble (North Georgia) replied as follows:

"That is correct, yes."

Second Question—H. J. Smith—Answer—Lester Rumble

"May I ask you why the Superintendents of the Northeastern Jurisdiction were not polled on this matter?"

Lester Rumble (North Georgia) answered, as follows:

"If I may make this statement, Mr. Chairman, I polled the Southeastern Jurisdiction before I went to a meeting that worked it out. Then when that was done it was authorized by the Committee that the Jurisdictional representatives make a poll in the Jurisdictions, of not only the District Superintendents, but one minister from each District. We did that. I don't have those figures, because I just wanted to talk about the District Superintendents, because I thought they were more fully in touch with the situation totally than anywhere else. We never received a Report from the Northeastern Jurisdiction."

Statement—O. T. Olson

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) made the following statement:

"The poll was for inclusion after our final meeting."

Request—H. J. Smith

Herbert J. Smith (New Jersey) made the following request:

"Could we have a statement as to the result from the Northeastern Jurisdiction?"

Reply—O. T. Olson

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) replied to the request, as follows:

"My memory is not infallible. All I can say is that the poll of the Northeastern Jurisdiction was in favor of the kind of a thing that the speaker now on the podium stands for.

"That is understandable because of the theological seminaries that are there."

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Time Extended—Common Consent

Bishop Costen J. Harrell called the attention of the General Conference to the fact that the time of this session was fast drawing to a close, and asked if the General Conference would extend the time to hear from W. Kenneth Pope (Texas-SE).

By unanimous common consent the time was extended to hear the remarks of W. Kenneth Pope (Texas-SC).

Statement—W. K. Pope

W. Kenneth Pope (Texas-SC), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Ministry, was recognized, and made the following statement:

"Just this word, brethren: The men from the various Jurisdictions were asked to poll their respective Jurisdictions. I cannot give you the full reasons why; I don't know.

"The brother on the Special Committee to Study the Ministry simply didn't respond with his work. He did not write up his home work."

Motion to Postpone Action Until Monday Morning—W. B. Robinson—Pending

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) made the following statement and motion:

"Mr. Chairman, a matter of privilege. The point I make, sir, is simply this: We are on one of the most important matters that will confront this Conference.

"Many of our members because of engagements tomorrow already have been compelled to leave. Many of the rest of us are compelled to leave between this and tonight's session.

"To settle this without a full complement of our membership I think will be highly injurious to whatever we may want to do. I state that, for the sake of the House, and I therefore move that the final decision of this matter be postponed until Monday morning."

The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—W. F. Davis ()—Not Well Taken*

Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula) raised the point of order that the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission had established the Order of the Day for the entire session of Monday morning, May 5, 1952, if such time was needed to complete the Report of the Committee of Six.

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell ruled as follows:

"The point of order is not well taken. It may be deferred and then fitted into the Calendar according to the Order of the Day."

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Motion to Extend Time—Bernard Vessey (*)—Out of Order

Bernard Vessey (*) (Colorado) moved that the time be extended to take a vote upon this.

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell ruled as follows:

"There is a motion before the House, and you are out of order, sir."

Question—G. A. Dahlquist—Answer—W. B. Robinson

G. Albin Dahlquist (New England Southern) asked the following question:

"Would this seem to indicate that this evening's session would be a secondary session of our Conference?"

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio), at the request of Bishop Costen J. Harrell to answer the question propounded, replied as follows:

"No, sir, I don't mean that at all. I mean that in keeping with the requests which were made long before we came here, many of us agreed that we would preach in pulpits in this community and in other communities as much as 150 miles away, and we were told the other day that we have no session on Saturday night.

"Arrangements have been made and we must keep those engagements in fairness to the congregations where we have been assigned. We cannot do other than that, it seems to me. Of course, that means we cannot be here when this very vital matter is being considered."

Statement—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I am perfectly willing in the interests of the Calendar and program to accept that in our program, and adjust our work accordingly."

Motion to Extend Time—J. D. Heer—Not Adopted

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) moved an extension of time, and the motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—H. B. Watts—Not Well Taken

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) raised the point of order that we cannot vote on anything, because adjournment has passed.

Ruling—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell ruled as follows:

"We can vote on whether or not we shall adjourn. The motion before you is the extension of time."

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The motion of John D. Heer (Philadelphia) to extend the time, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 14. Presiding Officer—Bishop G. R. Phillips—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-139), designating Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of the Denver Area, Western Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer of the next session of the 1952 General Conference. For Report see page 1089.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell stated the parliamentary situation to be as follows, on adjournment:

"In order that the parliamentary situation may be clear when we adjourn, the motion to defer action until Monday morning is pending."

For further consideration of Report see page 550.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop Northcott

The afternoon session of the Tenth Day, Saturday, May 3, 1952, of the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, adjourned at 5:05 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop H. Clifford Northcott of the Wisconsin Area, North Central Jurisdiction, and with the motion of William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio), duly seconded, to defer action on Report No. 3, the Majority Report, and No. 4, the Minority Report, of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, until Monday morning, May 5, 1952.

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EVENING SESSION****Opening—Bishop G. R. Phillips**

The evening session of the Tenth Day of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, pursuant to adjournment convened at 8:00 P.M., Saturday, May 3, 1952, in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, with Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of the Denver Area, Western Jurisdiction in the Chair, with consideration of and action on a motion of William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) to defer action until morning, May 5, 1952, on Report No. 3, the Majority Report, and Report No. 4, the Minority Report, of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, both Reports dealing with the subject of the administration of the Sacraments by unordained ministers.

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Hymn 238—J. R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (New England) (*), General Conference Director of Music, announced, and the General Conference standing, joined in the singing of Hymn No. 238, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Prayer—D. L. Marsh

The General Conference remained standing while Daniel L. Marsh (New England) led in prayer.

Solo—J. R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (New England) (*), General Conference Director of Music, delighted the General Conference with his rendition of "Prayer," by Guion.

Bishop Phillips thanked James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, for his solo and the ministry of music he was rendering to the General Conference.

No. 14. Journal—C. O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-140), and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal for Friday evening, May 2, 1952, and find it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*) *Chairman*
WILLIAM H. BECKER (*) *Secretary*

No. 17. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania) for a privileged matter.

Governors Westminster Theological Seminary—L. A. Welliver

Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania) presented the following paper (DB-141):

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
FOR THE QUADRENNIUM 1952-1956**

Mr. Chairman and Members of the General Conference:

The charter of the Westminster Theological Seminary provided that its Board of Governors shall be elected by the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

The following nominations for the Quadrennium 1952-1956 are presented:

Ex-officio: The Resident Bishop of the Washington Area.

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Ex-officio: The President of Westminster Theological Seminary.

Bishop Fred P. Corson	Mr. John H. Baker
Bishop Paul N. Garber	Mr. F. Murray Benson
Bishop James H. Straughn	Mr. George W. Culberson
The Reverend Thomas E. Colley	Mr. Nathaniel N. Harrison
The Reverend Albert E. Day	Dr. E. Ralph Lewis
The Reverend John E. Hanifan	Mr. Ralph G. Luff
The Reverend John W. Hawley	Mr. Frank E. Masland, Jr.
The Reverend Benjamin W. Meeks	Mrs. Reginald G. Mowbray
The Reverend Frank L. Shaffer	Mr. Lynde H. Ryman
The Reverend Norman L. Trott	Mr. John J. Porter
The Reverend J. Vincent Watchorn	Mr. William C. Scott

Motion to Elect—Lester A. Welliver—Adopted

Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania) moved that the Secretary of the General Conference be instructed to cast the vote of the General Conference of The Methodist Church for the persons nominated. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

Vote Cast—L. H. Estes—Governors Declared Elected—Bishop Phillips

Acting under the direction of the motion, Lud H. Estes (Memphis) Secretary of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church for the twenty-four (24) brethren nominated above, and Bishop Glenn R. Phillips declared the same to have been duly elected the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary, for the quadrennium 1952-1956.

No. 14. Entertainment Commission—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, made the following important announcements:

(1) Those who have been asking whether it is possible to have the evening addresses put on disks will find your answer in the Monday *"Daily Christian Advocate."*

(2) Will there be recordings of the special music available? It has not been possible to make such recordings due to certain restrictions that appear in connection with music copyrights.

(3) Will there be a complete recording of the program tomorrow night, "Let The People Sing?" The recording will be attempted but the results are not guaranteed because of some possible technical defects.

(4) The gasoline situation for airplanes getting out of the city is about the same. If there is any change, one way or the other, we will report Monday morning.

(5) Solicitors have appeared on the sidewalks adjacent to the Auditorium asking the Delegates to sign petitions. We have no control over the sidewalks of San Francisco, but we feel that it would be a little nicer if solicitation of petitions on the sidewalks outside the Auditorium were discontinued.

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Credentials—H. L. Bradway—No Report

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, stated the Committee had no Report for this session.

H. F. Carr—Motion Out of Order

Harold F. Carr (North-East Ohio) was recognized and desired to move the adoption of the Resolutions found on pages 303 and 304 *Daily Christian Advocate* relative to the location of Methodist Headquarters in the Temple of Good Will at Columbus, Ohio.

Point of Order—E. W. Gamble—Sustained—Bishop Phillips

Edge W. Gamble (Louisville) raised the point of order that when we adjourned there was a motion to defer pending before the General Conference.

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips stated that the point was well taken, and that Harold F. Carr (North-East Ohio) would have to make his motion to adopt at some other time during the session.

No. 3 Ministry—Resumed Majority Report—Adopted

No. 4 Ministry—Resumed Minority Report—Motion to Substitute—Not Adopted

Consideration of and action on Report No. 3, Calendar No. 90, the Majority Report of the Standing Committee on Ministry, Subject, "Unordained Ministers and Sacraments," DCA-309, column 3 and DCA-310, column 1; and the Minority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Report No. 4, Subject, "Unordained Ministers and the Sacraments and the Ordination of Elders," Calendar No. 91, DCA-310, columns 1, 2 and 3, and DCA-311, column 1, was resumed.

The pending matter before the General Conference was the motion of William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) duly seconded, to defer action on both Reports until Monday morning, May 5, 1952.

L. D. Slutz () for Minority Report*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) spoke for the Minority Report.

W. R. Cannon for Majority Report

William R. Cannon (North Georgia) spoke for the Majority Report.

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F. B. McIntosh for Minority Report

F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio) spoke for the Minority Report.

W. S. Evans for Majority Report

William S. Evans (Memphis) spoke for the Majority Report.

Previous Question—E. D. Worley—Ordered

Elbert D. Worley (Holston) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—G. S. Wood—Not Sustained

George S. Wood (Louisville) raised a point of order, and asked the following question:

"I would like to ask this question. The person who proposes the previous question, is he doing this to shut off debate, or is he doing this in order for this Conference to act wisely?"

Reply—Bishop Phillips

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips replied, as follows:

"Of course, my brother, any man has a right to make that motion, and it is now in the hands of the body."

Statement—G. S. Wood

George S. Wood (Louisville) made a further statement, as follows:

"I believe the previous question has been moved to shut off debate, I think it is unfair and we ought to vote it down."

Reply—Bishop Phillips

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips answered, as follows:

"I am sure we would not want to question motives here. We are trying, all of us, to get through."

E. D. Worley's Statement—Statement—Bishop Phillips

Elbert D. Worley (Holston) stated he would be glad to answer the question, but Bishop Glenn R. Phillips replied,

"I think it isn't necessary."

Previous Question Ordered

The motion of Elbert D. Worley (Holston) for the previous question, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

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Question Raised—C. M. Dannelly ()—Reply—Bishop Phillips*

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama) raised the following question:

"If this action is deferred until Monday morning, will it take precedence over the established Order of the Day?"

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips answered, as follows:

"It would take special action, I should think, on the part of those who are handling the work."

No. 14. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: If this action is adopted, there is only one of two things I see that we can do, which of course, we will do.

Dr. Case and I have talked about this very factor, if it were done, and this Report then would come in on Monday morning. If you change our setup for Monday, we would, of course, automatically come back to you and ask you, for an extension of time beyond the deadline of Monday noon for the completion of the Report of the Committee of Six.

Point of Order—A. W. Pugh—Sustained

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised a point of order and made the following statement:

"A point of order, Mr. Chairman. We are under the previous question, and this is an argument for the motion to defer."

Reply—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, replied as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, I didn't argue anything. I answered a statement of fact of what we would do."

Reply—A. W. Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) replied as follows:

"I am the Chairman of the Special Joint Committee which brought in this Report this morning setting the Order of the Day for Monday morning. I don't see how anybody can say what we would do.

I believe we ought to go right ahead and vote on this motion in view of what we already have done."

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips ruled the point of order was well taken, and that we would proceed.

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Request—Thangaraj Thangadurai—Out of Order—Bishop Phillips

Thangaraj Thangadurai (Burma) requested that in view of the importance of all the problems involved would not the one who moved the previous question reconsider the whole thing?

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips stated that the request was out of order.

Motion to Defer—P. V. Shearer ()—Out of Order—Bishop Phillips*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend the motion to defer by substituting "Monday afternoon," for "Monday morning."

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips stated that we were under the order of the previous question, and the motion to amend was out of order.

Question—J. D. Heer—Answer—O. T. Olson

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) asked the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question, as to the exact meaning of this, if a man is a student and has passed the course of study for Admission on Trial, he can serve the Communion as a Deacon, can he not, if the elements were consecrated by an Elder?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), at the request of Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, replied to the question as follows:

"At the risk of launching into a theological argument, my answer would be, No."

Point of Order—H. B. Watts—Sustained—Bishop Phillips

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) raised the point of order that this amounts to an argument as to the content.

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips stated the point of order was well taken.

Motion to Defer—Not Adopted

The motion of William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio), duly seconded, to defer action until Monday morning, May 5, 1952, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Vote by Orders—W. L. Steffens—Not Adopted

William L. Steffens (Ohio) moved that the vote on this matter be taken by orders. The motion was duly seconded.

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Point of Order—W. S. Evans—Not Sustained—Bishop Phillips

William S. Evans (Memphis) raised the point of order that we are under the previous question, and that the motion to vote by orders was out of order.

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips ruled that the motion to vote by orders was in order.

Question—P. V. Shearer ()—Answer—Bishop Phillips*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) asked what is the question before the General Conference.

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips replied that the motion before the General Conference was to take a vote by orders on substituting the Minority Report for the Majority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry.

Question Raised—W. E. Clark—Answered—L. J. Radcliffe

William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana) raised the following question:

"The previous question was voted on all before the General Conference. We had a motion to substitute the Minority Report for the Majority Report, and a motion to defer action. We have not yet voted on all that is before us."

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) made the following statement:

"Under Rule 13, while we are in process of voting, there are privileged motions that are in order. The matter of voting, how we shall vote, is such a privileged motion, and this, I maintain, Mr. Chairman, is perfectly in order."

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips ruled the point of order well taken, and that a motion to vote by orders on substituting the Minority Report for the Majority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, now under consideration, was in order.

Motion to Vote by Order—Not Adopted

The motion of William L. Steffens (Ohio), duly seconded, to take the vote by orders on substituting the Minority Report for the Majority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Closing Argument for Minority Report—O. T. Olson

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio) closed the debate for the Minority Report.

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Closing Debate for Majority Report—R. W. Goodloe

Robert W. Goodloe (Central Texas) closed the debate for the Majority Report.

*Motion to Substitute Minority Report for Majority Report—
Not Adopted*

The motion of Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), duly seconded, to substitute Report No. 4, the Minority Report, Calendar No. 91, DCA-310, columns 1, 2 and 3, and DCA-311, column 1, Subject, "Unordained Ministers and the Sacraments and the Ordination of Elders," for Report No. 3, the Majority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 90, DCA-309, column 3 and DCA-310, column 1, Subject, "Unordained Ministers and Sacraments," on being put to the vote of the General Conference was not adopted, and the substitution was not made. For Report see page 1269.

No. 3 Ministry—Adopted

Report No. 3 of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 90, DCA-309, column 3 and DCA-310, column 1, Subject, "Unordained Ministers and Sacraments," on motion of Robert W. Goodloe (Central Texas), duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1268.

No. 1 Pensions—L. L. Roush—Amended—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, was recognized, and requested that Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota), Executive Secretary of the Illinois and Maryland Corporations of the General Board of Pensions; A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi), Executive Secretary of the Missouri Corporation of the General Board of Pensions, and Charles L. Calkins (Dakota), Assistant Executive Secretary of the Illinois and Maryland Corporations, to come to the platform to assist in presenting Report No. 1 of the Committee.

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 55, DCA-255, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-256, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-257, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-258, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-259, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-260, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-261, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-262, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "Pension Legislation," stating that in view of the length of the Report he would simply point out the new legislation.

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Section I, Chapter I—Presented—L. L. Roush—Action Deferred Par. 1602-1

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Chapter I, Board of Pensions, Section I, Paragraphs 1601 through Paragraph 1607 and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Question Raised—J. R. Van Sickie ()*

John R. Van Sickie (*) (Rock River) raised the question as to the composition of the General Board of Pensions.

Motion to Defer Action—H. C. Case—Adopted

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) moved that action be deferred on Paragraph 1602, Section 1 (DB-142) until the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission had been received and acted upon, in order that the Board structure might be harmonized with the Report of the Committee of Six. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference. See page 1475.

Chapter I, Sections I and II Adopted

Chapter I, Board of Pensions, Section I, Subject, "Organization," and Section II, Subject, "Authorizations," DCA-255, columns 1 and 2, were adopted on motion of Lester L. Roush (Ohio), duly seconded, with the exception of Paragraph 1602, Section 1, on which action was deferred, until the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission concerning the compositions of the General Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church, is considered and acted upon. See pages 1349-1350.

Chapter II—Presented—L. L. Roush—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Chapter II, Subject, "Permanent Funds," Paragraph 1608 through Paragraph 1611, DCA-255, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded the Paragraphs were adopted. See page 1351.

Chapter III, Section I—Presented—L. L. Roush—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Chapter III, Subject, "Annual Conference Organizations," Section I, Subject, "Authorizations," DCA-255, column 3 and DCA-256, column 1, Paragraph 1612, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the same was adopted. See page 1352.

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Chapter III, Section II—Presented—L. L. Roush—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Chapter III, Section II, Subject, "Board of Conference Claimants," Paragraph 1613, DCA-256, column 1 and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. See page 1353.

Question—W. M. Scheuermann—Answered—L. L. Roush

Walter M. Scheuermann (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the question as to how the General Conference was adopting Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Pensions.

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, replied that,

"We adopt in Sections, sir."

Second Question—W. M. Scheuermann ()—Answer—T. A. Stafford*

Walter M. Scheuermann (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) asked a second question, as follows:

"What justification, or what reason is there for this eight-year term in Paragraph 1613, Section 2, electing the members for eight years?"

Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota), Executive Secretary of the Illinois and Maryland Corporations, on request, answered as follows:

"I believe it was thought by the Commission that prepared this Report, which has been through the Committee, that we should harmonize the term of office that we are proposing for the membership of the Board of Pensions itself; should harmonize it with the membership, or harmonize the membership formula in the Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants, so we would have a carry-over of experienced persons, instead of electing them every year, as we do now. Everybody knows that you have to work with this complex matter in Annual Conferences with the people who know something about it. The idea is to preserve a certain amount of continuity in the business by keeping a few experienced people on the job for a relatively long term. I don't think any damage would be done by this, and something would be gained. At least, that is the opinion of the Board, which is constituted in larger part, or entirely, by the membership of the Commission on Pension Legislation. One is patterned after the other."

Chapter IV—Paragraphs 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617 Presented—L. L. Roush—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Chapter IV, Subject, "General Pension Regulations," DCA-256, columns 1 and 2,

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paragraphs 1614, 1615, 1616 and 1617 and moved its adoption, and requested Charles L. Calkins (Dakota), Assistant Executive Secretary, Illinois and Maryland Corporations, to speak particularly to Section 7 of Paragraph 1617.

The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

C. L. Calkins' Statement

Charles L. Calkins (Dakota), Assistant Executive Secretary of the Illinois and Maryland Corporations, made the following statement:

"This is entirely new. It provides that in the event a minister has attained age 65, and remains in the effective relation, and some emergency may occur following a session of the Annual Conference, that the Board of Conference Claimants will be allowed to make an emergency appropriation for him during the remainder of the year, until the next session of the Conference, at which time he could be retired.

Previously it was necessary for the minister to have incurred some sort of physical or mental disability to permit this additional emergency grant. However, this makes it possible for him to do so, for the Board of Conference Claimants to do so, even though there is no physical incapacity. It might be some family difficulties, or something of that sort."

Chapter IV, Subject, "General Pension Regulations," Paragraphs 1614, 1615, 1616 and 1617, DCA-256, columns 1 and 2, was adopted. See page 1354.

Chapter IV—Paragraphs 1618, 1619—Presented—L. L. Roush—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Paragraphs 1618 and 1619 of Chapter IV, Subject, "General Pension Regulations," DCA-256, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-257, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Charles L. Calkins (Dakota), Assistant Executive Secretary of the Illinois and Maryland Corporations, spoke to the Paragraphs presented.

Question—R. C. Calkins—Answer—C. L. Calkins

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) asked the following question:

"A point of information. I note in the print that paragraph (h) of Paragraph 1918 is deleted. Not having studied this, perhaps, as carefully as I should, is there other provision elsewhere in your legislation to take care of that, or does that mean that there is a complete end to the counting of the years on trial?"

Charles L. Calkins (Dakota), Assistant Executive Secre-

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tary of the Illinois and Maryland Corporations, replied as follows:

"The deletion of (h) is tied up with the provision early in 1618, which indicates that years of service under appointment, left without appointment to attend school would all be counted, and also that all years of service on trial would be counted."

Question—J. H. Crawford—Answer—L. L. Roush

J. H. Crawford (Northwest Texas) asked the following question:

"A question. This question is with reference to credit on trial and left without appointment to attend school. Would that be left to active, say, to say a man who is retiring this year on years in the past."

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, replied:

"It does."

Paragraphs 1618 and 1619 were adopted, as presented. See pages 1355-57.

Chapter IV—Paragraphs 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624 Presented—L. L. Roush—Amended—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Paragraphs 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623 and 1624 of Chapter IV, Subject, "General Pension Regulations," DCA-257, columns 1, 2 and 3, and DCA-258, column 1, and moved their adoption, with the deletion of the words, "to Conference Claimants," found in lines 6 and 7 of paragraph 3 of Paragraph 1624, DCA-257, column 3. The motion to delete and adopt, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference. See page 1357.

Chapter IV—Paragraphs 1625-1637—Chapter V—Paragraph 1638—Chapter VI—Paragraphs 1639-1641—Presented—L. L. Roush—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented the remainder of Chapter IV, Paragraphs 1625 through 1637 inclusive, DCA-258, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-259, columns 1 and 2; Chapter V, DCA-259, column 2, Subject, "Special Regulations Effective in the Territory of the Illinois Corporation," and Chapter VI, DCA-259, column 2, Subject, "Special Regulations Effective in the Territory of the Missouri Corporation," and moved their adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

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Amendment—G. M. Davenport—Not Adopted

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) moved to amend paragraph 3 of Paragraph 1625, by deleting the bold-face type which reads as follows:

"provided, however, that on the recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants, any Annual Conference by a two-thirds vote may order such payments to be made monthly, semi-annually, or annually."

and to substitute therefore the following (DB-143):

"provided, that the Annual Conference may by majority vote order such payments to be made monthly, semi-annually or annually."

The motion, being duly seconded, George M. Davenport (North Alabama) spoke to the same.

A. T. McIlwain Speaks to Amendment—Request—L. L. Roush

At the request of Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pension, A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi), Executive Secretary of the Missouri Corporation of the General Board of Pensions, spoke to the amendment, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, so far as administration from the General Board is concerned, it makes absolutely no difference. The only thing concerned here is that most of the Annual Conferences prefer it on this basis. If it suits all the Annual Conferences concerned, it is all right with the General Board to adopt this amendment."

C. A. Dahlquist Against Amendment

C. Albin Dahlquist (New England Southern) spoke against the amendment.

The amendment of George M. Davenport (North Alabama), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

The remainder of Chapter IV, Paragraphs 1625 through 1637 inclusive, DCA-258, columns 1, 2 and 3, DCA-259, columns 1 and 2; Chapter V, Paragraphs 1638, DCA-259, column 2; and Chapter VI, Paragraphs 1639 through Paragraph 1641, DCA-259, column 1, were adopted as presented. See pages 1360-1366.

Method of Procedure—J. K. Mathews—Reply—L. L. Roush

James K. Mathews (Bombay) was recognized, and suggested that in view of the hour, the highly technical nature of the legislation under consideration, that final action be postponed until Monday morning or afternoon, May 5, 1952.

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Stand-

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ing Committee on Pensions, answered the suggestion, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, we think the controversial matters are over. There is only one more new item that needs to be called to your attention in the Reserve Pension Fund, which would completely dispose of it."

Question—Bishop Phillips—Answer—The Delegates

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips propounded the following question:

"What is the will of the body? Do you wish to let the brother go ahead and complete that?"

The Delegates replied as follows:

"Complete it."

Chapter VII—Paragraphs 1642-1657—Presented—L. L. Roush—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Chapter VII, Subject, "Ministers Reserve Pension Fund," DCA-259, column 3, DCA-260, columns 1, 2 and 3, DCA-261, columns 1, 2 and 3, Paragraphs 1642 through 1657 inclusive, and, on his motion, duly seconded, Chapter VII was adopted. See page 1367.

Chapter VIII—Paragraph 1658—Presented—L. L. Roush—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Chapter VIII, Subject, "Lay Employees Pension Fund," Paragraph 1658, DCA-261, column 3, DCA-262, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Chapter VIII was adopted. See page 1376.

Chapter IX—Paragraphs 1659-1660—Presented—L. L. Roush—Amended—Adopted

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, presented Chapter IX, Subject, "Pensions Specially Funded," DCA-262, columns 2 and 3, and requested unanimous common consent of the General Conference to insert paragraph 9 in the Paragraph taking the place of Paragraph 1660 in the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, and which reads as follows:

"9. In co-operation with the National Council of the Churches of Christ, to study the desirability and feasibility of the inclusion of the service of Ministers in Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance (O.A.S.I.) on a voluntary basis; *provided*, however, that in the event that legislation is presented to the Congress of the United States

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relative to this matter during the quadrennium, the Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, the Council of Secretaries, and the Board of Pensions shall be authorized to take such joint action as they may deem advisable."

Unanimous common consent was given by the General Conference for the insertion of paragraph 9 at the place indicated.

Amendment—J. E. Skillington—Not Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend Paragraph 1660 at the bottom of column 2, DCA-262, in the bold-face type, by inserting the words, "constituted from the membership of the Board," in line three to follow the words, "for the quadrennium of 1952-1956," and to delete the sentence found near the close of the Paragraph, and which reads:

"This Committee shall have a claim on the General Administration Fund for an amount not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for expenses during the quadrennium."

Time Extended—By Common Consent

The time of adjournment nearing, by common consent of the General Conference, the time was extended to complete the matter under consideration.

T. A. Stafford—A. T. McIlwain Speak to Amendment

Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota), Executive Secretary of the Illinois and Maryland Corporations, made the following statement:

"I would be very favorable to what my good friend Dr. Skillington suggests if it were not for the fact that our Budget, as reflected in the amount allowed us by the World Service Commission, is one of the smallest in the entire assembly of Boards, considering the vast amount of work we have to do in our office.

"We did not include one penny of that for this purpose. We offered, and it was accepted, that we would raise \$15,000.00 of our office costs ourselves from other sources. That is going pretty well.

"I want you to understand clearly before you vote, that there will be extra expenses that we cannot dodge when we do this work. If you will look at the controversial questions being referred to us in the last part of this Report, and some of them are very difficult, including the very difficult question that is proposed to be answered here in this 9th proposition, whether ministers should be placed under Federal Social Security coverage or not. That will apply just to hired competent actuaries and to make studies. It might run to a cost of \$10,000.00 or \$15,000.00. We are offering to do it for the tiny little sum of \$3,000.00. I think that is trying to be economical par excellence."

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A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi), Executive Secretary of the Missouri Corporation of the General Board of Pensions, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, Dr. Skillington referred to the fact that this was an outside organization. If you will read this carefully, it is composed of members of the Board of Pensions. It is in the Board of Pensions entirely. I agree with all Dr. Stafford said with reference to our limited Budget.

"There has been something left out in the printing. We intended to include that the membership should come from the Board of Pensions, and request that the proper insertion be made at the proper place."

By unanimous common consent the General Conference ordered the insertion made at the proper place.

The amendment of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Chapter IX was then adopted by the General Conference. See page 1378.

Adopt As a Whole—L. L. Roush—Adopted

Lester A. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, moved that Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 55, Subject, "Pension Legislation," DCA-255, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-252, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-257, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-258, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-259, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-260, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-261, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-262, columns 1, 2 and 3 be adopted as a whole, with the exception of paragraph 1 of Paragraph 1602, DCA-255, column 1, relative to the composition of the General Board of Pensions, on which action had been deferred until the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission had been considered and acted on, dealing with the composition of all the General Board of The Methodist Church. The motion, to adopt as a whole with the exception of Paragraph 1602, paragraph 1, was duly seconded.

Typographical Error—E. F. Tripp—Corrected—L. L. Roush

Ernest F. Tripp (Troy) asked why the first paragraph of Paragraph 1646, appearing at the bottom of column 1 of DCA-260 and the top of column 2, DCA-260 was not printed in bold-face type as the legislation proposed is new.

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, stated that it was simply a typographical oversight and would be corrected.

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Motion to Refer—Expense Item—E. W. Gamble—Adopted

Motion of Edge W. Gamble (Louisville), duly seconded, prevailed, referring the Expense Item of \$3,000.00 for the Committee of Pension Legislation for the quadrennium 1952-1956 to the General Commission on World Service and Finance, for their consideration and action.

Previous Question—G. M. Davenport—Not Needed

George M. Davenport moved the previous question on the Report as a whole, and Bishop Glenn R. Phillips replied that is the question already before the General Conference.

Question—R. W. Lyon—Answer—L. L. Roush

Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I am not at all sure of what point of order I come in on, but this is the thing that has happened to me, and perhaps to many others here. The action taken on Paragraph 1646, which is in the light-face type, and which is brand new legislation, and which does increase the contributions of all ministers by one-third to the Reserve Pension Fund annually, has been slipped through without my attention.

"It may be there is nothing I can do about it, but if I could be in order I should like to defer action on this whole matter until we have had time to have a statement as to why the increase was made, and as to whether or not we are willing to vote such an increase."

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, gave the following explanation:

"Mr. Chairman, there has been almost a universal desire on the part of the Reserve Pension members to have the privilege of increasing and paying one more per cent. It means, of course, that they will receive that much larger pension, and inasmuch as most pensions pay more, such as in the school systems and the Y.M.C.A., and many other pensions, it has come by request from the Reserve Members themselves, and in response the Memorials were to that effect and requests that came to us. We responded and lifted it, giving them the privilege of paying three per cent instead of two."

Report No. 1 Pensions—Adopted As a Whole

Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, Subject, "Pension Legislation," was adopted as a whole, with the exception of Paragraph 1602, paragraph 1, on which action was deferred, pending the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission touching the composition of the General Boards of The Methodist Church. For Report see page 1349.

Privileged Matter—R. W. Sockman—Bishop Hartman

Ralph W. Sockman (New York), Chairman of the Gen-

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eral Commission on World Peace, was recognized, and requested the privilege of the floor for Bishop L. O. Hartman for a privileged matter.

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent granted the request.

Bishop Lewis O. Hartman was recognized and called particular attention to the pamphlet "Christian Faith and World Crisis," prepared by the faculty of Boston University, with the preface prepared by the Executive Secretary of the General Commission on World Peace, and urged all the Delegates to read it carefully and thoughtfully.

No. 15. Presiding Officer—Bishop W. Angie Smith—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-144), designating Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, South Central Jurisdiction, to preside over the next session of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church. For Report see page 1089.

Announcements

Announcements of various kinds were made.

Thanks—Bishop Phillips

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips expressed his personal thanks to the members of the General Conference for their co-operation during his period of presiding.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop Hammaker

The evening session of the Tenth Day of the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, Saturday, May 3, 1952, adjourned at 10:17 P.M. with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker.

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Opening—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Pursuant to adjournment the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the Eleventh Day, Monday, May 5, 1952, in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, at 8:00 A.M., with Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, South Central Jurisdiction, in the Chair.

Bishop W. Angie Smith announced that Bishop Alexander

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P. Shaw of the Baltimore Area, Central Jurisdiction, would conduct the devotional service.

Devotions—Bishop A. P. Shaw

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw of the Baltimore Area, Central Jurisdiction, conducted the devotions of the morning, and announced Hymn No. 327, "O Holy Saviour, Friend Unseen."

The General Conference stood, and under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Affirmation of Faith—Bishop Shaw

Remaining standing, the General Conference, led by Bishop Shaw, joined in the recital of the Apostles' Creed, the Affirmation of Faith.

Scripture—Bishop Shaw

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw read as the Scripture lesson of the morning, the first two verses of the twelfth chapter of Hebrews.

Hymn 220—Bishop Shaw—Prayer

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw announced Hymn No. 220, "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthron'd." The General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of the Hymn, under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference, Director of Music.

Bishop Shaw then led in the morning prayer.

Message—Bishop Shaw

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw brought a stirring message on the theme, "Excelling the Past in the Field of Religion."

Hymn 359—Bishop Shaw—Benediction

Bishop Shaw announced Hymn No. 359, "Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve." Under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, the General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of the Hymn, after which Bishop Shaw pronounced the benediction.

Business Session—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Bishop W. Angie Smith called the General Conference to order for the business session at 9 A.M.

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No. 15. Journal—C. O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-145), and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted, as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal for Saturday morning, May 3, 1952, and find it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*), *Chairman*
WILLIAM H. BECKER (*), *Secretary*

No. 18. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following for privileged matters:

T. B. Lugg—Important Announcements

Presented Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund, who made an important announcement concerning the *per diem* checks, and the method of their distribution.

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois) Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, made a statement that the receipts for the month of April, 1952, showed a decrease over the month of April, 1951, and attributed the showing to the fact that many Annual Conference Treasurers were in attendance at the General Conference, and did not send in an end of the month Report.

Resolution World Service Receipts—J. E. Skillington—Adopted

On motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, by the vote of the General Conference:

"*Be It Resolved*, That the President of the Council of Bishops be requested to dispatch immediately to each pastor and District Superintendent of The Methodist Church a letter, in the name of the Council of Bishops and of this General Conference, apprising them of the prevailing situation relating to World Service income as just reported to you by the Executive Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, calling attention of each to the significance of this matter, for the on-going Missionary and Benevolence Program of the Church, and appealing to each in appropriate terms to do his utmost to rally our people to renewed and increased devotion to and support of these causes, in order that the closing of our fiscal World Service Year and quadrennium, May 31, 1952, may register a significant and triumphant Advance for Christ and His Church."

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Missionaries to Be Presented—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges requested permission of the General Conference for Bishop Arthur J. Moore, President of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, to present the missionaries present to the General Conference immediately after the announcements at the close of the morning session.

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, granted the request asked for.

Nos. 12-13. Credentials—H. L. Bradway

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Reports No. 12 and 13, DCA-484, columns 2 and 3, and moved that they be adopted, without reading. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, For Reports see pages 1047-48.

Rules—A. W. Pugh—No Report

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, stated there was no Report from that Committee at this time.

No. 15. Chairmen—L. T. Moore—Request—Approved

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask that immediately after the assembling of this afternoon's session, Dr. Pugh be permitted to present a very brief statement about the Rule of Order, as a matter of privilege, which will only take a moment at that time, and will save us a lot of time later."

The General Conference, by common consent, unanimously agreed to the request.

Nomination Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Vacancy General Conference Commission on Entertainment 1956—William N. Banks—Adopted—E. H. Nease

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, stated that Fred B. Noble (*) (Florida-SE) elected earlier in the session of the General Conference as a member of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment for 1956, since then had been elected a member of the Judicial Council, and that this had created a vacancy on the General Conference Commission on Entertainment for 1956,

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and that the Council of Bishops nominated William N. Banks (*) (North Georgia) to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina), duly seconded, the nomination was confirmed by the vote of the General Conference.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam stated that Bishop John Wesley Lord had been appointed by the Council of Bishops to convene and organize the General Conference Commission on Entertainment for 1956, and that Bishop J. Ralph Magee had been appointed to convene and organize the Council on World Service and Finance.

Order of the Day—Report of Committee of Six on Report of Survey Commission—A. W. Pugh

The Order of the Day having arrived, consideration of and action on the Report of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Joint Committee on Procedure made a brief, succinct statement of the progress made by the Joint Committee on Procedure in their meeting, and closed with the following statement:

"Therefore, on behalf of the Committee, your enlarged Committee on Procedure, I am strongly suggesting that we support the unanimous proposals which are brought to us this morning by our Committee of Six."

No. 3. Report of Correlation and Editorial Revision—D. L. Marsh—Adopted—C. P. Hardin—No. 2 Committee of Six

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision presented the following Report (DB-146): prefacing its presentation with the statement that the Report had been approved by Dr. Case for the Committee of Six, and Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRELATION AND EDITORIAL REVISION

"Paragraph 1399 (*Advocate* page 215) in Calendar No. 22 was referred to your Committee in view of the prior adoption of Report No. 2 of the Committee of Six. That Report provides that the Council on World Service and Finance shall—

'Prepare and edit all Official Statistical Blanks, Record Forms, Record Books required for use in The Methodist Church (except Official Records for use in the Local Church School, and Forms used by the Woman's Board of Christian Service). In the preparation of these Forms the Council on World Service and Finance shall consult with a Committee which shall utilize the experience of persons who have served on the Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks (Paragraph 1139, 1948 *Discipline*) and which in its com-

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position shall include representatives of the Council of Bishops, of Annual Conferences, and of The Methodist Publishing House. All Official Blanks, Record Forms, and Record Books required for use in The Methodist Church shall be printed and published by The Methodist Publishing House.

"The Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, is greatly concerned here. There are several reasons:

"1st. Its program gears directly into the Statistical Questions in the Blanks. The questions have promotional and educational value in guiding pastors and others in matters relating to the Local Church School.

"2nd. The Methodist Church School Record System for which the Division is responsible must gear in with these Statistical Questions and form one total Statistical System, otherwise there will be confusion.

"3rd. The Division is dependent on these Statistics to measure progress in the Local Church Schools. Unless the needed items are included its work is hindered.

The Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, does not ask that more space in the Blanks be devoted to the Local Church School. It should, however, have part in determining the items to be included in that space.

To that end we make the following recommendation:

In Report No. 2 of the Committee of Six, page 1, Paragraph 8, there numbered 7, after the words "and with representatives of The Methodist Publishing House." insert the following, "and with representatives of General Boards whose programs are directly involved," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

"Prepare and edit all Official Statistical Blanks, Record Forms, and Record Books required for use in The Methodist Church (except Official Records for use in the Local Church School, and Forms used by the Woman's Board of Christian Service). In the preparation of these forms the Council on World Service and Finance shall consult with a Committee which shall utilize the experience of persons who have served on the Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks (Paragraph 1139, 1948 *Discipline*) and which in its composition shall include representatives of the Council of Bishops, of Annual Conferences, of The Methodist Publishing House, and with representatives of the General Boards whose programs are directly involved. All Official Blanks, Record Forms, and Record Books required for use in The Methodist Church shall be printed and published by The Methodist Publishing House."

(Signed) DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*
MURRAY H. LEIFFER, *Secretary*

On motion of Cecil P. Hardin (Holston) duly seconded, the Report was adopted,

No. 4 Committee of Six—Presented—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin (*)—Amended—Adopted

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Report 4 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "General Agencies-Membership and Functions," and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt, was duly seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark).

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Method of Presentation—Bishop W. Angie Smith—H. C. Case

Bishop W. Angie Smith asked the following questions, to which Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made replies:

Bishop Smith:

"May I ask is this being presented as a full Report? Is it to be adopted Section by Section, and then adopted as a complete Report, or is it to be adopted as each Section as a separate Report? So that we will not get into an argument at the close?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona):

"Mr. Chairman, the motion the Committee of Six would make is for the adoption of Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission."

Bishop Smith:

"It will be Section by Section, and then adopted at the end of the Report as a whole?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona):

"We would make one covering motion to adopt the entire Report with discussion of any part of it."

Bishop Smith:

"Then it will not be adopted Section by Section?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona):

"That is correct."

Bishop Smith:

"Thank you, sir. That is understood by the house? Please proceed, Dr. Case."

Appreciation—H. C. Case

Before beginning the detailed presentation of Report No. 4 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) expressed his appreciation to and of the members of the Committee of Six, who had worked so tirelessly and continuously in the performance of their obligations to the General Conference.

Report Presented—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Page 1 of mimeographed Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, and made the following statement after the first paragraph of the Report:

"It is necessary to have the legislation printed. It will be in tomorrow's *Advocate* for a single motion to adopt the legislation."

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After reading paragraph 1 under "General Provisions," Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statement:

"Of course, this does not apply to Bishops of the National Council of Churches, or to the World Council of Churches."

Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the "General Provisions" were read by Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona).

Paragraph 5 called for an amendment to Report No. 1 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

Reconsideration Report No. 1—D. W. Walter (*) Adopted

On motion of Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio), duly seconded, Report No. 1 of the Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "Co-ordinating Council," adopted at the morning session of Friday, April 28, 1952, was reconsidered, for the purpose of making the amendment proposed on page 1 of Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

Report No. 1 Special, Committee of Six—Amended—Adopted—J. R. Kenney

The legislation adopted in Report No. 1 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "Co-ordinating Council," was amended by deleting the sentence found in lines 14 to 17 inclusive of the second paragraph, DCA-27, column 2, and which reads as follows:

"Members shall serve until their successors are appointed or elected and, during their term of office, shall not be eligible to membership on any other General Agency."

and substituting therefore, the following:

"Members shall serve until their successors are appointed or elected. No person, other than a Bishop, shall be eligible to membership on any other General Agency. In a review of any question involving overlapping of activity or lack of co-operation among or within the General Agencies, a Bishop who is a member of an Agency involved shall be disqualified on the particular review."

Report No. 1 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "Co-ordinating Council," was adopted as amended, on the motion of John R. Kenney (California-Nevada), duly seconded,

Report No. 4 Resumed

Page 2 of the mimeographed Report No. 4 of the Special

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Committee on the Report of the Survey Commission was presented and explained by Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona), said page containing the list of the General Agencies of The Methodist Church, and the proposed membership of each respective General Agency.

Question Raised—H. B. Watts—Answered—H. C. Case

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) raised the following question:

"I would like to make an inquiry as to whether the passage of this Section of the Report binds the Conference with respect to the establishment of a Board of Social and Economic Relations, or does that come up on a Report from the Legislative Committee later on?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, in an earlier Report of the Special Committee of Six, a Board of Social and Economic Relations was voted. (See Report No. 3, page 412, Editor.) Its constitution was not considered. We have before you the number 48 which, although it may seem fairly large, in the judgment of the Committee of Six is proper.

"It is a new Board, it has broad responsibilities and at least in this first quadrennium should have a broadly based membership for that reason."

Question Raised—E. H. Blackard—Answered—H. C. Case—C. C. Parlin ()*

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina) raised the following question:

"It was my understanding that when we adopted that original Report to which the Chairman referred, we adopted it in principle, saying that there should be a Co-ordinating Board for the Peace Commission, and for this proposed new Council.

"I do not believe this body feels it has already voted to establish this Board on Social and Economic Relations."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, the motion was clearly on the establishment, the Co-Chairmen have discussed it and have no desire to debate the matter at all.

"It was simply our belief that the Conference did vote the establishment of a Board of Social and Economic Relations, its functions, structure and size to be determined."

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) made the following statement:

"We had assumed that that was the case. It is not necessary to assume it, because I hope your Calendar will be such that later in the

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day we will bring to you the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, recommending to you, I believe by a unanimous vote of that Committee the establishment of such a Board.

"We therefore had assumed that this body would adopt such a Board, but certainly here we are dealing only with the question of number if it is constituted."

Suggestion—Allen Whitfield ()—Accepted—H. C. Case*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the following question and suggestion:

"I would like to ask the Chairman if it would not be wise to permit the Council of Bishops to designate alternate members of these Boards, in order that we may assure representation to the maximum from the Episcopal group in connection with the Board meetings?"

"I have understood that the Bishops are very busy men. I noted their comments in the Episcopal Address. Under the circumstances, with pressing engagements and sometimes commitments for travel that might interfere with attendance at Board meetings, would it not be wise that the Council of Bishops have the privilege of naming alternate representation at these Board meetings from the Episcopacy?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied as follows:

"The total proposal from the Committee of Six is taken care of, I believe, in the statement that a Bishop may attend any meeting of any Board or Agency with voice, but without vote."

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) made the following suggestion:

"Would it not be wise to permit alternate representatives to be in attendance with the privilege of vote in case the regular members are unable to be present?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following reply:

"The Chairman sees no objection to that; I think we would accept that."

The suggestion of Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) was accepted by Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) for the Special Committee of Six on the Report of Survey Commission, no objection be raised by any member of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, or of the General Conference.

Question Raised—H. N. Holmes ()—Answered—H. C. Case*

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East) raised the following question:

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"Mr. Chairman, I just want to ask the Chairman one question. The Committee on Overseas Relief has taken a tremendous reduction of over 50 per cent. When we found that the success of our appeal over twelve years was tremendously helped by wide representative participation, I wonder if you have any word because you gave us the maximum reduction."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied as follows:

"I think all I could say for this Committee of Six is that this is after very thorough discussion and consideration. Beyond that, I think I would not have a comment."

Question—R. E. Clay—Answer—H. C. Case

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) raised the following question:

"In the constitution of the Board of Missions and the Board of Education, nothing is said about as far as the Bishops are concerned that each Jurisdiction is represented. Is that in the law, or should we have an amendment to that effect, or will the Committee accept it?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied as follows:

"I am sorry, I didn't get the full import of that."

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) stated the question in these words:

"Where you talk of the membership of the Board of Missions and the Board of Education on the part of a Bishop, is it assumed that every Jurisdiction shall be represented in the eighteen on the Board of Missions, seventeen on the Board of Education?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied:

"Yes."

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) replied as follows:

"That is not part of the law, however."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) answered:

"It is assumed."

Method of Procedure—Bishop W. Angie Smith—H. C. Case

Bishop W. Angie Smith raised the following point of procedure:

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"May I ask as he is coming up, is it the desire of the body to stop and discuss each of these, or have the entire Report read, and then go back and discuss it? What is your desire, Dr. Case?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied:

"We would favor going through the entire Report, and then having any part of it discussed."

Floor Yielded—E. W. Gamble—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Edge W. Gamble (Louisville) was recognized, and in view of the parliamentary situation, made the following statement:

"May I yield the floor with the privilege of coming back? I yield the floor with the understanding that I will be given the floor later."

Bishop W. Angie Smith replied, as follows:

"I will be delighted to do it.

"Go right ahead, Dr. Case. By common consent, then, there will not be interruption until after he has read the full Report."

Report Presented—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) then proceeded to present pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the mimeographed Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, explaining it in detail where needed.

C. C. Parlin () Speaks to Report*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) spoke to Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, emphasizing twelve important things the Special Committee of Six had done, making the following opening and closing remarks:

Opening: "Perhaps you would wish me to analyze with you for a moment what this Report does. Remember we are working not on the Survey Report, but on the *Discipline* of 1948. Everything in the *Discipline* of 1948 remains exactly as it is, except for the specific amendments that have been brought to you in Reports of the Special Committee of Six, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, the 4th being before you now. Anything that is not touched in one of these Reports specifically remains exactly as it is in the 1948 *Discipline*."

Closing: "In general, let me say that it is the unanimous opinion of the Special Committee of Six that the 1948 *Discipline*, with these amendments, gives our Church a much more effective organizational setup and machinery for operation than we have ever had."

Statement—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statements for information:

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"Mr. Chairman, there are just three items for information. One, the number on the Co-ordinating Council is 34 including 2 from overseas Methodism, persons who may be in this country at the time the Co-ordinating Council meets.

"Second, on page 4, the third full paragraph from the bottom of the page; That paragraph replaces Paragraph 753, page 110 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

"Third, on page 9, the final paragraph does not give the Co-ordinating Council authority to write in any legislation. It does give the Co-ordinating Council responsibility for carrying out provisions which may be indicated as procedural only."

Amendment—E. W. Gamble—Not Adopted

Edge W. Gamble (Louisville) moved to amend Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, page 2, relative to membership on the General Board of Pensions, as follows (DB-147):

"On the General Board of Pensions there shall be two Bishops, selected by the Council of Bishops, and one clerical and one lay member for each 600,000 members of each Jurisdiction, *provided*, that each Jurisdiction shall have at least one clerical and one lay member."

The motion, being duly seconded, Edge W. Gamble (Louisville) spoke to the same.

A. T. McIlwain Speaks for Amendment

A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi) Executive Secretary of the Missouri Corporation, General Board of Pensions, spoke in favor of the amendment.

W. E. Stanton—Against Amendment

Willard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest) spoke against the amendment.

L. L. Roush for Amendment

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, spoke for the amendment.

Previous Question—Virgil D. Morris—Ordered

Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana-SC) moved the previous question on the amendment. The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

C. C. Parlin () Against Amendment*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) spoke against the amendment, as follows:

"I think Dr. Case agrees in this particular, too, when I speak,

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because my feelings on the size of Boards are well known. Every item here is debatable, including Pensions. Pensions has been cut down, but we felt this was a Board that required chiefly people of technical skills, and those of you who listened to the discussion of Saturday night, I think, will feel the same. I hope the amendment will fail."

Amendment—E. W. Gamble—Not Adopted

The amendment of Edge W. Gamble (Louisville) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—C. V. Adams ()—Not Adopted*

Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, by adding on page 9 of the Report, the following (DB-148):

"I move that the Survey Commission be and hereby are instructed to turn over to each Board, or other Agency, of The Methodist Church which has been studied and reported on as to its work, all information, charts, surveys, and recommendations that concern such Board or organization, so that the Boards and organizations shall be able during the next four years to have the benefit of the material for its planning and work."

The motion being duly seconded, Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the same.

Bishop W. Angie Smith made the following statement:

"I would ask if Dr. Case and Mr. Parlin as Joint Chairmen to either accept or reject."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, for the Survey Report there is nothing beyond the factual findings and the Survey Report. They are available."

Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, may I ask through you if the factual Reports will be turned over to each Board and organization? That is the thing we are asking in this amendment."

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I think I speak for my Committee of Three; we don't know what we are getting into there and, therefore, take no position on this."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statement:

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"Mr. Chairman, speaking now for the Survey Commission, and not for the Committee of Six, there are fifteen copies of all the factual material now in the office of the General Commission on World Service and Finance. They are available to all Agencies in the Church. If you are asking the Survey Commission to print up additional copies, it would have to be by order of the General Conference. If you are asking for the information, it is already filed in the Central Office, and is and would be available unless the General Conference orders otherwise to all Boards and Agencies."

Previous Question—R. G. Morris—Ordered

Robert G. Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on the amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Amendment—C. V. Adams (*)—Not Adopted

The amendment of Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Question—R. G. Mayfield (*)—Answer—H. C. Case

Robert G. Mayfield (*) (Southwest Missouri), Executive Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, raised this question:

"I would like to ask Dr. Case and Mr. Parlin if the last paragraph on page 4 and the first paragraph on page 5, concerning a Journal for pastors, includes the *Methodist Laymen*, which is not specifically mentioned in the *Discipline*."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied, as follows:

"The answer is, yes, it does."

Robert G. Mayfield (*) (Southwest Missouri) raised this further question:

"In other words, it eliminates the only magazine that goes to the laymen."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, of course, this is a recommendation to the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. This is not a mandate, but if it were carried out as one Journal, it would mean exactly that, including the *Methodist Laymen*. (See page 581.)

Judicial Council Matters—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Bishop W. Angie Smith stated that we were just in a few minutes until recess, and that the Judicial Council had an

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important matter they desired to present to the General Conference.

Motion to Hear Judicial Council—D. H. Youell ()—Adopted*

Donald H. Youell (*) (Holston) moved that further consideration of and action on the Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission be deferred until after recess, and that we now hear from the Judicial Council, and then go into recess. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

M. A. Childers—Speaks to General Conference

Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas), President of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, made the following three brief statements:

(1) The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church is greatly in need of a Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church.

(2) This General Conference has enlarged the powers of the Judicial Council by requesting it to pass upon the constitutionality of proposed legislation, with the result that the work of the Judicial Council has been greatly augmented.

(3) Finally, in the light of statement TWO, refer only those matters that are important to the Judicial Council for its consideration and action.

Time Extended—C. P. Hardin—Adopted

On motion of Cecil P. Hardin (Holston), duly seconded, prevailed, that the time be extended to hear this Decision.

Decision 87—J. T. Alton

Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas), President of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, stated that John Taylor Alton (Ohio) would present Decision, No. 87 on "The Right of a Retired Minister to Vote in His Annual Conference."

John Taylor Alton (Ohio) presented Decision, No. 87 (DB-149) which stated that a Retired Minister has the right to vote in his Annual Conference. For full text of the Decision, see page 1023.

Recess

The time of recess having arrived, the General Conference recessed at 10:36 A.M. for the regular ten-minute period.

Reconvene—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Bishop W. Angie Smith called the General Conference of

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The Methodist Church to order at the close of the recess period.

Hymn No. 240—J. R. Houghton ()*

The General Conference, under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, joined in singing Hymn No. 240, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Solo—J. R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, sang as a solo "Let Us Break Bread Together," by William Lawrence.

No. 4—Special Committee of Six—Resumed

Consideration of and action on Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission was resumed.

Question—Mrs. R. M. White ()—Answer—H. C. Case*

Mrs. Roscoe M. White (*) (Virginia) asked the following question:

"Bishop Smith, I have a question for Dr. Case. Dr. Case stated that the books of factual material are available for study. Does he mean by that that any member of a Board would have to go to Chicago, or could some of those books be placed at the headquarters of the different Boards? I think the Boards have a right to that material, but if they have to go to Chicago for it, it would be inconvenient."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied, as follows:

"Yes, indeed. The 15 Reports are only filed in the Chicago office. Any number could be placed at Nashville, at New York, at Chicago, to be available to all the Boards. And of course the Survey Commission would hope that would be done. In addition may I say all the factual material in the Survey relating to any Board or Agency is now filed in the office of that Board or Agency. So that in addition to the total factual material, the specific material for each Board is already in the hands of that Board."

Bishop W. Angie Smith asked the following question:

"Is that satisfactory, Mrs. White?"

Mrs. Roscoe M. White (*) (Virginia) replied:

"Yes, thank you."

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Statement—R. H. Nichols ()*

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), President of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church, referring to "*The Methodist Laymen*," stated that this Report does not discontinue any magazine or periodical, but refers the whole matter to the Inter-agency Commission on Cultivation, Promotion and Publication for study.

Amendment—E. H. Blackard—Accepted—H. C. Case

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina) moved to amend Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, by adding on page 2 after the first sentence, the following:

"Nothing in the Report shall be construed to prevent this General Conference from considering on its merit Report No. 9, of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church in reference to establishing a Board of Social and Economic Relations."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona), accepted the amendment for the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Special Committee of Six, or of the General Conference.

Previous Question—F. H. Faber ()—Ordered*

Frank H. Faber (*) (Minnesota) moved the previous question on the adoption of Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, as a whole, and for a hearty vote of appreciation of a hard job well done. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Question—R. C. Baker—Answered—H. C. Case

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado) asked the following question:

"If you turn to page 4 of the Report, under No. 2, the second paragraph at the top of that page, the term, 'periodical for Pastors' is used. In the last paragraph on the same page, the second line, the term, 'Journal for pastors' is being used.

My question is, do these terms refer to the same Journal or separate Journals?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) answered, as follows:

"In paragraph 2 at the top of the page, 'Religion in Life' is the Journal to which we refer. At the bottom of the page is a Minister's Trade Journal. They are not the same Journals."

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Question—C. A. Smith (*)—Answer—H. C. Case

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) asked the following question:

"I desire to ask Dr. Case whether or not this Report provides that laymen shall be equally represented on every Board, Commission, and other Agency of The Methodist Church?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) answered, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, the principle of lay membership is the same as we have in the present *Discipline*. I cannot say it is equal, because in certain cases there is not equal membership. We have Bishops, as well as ministers who are serving pastoral charges. But the basis of selection is the same we now follow."

Question—G. M. Davenport—Answered—H. C. Case

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) asked the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, the other day we referred an amendment that the Conference passed on tithing to this Committee. They have not said anything about tithing in this Report. Does that preclude any action on tithing in the future?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied, as follows:

"No, it does not."

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) asked this further question:

"Can it come up now, or when can it come up?"

Bishop W. Angie Smith, replied, as follows:

"It would come up at a later date, not in connection with this Report. They did not handle it, I presume."

Question—R. R. Patton—Answer—H. C. Case

Russell R. Patton (Kentucky) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I have a question of Dr. Case. The Committee recommends the General Conference refer with power to act, and then regarding establishing a periodical, this question: Does this make mandatory that the Board of Publication establish a monthly magazine instead of the weekly *Christian Advocate* we now have?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied, as follows:

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"No, sir, it only gives them power to consider it."

No. 4 Special Committee of Six—Adopted by Standing Vote

Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "General Agencies—Membership and Functions," consisting of 9 mimeographed pages, was adopted by a practically unanimous standing vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1713.

(See page 793.)

No. 5 and 6—Special Committee of Six

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented Report No. 6 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, Subject, "Amending Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six," with this statement:

"We turn now to Report No. 6. This is not an error. There was originally a Report No. 5; however, you have now covered the matter in that Report. Report No. 6 is before you." (See page 1721.)

No. 6. Special Committee of Six—Presented—H. C. Case—Adopted

Reconsideration Report No. 3 Special Committee of Six—C. E. Lundy—Adopted

Section (b) of Report No. 6 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, called for the voiding of certain legislation passed in the adoption of Report No. 3 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, which was adopted on Friday morning, May 2, 1952, and the substitution of new legislation.

Motion of Clyde E. Lundy (Holston) duly seconded, prevailed that Report No. 3 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission be reconsidered for this purpose.

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) presented the substitution set forth in Report No. 6 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—D. Stewart Patterson (*)—Answer—H. C. Case

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore), Executive Secretary of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, raised the following question:

"I desire to ask a question of Dr. Case and then, dependent on that answer, to have the privilege of offering an amendment.

"Does this legislation carry with it the new Section of 1389 as found at the bottom of the second column and the top of the third column on page 43 of the *Daily Advocate*, April 23?"

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Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied, as follows:

"And your question is, does that remain?"

"This is left out now and would be included for the co-operation of the group now placed within a Department."

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore) Executive Secretary of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, asked this further question:

"Will you say that again, please?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California) replied, as follows:

"This Paragraph is now deleted and this substitutes which we have read, and leaves that matter to the co-operation of the Sections within this Division."

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore), Executive Secretary Methodist Commission on Chaplains, replied:

"In other words, Ministerial Training, Chaplains, Hospitals, and Homes would co-operate in that field, and that section is now deleted?"

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) replied:

"That is right."

Amendment—W. L. Steffens—Not Adopted

William L. Steffens (Ohio) moved to amend by deleting the words,

"and a simplified Four-year Course which, if the Annual Conference shall so determine, may be used for the Accepted Supply Pastors in lieu of the regular Conference Course."

found in lines 2 through 4 inclusive, at the top of page 2 of Report No. 6.

The motion, being duly seconded, William L. Steffens (Ohio) spoke to the same.

R. W. Goodloe Against Amendment

Robert W. Goodloe (Central Texas) spoke against the amendment.

Point of Information—J. O. Gross

John O. Gross (Kentucky), Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education, called attention to the fact that the language used in the substitute of Report No. 6 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, is already in the *Discipline*, and has been for some time.

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The amendment of William L. Steffens (Ohio) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Paragraph 1384 of the Report on page 2 by deleting the words, "six ministers" found in line four, and substituting therefor the words, "four ministers and two laymen."

The motion, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (New York) spoke to the same.

The motion to amend of Chester A. Smith (New York) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Correction—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) called attention to the fact that the second paragraph of Paragraph 1384 of the 1948 *Discipline* should remain in the 1952 *Discipline*, and that it reads as follows:

"For educational standards for the ministry, admission on trial, and admission into full connection, see Paragraphs 315-48 under Part III, The Ministry."

Report No. 6 Adopted—Report No. 3 Amended—Adopted

The substitution as set forth in Report No. 6 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, for a certain section of Report No. 3 of the same Committee, adopted on Friday morning, May 2, 1952, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1722.

Report No. 3 of the Special Committee of Six on the Survey Report, was adopted as amended. For Report see page 1705.

Harmonizing Legislation—H. C. Case—Adopted

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following motion:

"I move that the Book Editor, the Secretary of the General Conference and the Publishing Agents who are charged with the responsibility of editing the *Discipline*, shall be instructed to use their judgment, and shall have authority to make such changes in phraseology as may be necessary to harmonize legislation without changing its substance."

and made the following statement:

"They are authorized to revise the *Discipline* terminology to the extent necessary to bring the present legislation relating to the organization of Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards and Commissions into harmony with the General Board organization approved by the General Conference."

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The motion, duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

General Enabling Act—H. C. Case—Adopted

On motion of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) duly seconded, the General Conference, by vote, adopted the following General Enabling Act:

GENERAL ENABLING ACT

"And all corporations heretofore organized or incorporated under the laws of any State, under or pursuant to authority heretofore granted by any General Conference of The Methodist Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or the Methodist Protestant Church shall be, and they, and each of them, hereby are authorized and directed to make, or cause to be made, any change or changes, amendment or amendments, in and to their respective Charters, Constitutions, or Articles of Incorporation that may be necessary to conform them to the actions of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, relating to such corporations, or to any of them, in order that any and all rights, interests, and property of said corporations, or any of them, may be properly safeguarded and preserved."

Amendment—J. K. Mathews—Accepted—H. C. Case

James K. Mathews (Bombay) was recognized and made the following statement and request:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: In our haste a moment ago in approving Report No. 4, I believed that we passed over a matter which lacking the information, amounts, I think, to a matter of privilege for the whole house.

"There was a recommendation from the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas which has to do with membership on Boards. That was handed to the Committee of Six and Dr. Case and Mr. Parlin did accept it, but in the haste it was not read.

"I would like to ask the privilege for Dr. Case to read that amendment, and if it is possible to have it included in Report No. 4 by common consent."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, the Committee of Six would accept this with the consent of the house. It does this one thing: It says that there shall be a maximum of eighteen Bishops residing in the United States of America on the Board of Missions, and adds, 'There shall be six Bishops from overseas members of the Board of Missions when they are in this country, and under travel restrictions already provided in the *Discipline*.'

"That is to say, they would not travel to a meeting of the Board of Missions with a special trip, but if in this country, up to the number of six, Bishops serving overseas would be members of the Board of Missions.

"The Committee of Six would accept it, if the house consents."

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Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) accepted the proposed amendment of James K. Mathews (Bombay) for the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, or by any member of the General Conference.

Report No. 4 Amended by Common Consent—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Bishop W. Angie Smith, made the following statement:

"Is there objection on the part of any one? Do you care to reconsider, or will you by common consent have this inserted in legislation already passed?

"If I hear no objection, I will rule that it can be. Is there objection? Is there any objection at all?

"If not, I rule then, that that will, by common consent, or unanimous consent, be included."

C. C. Parlin (*) Speaks to Report No. 6

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) speaking to Report No. 6 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, made the following statement:

"Just in summary, two points.

"First, the most important thing we have done by way of structure is the change in the Commission on Ministerial Training going over in to the Department of Education. I am sure that nothing herein is intended to change the basic philosophy.

"Heretofore the six Bishops on the Commission have been selected by the Council of Bishops. There will be now on the Board of Education seventeen Bishops, six of those seventeen will serve on this Commission on Ministerial Training, now the Department of Ministerial Education.

"I think that we should understand the selection of those six, the designation of those six remain where it always has been, namely, in the Council of Bishops.

"Secondly, as a privilege of the house I would like to have an announcement by Dr. Dannelly as to the mechanical procedure of getting before you the method for electing of the new members to the Boards."

Motion—C. M. Dannelly (*) Re Board Members—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama) made a motion, which was duly seconded, and adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as follows:

"I move that the Chairman of each Legislative Committee be responsible, after consultation with any Board Members present, including the officers and any members of the Committee which may have contributions to make for presenting this legislation, for printing in the *Daily Christian Advocate* without its initial reference to the General Conference. It will then be in the *Advocate* tomorrow morning, before you for action."

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Statement—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, in order to have clarification, may I state for the Committee of Six that it is our concept that the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation you have adopted enlarges the function of the Central Office of Promotion as it is outlined in the Quadrennial Report, and includes promotion, financial interest for World Service Agencies and cultivation materials."

No. 16. Chairmen—L. T. Moore—Priority of Legislation—Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, presented the following Resolution (DB-150), which being duly seconded, was adopted as follows:

"*Be It Resolved* That, in the event that any portion of the legislation adopted by this General Conference shall be contradictory to another portion, that portion which was enacted last shall prevail and any portion contradictory thereto is hereby repealed, except as follows:

"Any legislation proposed by the Commission on the Study of the Local Church and adopted, and any legislation proposed by the Committee of Six and adopted, shall prevail regardless of the chronological order of passage, and any other portion of legislation contradictory thereto is hereby repealed."

Presentations—Vote of Thanks—A. W. Pugh—Prayer—Bishop F. P. Corson

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Joint Committee on Procedure for the consideration of and action on the Report of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of Survey Commission, in behalf of the Joint Committee, presented Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Chairman of the Survey Commission, Bishop Clare Purcell, Vice-Chairman of the Survey Commission, John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River) Secretary of the Survey Commission; the members of the Special Committee of Six; Thomas A. Harwood (*) (Rock River) Consultant; Horace W. Williams (Central Texas) consultant to the Special Committee of Six; all members of the General Survey Commission present, to the General Conference, highly commending all of them for their labors during the quadrennium, and especially at the seat of the General Conference, and suggested that we sing Hymn No. 501, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," and have Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, President of the Council of Bishops lead in prayer.

Hymn No. 501—J. R. Houghton ()—Prayer—Bishop F. P. Corson*

The General Conference stood, and under the direction of

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James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, joined heartily in singing Hymn No. 501, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," after which Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, President of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the Council of Bishops, led in a most appropriate prayer.

Letter of Appreciation—A. W. Pugh—L. J. Radcliffe

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Joint Committee on Procedure for the consideration and action on the Report of the Special Committee of Six, moved that the General Conference instruct the Secretary of the General Conference to convey to the members of the Survey Commission, who are not members of the General Conference, its appreciation for the work which they did for the Church during the quadrennium.

The motion, duly seconded by Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) was unanimously adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Report Quadrennial Committee—Presented—J. E. Skillington—Amended—Adopted

The Report of the Quadrennial Committee of DCA-109, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-110, columns 1, 2 and 3; and, DCA-111, columns 1, 2 and 3 was taken up for consideration of and action on the introductory statement, DCA-109, columns 1 and 2, down to Roman numeral I, and the closing statement DCA-111, column 1, beginning with Roman numeral II.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) stated that in addition to consideration of and action on the introductory and closing statements, that the printer had inadvertently left out of the printed Report the recommendation of the Commission that Paragraph 745 of the 1948 *Discipline* be deleted, and that action should be taken upon the recommendation of the Commission.

For final action on Paragraph 745 see next page, and pages 674-681.)

Amendment—G. M. Davenport—Accepted—J. E. Skillington

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) moved to amend Paragraph 753-A, DCA-110, column 1, by adding to the Paragraph the following (DB-151):

"Stewardship of possessions shall be interpreted to mean that the tithe is the minimum standard of giving for Methodist members, and shall be promoted by the Board of Education and the Board of Lay Activities, by providing appropriate literature for the use of our churches and pastors in enlisting or Methodist people in tithing."

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The motion was duly seconded.

The amendment of George M. Davenport (North Alabama) was accepted for the Committee on the Quadrennial Report, by J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) *provided* that the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision is authorized to work it in smoothly with what we have here, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference, the General Conference giving unanimous common consent for the addition of the amendment to Paragraph 753-A.

Amendment—A. R. Grummon—Withdrawn

A. Ray Grummon (Illinois) moved to amend the Report of the Committee on the Quadrennial Report, by deleting the recommendation of the Committee that Paragraph 745 be stricken from the *Discipline*, said recommendation having been inadvertently omitted from the printed Report.

The motion, being duly seconded, A. Ray Grummon (Illinois) spoke to the same.

Recommendation Withdrawn—J. E. Skillington—Amendment Withdrawn—A. Ray Grummon

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, we are going to move at an appropriate time that the Report No. 9, presented by the General Commission on World Service and Finance, that dealt with legislation, one feature of which was the provision for The Methodist Foundation, shall be reconsidered.

"I would like now to have permission to withdraw this from this Report, this deletion of 745 from this Report, that I may present it with that Report on revisions of legislation. You can have a little time to think about it between now and then."

Bishop W. Angie Smith made the following statement:

"In order to clarify that, then, it will be necessary first of all for this Conference to grant permission. When anything is printed, or stated here, it is in your possession. You grant permission for the withdrawal of this deletion of 745, which would naturally carry with the amendment which was made by Dr. Grummon."

Permission Granted—C. C. Sherrod ()—Adopted*

Motion of Charles C. Sherrod (*) (Holston), duly seconded, prevailed granting permission to withdraw the recommendation to delete Paragraph 745 requested by J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania). This also automatically carried with it the amendment of A. Ray Grummon (Illinois) to delete the recommendation from the Report of the Quadrennial Committee of the deletion of Paragraph 745.

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Report Quadrennial Committee—Amended—Adopted

The Report of the Quadrennial Committee was adopted, as amended, For Report see page 1690.

Refer to Judicial Council—Report No. 28 Ministry—J. M. Potts—Adopted

J. Manning Potts (Virginia) made the following motion:

"Mr. Chairman, this motion has reference to an item in the Calendar.

"I move that the Judicial Council be requested to make a statement at the proper time in reference to the constitutionality of the proposal in Report No. 28, Committee on Ministry, DCA-413, column 2."

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

(See Statement, Judicial Council, page 631)

Calendar Resumed—W. S. Overstreet—L. T. Moore

Consideration of and action on Reports of Legislative Committees on the Calendar was taken up under the direction of Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia), Secretary of the Calendar, and Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen.

No. 1—Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)—Adopted

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 119, DCA-347, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Removal of Insignia from Church Property Disposed of," and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted, For Report see page 1447.

No. 2 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*) Withdrawn

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporary Economy, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 120, DCA-347, column 2, Subject, "Use of a Church Property," and requested permission to withdraw Report No. 2, as the subject matter included in it had been adopted in the adoption of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church.

By unanimous common consent, the permission requested was granted, and Report No. 2 of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy was withdrawn from consideration of and action on by the General Conference. For Report see page 1448.

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**No. 3—Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Amended—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 150, DCA-409, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Expense Allowance to Pastors," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—F. M. Templin—Answer—Harry Denman ()*

Frank M. Templin (Indiana) asked the following question:

"In the body of this Memorial, among other expenses to be listed, are you including moving expenses?"

"Does the changed sentence, which requires that the total of all these expenses. . . ."

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, answered, as follows:

"It does not include moving expenses; we debated that in the Committee."

Question—M. T. Steel—Answers—Harry Denman ()—
G. C. Pettygrove*

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) raised the following question:

"How is a minister going to compute the expense of office if he has an office in the church, and uses a church Secretary as Secretary?"

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, replied as follows:

"In a church of that kind, that will be in another column, will it not, under your church expense items?"

"This is primarily for a preacher who doesn't have an office, or an office secretary."

Second Question—M. T. Steel—Answer—Harry Denman ()*

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) raised a second question, as follows:

"What is included in office expense?"

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, replied, as follows:

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"Postage."

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) made the following statement:

"I am opposed to it if it requires that a minister try to distinguish the detailed cost of the operation of a church office. I don't think that ought to have to be reported as a matter of expense and broken down into a separate item in a Conference Journal."

Statement—G. Clifford Pettygrove

G. Clifford Pettygrove (California-Nevada), Secretary of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, replied, as follows:

"This is more in the nature of clarification, I hope:

"If you will read the provision carefully, you will see that we are referring here to expense items paid to the pastor. If the pastor is occupying an office in the church, needless to say, the church Treasurer is not paying rent to the pastor.

"This has to do with general expense allowances, some of them very general, we find paid to pastors. Some of them have reported to us as high as \$1,000.00 or \$2,000.00.

"This refers only to such items of expense as are paid to the pastor. If the church Treasurer pays other bills, he will be paying them to other people, but not to the pastor."

Amendment—O. D. Jackson—Adopted

Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota) moved to amend the Report by deleting the word "office" found in line one of the bold-face type.

The motion, being duly seconded, Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota) spoke to the same.

The motion of Olin D. Jackson to amend, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Question—W. H. Alderson—Answer—Harry Denman ()*

William H. Alderson (New York East) raised the following question:

"I just want to ask a question for clarification: A statement was made here a while ago about the fact that if items were not paid to the pastor, of course this did not apply to them.

"How about a matter of heat where the church pays for the heat of the parsonage, but where they pay the coal company, for instance, directly?

"Is an item like that included?"

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, replied, as follows:

"No, sir, it is not included; just items paid to the pastor."

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Previous Question—C. E. Lundy—Ordered

Clyde E. Lundy (Holston) moved the previous question on the Report. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds majority required of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Report No. 3 Adopted As Amended

Report No. 3 of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, Subject, "Expense Allowance to Pastors," was adopted, as amended. For Report see page 1449.

No. 4. Temporal Economy—Presented—H. W. Blackburn—Adopted

At the request of Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, Henry W. Blackburn (Florida-SE) presented the next Report.

Henry W. Blackburn (Florida-SE) presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 151, DCA-409, column 3, and DCA-410, column 1, Subject, "Apportionment of Episcopal Fund," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted. For Report see page 1449.

No. 5 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)—Adopted

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 152, DCA-410, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Publication of Judicial Council Decisions," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted. For Report see page 1451.

No. 6 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)—Action Deferred—See pages 675, 724, 1452, 1933, 1947 Sec. 12

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, stated that Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 153, DCA-410, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "The Methodist Foundation," would be considered at a later time, and requested that J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) be recognized for a privileged motion.

Motion to Reconsider—Report No. 9—General Commission on World Service and Finance—J. E. Skillington—Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved a reconsideration of Report No. 9 of the General Commission

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on World Service and Finance, said motion to be of record, and to be acted on at a later time. The motion was duly seconded.

*Question—W. S. Evans—Answers—Bishop W. Angie Smith
J. E. Skillington*

William S. Evans (Memphis) raised the following question:

"It has to do with the announcement that Dr. Skillington made. I want some information.

"When we had come to the close of the discussion of the Report of the Commission on World Service and Finance, I had brought up the question of consideration of that Report as a whole, and Dr. Skillington made the statement, DCA-454, column 1, which the Chair at that time ruled as acceptable.

"He said, 'Mr. Chairman, I object. The Report was adopted. It was presented as a whole. You didn't vote on any paragraph separately. You voted to make amendments to several paragraphs and defeated all of them.'

"The question I want to ask, Mr. Chairman, in the light of two decisions by two different Chairmen that seem to be in conflict, is it not reconsidered as a whole so that I might make a motion that I tried to get into the record a number of times, so that I may get that before this body?"

Bishop W. Angie Smith ruled as follows:

"I do not know who my distinguished predecessors were in this Chair, and therefore I am speaking impersonally, but I would have to rule that this was not adopted as a Report as a whole, it was adopted by sections as separate Reports and acted upon.

"You have the privilege of moving a reconsideration of any section that was adopted as a full Report, and then the Conference can determine whether they want to do so or not, at the proper time. It was not adopted as a whole, it was not presented as a Report of a whole, it was presented in a series of Reports.

"Is that correct, Dr. Skillington?"

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) replied as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, I recall very distinctly that discussion, and when I said the Report was adopted, it was presented as a whole. You didn't vote on any paragraph separately; you voted to make amendments to several paragraphs and defeated them. Of course, they weren't all defeated; one was accepted or adopted.

"I was referring, and I thought the discussion appertained solely to Report No. 9, which I presented. I didn't suppose that anyone thought that all those Reports presented by the General Commission on World Service and Finance constituted one Report, any more than a series of Reports from any Legislative Committee would constitute one Report. So I was talking about Report No. 9, and other persons were talking about the whole series of Reports."

"Report No. 9 was considered as a whole, as I said, and adopted."

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Bishop W. Angie Smith added this statement:

"Thank you, sir.

"It would not preclude, of course, moving a reconsideration of the section in which he wanted to have something done, if he wanted to do it at a later time."

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) added this statement:

"That is right. He could move reconsideration of any one of the Reports, or any other Reports."

Nominations Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

University Senate

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, announced that the Council of Bishops had appointed the following as members of the University Senate of The Methodist Church (DB-152) in accordance with Paragraph 1370, 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church:

Hurst R. Anderson, President, Hamline University (NC)
James P. Brawley, President, Clark College (C)
Robert E. Burns, President, College of the Pacific (W)
Nelson P. Horn, President, Baker University (SC)
Umphrey Lee, President, Southern Methodist University (SC)
Edwin E. Voigt, President, Simpson College (NC)
Goodrich C. White, President, Emory University (SE)
A. Hollis Edens, President, Duke University (SE)
Lowell S. Ensor, President, Western Maryland College (NE)
Edward W. Seay, President, Centenary Junior College (NE)

Council on World Service and Finance—Confirmed—C. E. Lundy

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the following nominations of the Council of Bishops for the Council on World Service and Finance:

Members at large: Bishop Clare Purcell
Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
J. Bruce McCullough (*) (New England Southern)
Edwin L. Jones (*) (Western North Carolina)
Charles P. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania)
Arthur S. Fleming (Ohio)
Robert G. Morris (Lexington)

Jurisdictional Representatives:

Frank W. Bevan (Troy) (NE)

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Charles W. Kitto (Philadelphia) (NE)
 W. Clyde Sykes (*) (Northern New York) (NE)
 Frank A. Thomas (*) (West Virginia) (NE)
 Foye G. Gibson (Holston) (SE)
 Henry W. Blackburn (Florida) (SE)
 Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) (SE)
 Lee Davis (*) (Tennessee) (SE)
 William E. Harrison (Detroit) (NC)
 Wesley H. Bransford (North Indiana) (NC)
 George R. Klein (*) (North-East Ohio) (NC)
 George R. McKibbin (*) (Rock River) (NC)
 Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) (SC)
 Joe T. Thompson (*) (Missouri) (SC)
 Walter B. Rider (*) (Central Texas) (SC)
 Joseph S. Ploughe (Central Kansas) (SE)
 R. Franklin Thompson (Pacific Northwest) (W)
 Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona) (W)
 Elmer E. Collins (*) (Montana) (W)
 G. Clifford Pettygrove (*) (California-Nevada) (W)
 Ira B. Loud (West Texas) (C)
 Grandison M. Phelps (North Carolina) (C)
 A. M. Carter (*) (Savannah) (C)
 John T. Current (*) (Lexington) (C)

On motion of Clyde E. Lundy (Holston), duly seconded, the nominations of the Council of Bishops, for the Council on World Service and Finance, were confirmed, as read, by the vote of the General Conference.

*Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Elected—
 F. B. McIntosh*

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops for the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an Ohio corporation (DB-154).

Motion of F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference, that the Secretary of the General Conference, cast the vote of the General Conference for the nominees.

In accordance with the authority of the above motion, Lud H. Estes (Memphis), Secretary of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the 1952 General Conference for:

Term Expires 1956

H. F. Dornett (*)
 Anson C. Fry (*)
 Carroll H. Lewis
 Leonard D. Slutz (*)
 J. Otis Young
 George O. Kitson

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Term Expires 1960

B. Brooks Shake
J. B. Doan (*)
James Dolbey
W. Frank White
Robert Kennedy (*)
Cecil M. Ogg
Bishop Hazen G. Werner

and Bishop W. Angie Smith declared the same to have been duly elected Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an Ohio corporation.

Trustees Methodist Episcopal Church, South—Elected—E. H. Nease

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops, for Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (DB-155).

Motion of Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina), duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, instructing the Secretary of the General Conference, to cast the vote of the General Conference, for the nominations of the Council of Bishops.

Acting in accordance with the authority of the motion of Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina), Lud H. Estes (Memphis), Secretary of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the 1952 General Conference for the nominations of the Council of Bishops, as follows:

Term Expires 1956

B. P. Murphy
C. F. Lovell (*)
B. B. Pennington
Ben A. Whitmore (*)
William H. Wiseman (*)

Term Expires 1960

Willard H. Blue
Reber F. Boulton (*)
James C. Dale, Jr. (*)
John Q. Schisler
Marion A. Stevenson

and Bishop W. Angie Smith declared the same to have been duly elected as Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Board of Trustees—Methodist Protestant Church—Elected—R. E. Carlyon

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary

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of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops for the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church (DB-156).

Motion of Richard E. Carlyon (Nebraska), duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, instructing the Secretary of the General Conference, to cast the vote of the same for the nominations.

Acting in accordance with the authority of the motion, Lud H. Estes (Memphis), Secretary of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the 1952 General Conference for

Term Expires 1956

Paul F. Warner, Chairman
William H. Litsinger
E. L. Bunce
G. J. Hooker
William C. Perkins (*)
Harry E. Gilbert (*)
George W. Dexter (*)

Term Expires 1960

E. A. Sexsmith
J. F. Bryan
L. B. Smith
J. A. Dudley
F. Murray Benson (*)
Charles Reiner, Jr. (*)
Robert S. Jett (*)

and Bishop W. Angie Smith declared the same to have been duly elected as the Board of Trustees for the Methodist Protestant Church.

*Executive Committee Methodist Protestant Church—
Elected—E. W. Peterson (*)*

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops for the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church, a Maryland Corporation (DB-157).

Motion of Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, instructing the Secretary of the General Conference to cast the vote of the same for the nominations.

In accordance with the authority of the motion, Lud H. Estes (Memphis), Secretary of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the 1952 General Conference for:

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Cuthbert W. B. Bates
Roby F. Day
H. O. Deweese (*)
Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger (*)
B. M. Mitchell
W. C. Scott (*)
Harry Shaw (*)
Bishop James H. Straughn

and Bishop W. Angie Smith declared the same to have been duly elected as the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church, a Maryland Corporation.

Time Extended

By unanimous common consent, the time of this session was extended, to complete all business germane to this session.

No. 16. Presiding Officer—Bishop M. R. Reed—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-158) designating Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Detroit Area, North Central Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer for the next session of the General Conference. For Report see page 1089.

Presentations—R. W. Sockman—H. T. Heflin (*)—C. A. Smith (*)—D. A. Cooke—Jose Blanco, Jr.

Ralph W. Sockman (New York) as a matter of privilege presented Howell Thomas Heflin (*) (North Alabama), leader of the Lay Delegation of his Annual Conference, and stated that he was probably the youngest Delegate present, and then presented Chester A. Smith (*) of the New York Annual Conference, who had been attending General Conferences as a Lay Delegate, since 1916.

Don A. Cooke (Florida-SE) presented Jose Blanco, Jr. (*) (Cuba) who is only twenty-six years of age, as the youngest Delegate.

No. 15. Entertainment—F. B. Newell—Presents J. R. Kenney—Frank Webber (*)—Norman L. Conard

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, announced that a recording of last night's program had been made, and was available, and that additional copies of the Program of last night, "Let the People Sing," would be printed for distribution.

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, pre-

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sented John R. Kenney (California-Nevada), Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Local Entertainment Committee; Frank Webber (*) (California-Nevada), Treasurer of the Local Committee, and Norman L. Conard, who had worked so timelessly, tirelessly and efficiently in making all the arrangements necessary in the Auditorium for the expeditions working of the General Conference.

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) spoke for the three, expressing their appreciation to the Conference, and paid tribute to the Committee Chairman and the personnel of the Committees who had worked so co-operatively, harmoniously and so faithfully in the discharge of their various responsibilities.

Thanks—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Bishop W. Angie Smith expressed his personal thanks to the General Conference for their countless courtesies during the morning's session.

Missionaries Presented—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, President of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, requested the General Conference to stand, and then presented the Missionaries present, together with representatives of the autonomous Methodist Churches in Brazil, Mexico and Korea, with the following words:

"Mr. President, and Members of the Conference: It is my very high honor, and a privilege I prize very, very much to present to this Conference a group of our missionaries, and with them certain distinguished representatives of the autonomous Methodist Churches in Brazil, Mexico and Korea.

"Never in my lifetime that I can remember, was I in such a conflict between what my head tells me to do, and what my heart wants to do. I do not know how to put together any combination of words which will adequately express to these who stand before you our appreciation of their faith, their sacrifices and their fidelity.

"They have been standing in the wings for a few minutes, waiting to come to this place before you. That was not for them a new experience. For year in and year out, in far and sometimes difficult places, they stand face to face with forces bent upon their own destruction.

"By their patience, their vision, their efficiency, their Christlike compassion they have written an imperishable record in Christian heroism.

"I have the very great honor of presenting them to you, the missionaries of the Church, with these representatives from autonomous Churches, from the ends of the earth."

The General Conference applauded, loud and long.

Resolution Re the Absent Ones—K. M. Edwards—Adopted
K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona) was

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recognized, and presented a paper (DB-159), which was unanimously adopted, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, and Members of the General Conference:

"We are deeply conscious of the absence of many of our Methodist fellowship who, under normal circumstances, would be in attendance at this General Conference. They have been prevented from doing so because of present world tensions.

"We hold in our hearts the multitude of loyal and devoted leaders and members of The Methodist Church, forced to live today under extremely dangerous, though challenging circumstances.

"Although communication between them and us has been interrupted, we are able to unite with them at the Throne of Grace. We pray that God may bless and guide them, and bestow on them spiritual power and much wisdom. Our fellow-Christians have indicated repeatedly that one of the bulwarks of their strength is this solidarity of Christian fellowship surmounting all man-made barriers.

"We move, therefore, that this General Conference remain standing for a moment of silence in recognition of these Methodist heroes of the Cross, after which we request Bishop Arthur J. Moore to lead us in prayer.

(Signed) K. MORGAN EDWARDS (Southern California)
RALPH W. SOCKMAN (New York)
CHARLES R. GOFF (Rock River)
F. GERALD ENSLEY (Ohio)
HARRY M. TAYLOR (Newark)
HENRY H. CRANE (Detroit)
FRANK PRENTZEL, JR. (Philadelphia)
ROSWELL W. LYON (Wyoming)
CYRUS E. ALBERTSON (Pacific Northwest)
JAMES S. CHUBB (Nebraska)"

Adjournment—Prayer—Benediction—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

The General Conference stood for a moment in silence, and Bishop Arthur J. Moore led in a most appropriate prayer for those absent because of world conditions, and pronounced the benediction, and the morning session of the Eleventh Day of the 1952 General Conference, Monday, May 5, 1952, adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

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Opening—Bishop M. R. Reed

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the afternoon session of the Eleventh Day, Monday, May 5, 1952, at 2:30 P.M., in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, with Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Detroit Area, North Central Jurisdiction, in the Chair.

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Hymn No. 278—J. R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 278, "Lead On, O King Eternal." The General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of this great Hymn of the Church.

Prayer—Bishop Clement D. Rockey

Remaining standing, the General Conference was led in prayer by Bishop Clement D. Rockey of the Lucknow Area, Southern Asia Central Conference.

Solo—C. Edward Stallings ()—J. R. Houghton (*)*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, presented C. Edward Stallings (*), Choir Director of the Eventide Choir, a member of Taylor Memorial Methodist Church, Oakland, California, who thrilled the General Conference with his rendition of "The Crucifixion," by William L. Dawson (*).

Thanks—Bishop Reed

Bishop Marshall R. Reed, in behalf of the General Conference, expressed its thanks to C. Edward Stallings (*) for his musical number.

No. 16. Journal—C. O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-160), and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee has examined the Journal for Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening, May 3, 1952, and find it correct."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*) *Chairman*
WILLIAM H. BECKER (*) *Secretary*

No. 19. Privileges and Courtesies—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, was recognized, and presented five matters for the consideration of and action on by the General Conference, as follows:

(1) Report—Budget Committee Crusade for Christ Funds—Bishop Paul B. Kern—Adopted

Presented Bishop Paul B. Kern, Chairman of the Budget Committee, Crusade for Christ Funds.

Bishop Kern presented the Report of the Committee DCA-

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221, columns 1, 2 and 3, and made a brief explanation of the content of the Report.

On motion of John O. Gross (Kentucky), duly seconded, the Report was unanimously adopted, and the Committee discharged as requested. For Report see page 1568.

(2) *Request—Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Granted*

Presented Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, for the following important announcement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: This morning you determined the number of persons who will serve upon the Boards and Commissions of the Church.

Your Committees are at work determining the categories under these totals. The Council of Bishops will be required to make a number of nominations for your subsequent consideration.

We make this request, if you can see your way clear to grant it, that as soon as an Agency has determined its categories under the total you fixed, that that Report be released to you, so that we can proceed with the nominations. We know that all of these matters are subject to your approval tomorrow morning.

However, to make the nominations tomorrow and bring them back to you would be very difficult. If you should change any of the categories we of course would be under your instructions to go back and to renominate.

It is purely a request to facilitate the business of the Conference. We hope you may see your way clear to grant it."

By unanimous common consent the General Conference granted this request of the Council of Bishops.

(3) *Methodist Theological Schools—H. G. Smith—Thanks*

Presented Horace G. Smith (Rock River), President of the Association of Methodist Theological Schools, who in well-chosen words thanked the General Conference of The Methodist Church for what it has done in behalf of the Theological Schools of the Church, and for what it will do in the future, and pledged the sincere co-operation of the faculties of all the Theological Schools of The Methodist Church, in carrying out to the fullest their far-reaching responsibilities of service for the Kingdom of God, in the training of the future ministry of the Church.

(4) *Mid-West Location of National Council Offices—H. F. Carr—Action Deferred. See page 606*

Presented Harold F. Carr (North-East Ohio), who moved that the Resolution favoring a mid-western location of the National Council Offices DCA-304, column 1, be adopted.

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The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Harold F. Carr (North-East Ohio) next moved the adoption of the Resolution DCA-303, column 3, which looked with favor on locating many of the General Boards of The Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio. The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—G. C. Pettygrove ()*

G. Clifford Pettygrove (*) (California-Nevada), Secretary of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, stated that there would be before the General Conference for consideration and action a Report from the Committee, dealing with the Report of a Commission which had given four years' study to the matter of a central location for Methodist Headquarters, and suggested that the whole matter should be held in abeyance until this Report comes before the General Conference.

Statement—Bishop Reed

Marshall R. Reed made the following statement:

"The Chair understands the proposition is before us. It is that we look with favor upon the establishment of the National Headquarters."

Statement—A. W. Martin

Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) made the following statement:

"I just voted in favor of the motion we had first from Dr. Carr, but surely this General Conference is in no position to be passing judgment on expressing preference for particular locations, cities, and so forth. This matter should be delayed until we have a chance to know more about it.

"I hope you will not press us in the adoption of that particular position here."

Motion to Defer—E. E. Voigt—Adopted

Motion of Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines), duly seconded, prevailed by the unanimous vote of the General Conference to defer action on the pending matter.

(5) *Resolutions of Courtesy—A. K. Smith*

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Courtesies, moved in behalf of the Committee, that at the proper time in the hour of the final adjournment of the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, Resolutions of Courtesy be received from the Committee. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

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No. 16. Entertainment Commission—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, presented the four following matters, and action was taken on each, as indicated.

(1) *Announcement—Series of Pictures*

Announced that the series of pictures scheduled for showing tonight at the beginning of the evening session would not be shown, due to the press of business before the General Conference, but that they would be shown following this afternoon's session in the hall set apart for the showing of pictures.

(2) *Motion That Tonight's Session Begin at 8 P.M.—Adopted*

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the Commission on General Conference Entertainment, stated that it had been decided to hold another meeting to discuss the problems involved in the setting up of a Methodist Foundation; that the meeting would be held in Room 403 an hour before the evening session, and in view of that fact, moved that the opening hour of this evening's session begin at 8 P.M. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

(3) *Organization of General Boards—F. B. Newell—Adopted*

Presented a Resolution relative to the organization of General Boards and Commission of The Methodist Church, for the ensuing quadrennium, and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as follows (DB-161):

"In order to facilitate the organization of the new Boards and Agencies after the sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences, and in order to make the legal status of their new membership clear;

Therefore Be It Resolved: First: That the Secretary of the General Conference is hereby directed to secure from the Secretaries of the various Jurisdictional Conferences certified lists of the names and addresses of those whom the Jurisdictional Conferences have elected to the various General Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church, and to send these lists to the Bishops designated as Convenors; and

Second: That the Bishops named as Convenors are hereby authorized to issue the official call to these persons for the purpose of organizing the various Boards and Agencies. In this organization meeting the certified lists from the Secretary of the General Conference will be regarded as the credentials of those whom the various Jurisdictional Conferences have elected."

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(4) *Authority to Council of Bishops*—F. B. Newell—
Adopted

Presented a Resolution granting authority to the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, relative to making nominations and elections after the adjournment of the 1952 session of the General Conference (DB-161), and on his motion, it was unanimously adopted, by the vote of the General Conference, as follows:

"The Council of Bishops is hereby authorized to make any and all appointments and nominations committed to them, which have not previously been made during this session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, as soon as possible after the final adjournment of this General Conference.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in case of any oversight in which the Council of Bishops is to nominate and the General Conference elect, the nomination of the Council of Bishops shall be regarded as the equivalent of election by the General Conference."

Credentials—H. L. Bradway—No Report

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, stated the Committee had no Report at this time.

No. 5 Rules—Rules for 1956—A. W. Pugh—Amended—
Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Subject "Plan of Organization and Rules of Order Proposed for the 1956 Session of the General Conference," DCA-403, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-404, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-405, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-406, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-407, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-408, columns 1 and 2, and requested unanimous common consent to make the following amendments:

(1) DCA-403, column 1, at the bottom of the page under "3. B. *Election of Secretary*." add at the end of the paragraph, the following:

"Should the Secretary not be a delegate, he shall have the privilege of the floor, but without vote."

so that the amended paragraph "B" will read as follows:

"B. *Election of Secretary*. If a quorum be present, the Conference shall elect from the ministry or lay membership of The Methodist Church, on nomination from the floor, a Secretary, which election shall be by ballot, if there be two or more nominees. (See Section IV)

Should the Secretary not be a delegate, he shall have the privilege of the floor, but without vote."

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(2) Change the bold-face type DCA-405, column 2, which reads "eleven" in line eighteen (18) to read "twelve."

(3) DCA-405, column 3, add to the end of 3. of "VIII. Delegates' Expense Account, the following:

"provided, however that when delegates within the United States travel otherwise than by rail, the basis of settlement shall be the same for all delegates, whether they are lay or ministerial."

so that the amended paragraph 3 will read as follows:

"3. The Commission on General Conference Entertainment shall determine the basis of settlement of travel expense and notify the delegates at least sixty days in advance of the scheduled meeting of the General Conference; *provided*, however that when delegates within the United States travel otherwise than by rail, the basis of settlement shall be the same for all delegates, whether they are lay or ministerial."

Unanimous common consent was granted the Committee to make the three amendments, set out above.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, then briefly called attention to the changes that had been made in the present Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, as set forth in the Report.

Amendment—R. C. Calkins—Adopted

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend the Report by deleting paragraph 3, DCA-405, column 3, which reads as follows:

"3. The Commission on General Conference Entertainment shall determine the basis of settlement of travel expense and notify the delegates at least sixty days in advance of the scheduled meeting of the General Conference; *provided*, however that when delegates within the United States travel otherwise than by rail the basis of settlement shall be the same for all delegates, whether they are lay or ministerial."

and substituting therefore paragraph 3 of "VII. Delegates' Expense Account." page 174 of the Handbook for Delegates, 1952 General Conference, and which read as follows:

"3. Travel expense for delegates to the Conference shall be on the basis of railroad fare by the most direct route (clergy fare for ministers), lower berth or roomette (Pullman) and meals en route. Overseas delegates will be allowed the equivalent of second class ship fare for that portion of their trip which is by water. When two or more delegates come in an automobile the owner shall be allowed six cents per mile for his car, plus the cost of room and meals en route. Guest passengers who are members of the General Conference shall submit only the cost of room and meals en route. In all cases delegates shall report only the actual cost of travel."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke to the same.

J. E. Skillington for Amendment

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke for the amendment of Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines).

Previous Question—Stewart Clendenin—Ordered

Stewart Clendenin (Texas-SC) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Question—D. W. Throckmorton—Answered—A. W. Pugh

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) asked the following question:

"Do these Rules as now amended provide that the Entertainment Committee is instructed to meet in such a city as to accommodate all of our delegates? Is that in the Rules?"

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, answered, as follows:

"No, sir."

A. W. Pugh Closed Debate

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, closed the debate on the pending amendment.

Amendment—R. C. Calkins—Adopted

The amendment of Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Amendment—Allen Whitfield ()—Out of Order—Bishop Reed*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend "VI. Committees, paragraph (3) Courtesies and Privileges, DCA-403, column 3, by adding a new paragraph lettered "f" to read as follows (DB-164):

"f. To prepare and publish in the *Daily Christian Advocate* contemporaneously with the list of Nominees for election to the Judicial Council, biographical sketches not exceeding 100 words in length, for each Nominee."

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Bishop Marshall R. Reed ruled, as follows:

"May the Chair indicate that we were in the process of voting, and this brother's proposal is out of order unless the house wants to consider it."

There were numerous expressions from the delegates of
"No, no!"

Bishop Marshall R. Reed made a statement, as follows:

"Evidently you do not."

Question—C. A. Smith ()—Out of Order—Bishop Reed*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) asked a question relative to membership on the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, and was ruled out of order by Bishop Marshall R. Reed, on the grounds that we were in the process of taking a vote.

Question—C. W. Woodward ()—Answered—A. W. Pugh*

Charles W. Woodward (*) (Baltimore) asked a question relative to the manner of choosing Committee Memberships, and A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, explained the same.

Point of Order—F. C. Propert ()—Not Well Taken—Bishop Reed*

Frank C. Propert (*) (New Jersey) raised the point of order under Rule 24 that the previous question applied only to the amendment of Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines).

Bishop Marshall R. Reed ruled the point of order not well taken, as the previous question called for consideration on all before the General Conference, which included the adoption of the Report, after action on the amendment of Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines).

Report No. 5 Rules Adopted as Amended

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as amended. For Report see page 1063.

Judicial Council Decision—W. A. Stanbury—Report No. 4 Lay Activities

Walter A. Stanbury (Western North Carolina), a member of the Judicial Council, presented the following (DB-165):

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"To the General Conference:

Dear Fellow Members of The Methodist Church:

Owing to the number of items that have been referred to the Judicial Council for Declaratory Decisions thereon, the Council has not had the time or opportunity to make the research necessary to a well considered Decision regarding the Constitutionality of the proposal to add laymen to the membership on the Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

We therefore respectfully return to the General Conference, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Lay Activities (Calendar 16, page 187, of the *Daily Christian Advocate*) for whatever action it may desire to take thereon."

(Signed) M. A. CHILDERS, *President*
CHARLES B. KETCHAM, *Secretary*

For Report see page 1248

Motion to Refer to Judicial Council—R. V. Candelaria—Adopted

Ruben V. Candelaria (Philippines) was recognized, and on his motion, duly seconded, the following questions were referred to the Judicial Council for Declaratory Decisions (DB-166):

"1. Can a retired member of an Annual Conference, now appointed as a Supply Pastor, be elected to the Central Conference?

2. Can a Committee of Investigation, under certain circumstances, terminate a case and render a decision? As, for instance, when the accused admits the charge or charges against him?"

Motion to Reconsider—N. G. Talbott—Not Adopted

Norbert G. Talbott (Indiana) moved a reconsideration of Part V No. 3 of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, DCA-225, column 2, with special reference to "Section VI. Apportionment for the Episcopal Fund." The motion was duly seconded.

No. 17. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, spoke against the motion to reconsider, as the Calendar was the Order of the Day.

J. E. Skillington Speak to Motion

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the motion to refer, discussing the parliamentary situation.

Norbert G. Talbott spoke to the pending motion, as it had been duly seconded.

The motion of Norbert G. Talbott for reconsideration, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Method of Procedure for Calendar—H. B. Watts—Adopted

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) was recognized and

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moved that Report No. 7 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 83, DCA-308, columns 1, 2, and 3, Subject, "The Methodist Federation for Social Action," the Majority Report of the Committee, and Calendar No. 84, DCA-309, column 1, the Minority Report of the Committee, be taken up at this time, under the call of the Calendar. The motion was duly seconded.

No. 18. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: I have no objection to this, except this one point as a matter of courtesy. Twice we had Mrs. Brooks listed to come on with the Report of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

Because of these very numerous special privileges and courtesies, Mrs. Brooks twice has come to the platform to present her Report, and twice has not been privileged.

I had scheduled this this afternoon, and so notified the Committee on the State of the Church, that the two I wanted to bring before you this afternoon were the Missions Report and the State of the Church, because of the very reason for which the statement has just been made.

If it is perfectly satisfactory to Mrs. Brooks, and I would not want to embarrass her, I have no objection to the State of the Church coming on first. Mrs. Brooks is standing. Are you satisfied, Mrs. Brooks?"

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (North Iowa), President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, General Board of Missions and Church Extension, replied, as follows:

"Yes."

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:

"Mrs. Brooks is satisfied, and it fits in with our program perfectly."

The motion to advance Report No. 7 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, for the consideration of and action by the General Conference at this time, was unanimously adopted, by the vote of the General Conference.

No. 7. State of the Church—Instructions Requested—C. C. Parlin (*) Answered—Bishop Reed—L. T. Moore

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, made the following statement:

"Mr. Bishop, I seem to have received some conflicting instructions. We had a docket to clear a number of things for the State of the

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Church, and then come to the question of the Federation for debate.

Am I permitted to clear my docket of the State of the Church, as we had planned to do it, or must I go directly to Federation?"

Bishop Marshall R. Reed replied, as follows:

"The action was for the reception of the Committee on Federation, isn't that right, Dr. Moore?"

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, replied, as follows:

"The action, as far as my statement, was, I recognized the State of the Church Committee, and it is up to the body."

Bishop Marshall R. Reed then stated:

"But the motion of Dr. Watts asked for the Report of the Federation, did it not?"

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) made the following statement:

"The motion was on Calendar Nos. 83 and 84, the Majority and the Minority Reports of the Committee on the State of the Church."

Method of Procedure—C. C. Parlin ()—Adopted*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, made a statement regarding procedure, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, before I start I wish the agreement of the body on procedure.

When your Committee of Chairmen met to discuss this matter, it was recognized that this was one of the most controversial issues of our entire Conference. We agreed, subject to approval of the house, on the following procedure; that the Majority Report would be presented, with ten minutes allowed. Thereafter the Minority Report would be presented, with ten minutes allowed.

Then each Report would be supported by two speakers, with five minutes on each Report, in an attempt to epitomize for you the debate which took place on three days in the Committee itself.

If you accept this suggestion, you will find speaking as follows: Mr. Paul R. Ervin (*) for the Committee Report; for the Minority Report, Reverend Raoul C. Calkins; supporting the Majority Report, Reverend Skillington, and for the Minority Report, Reverend Worley.

The debate would then be thrown open to the house for debate as long as the Conference wished to debate, and upon calling for the closing of the debate, and the previous question, the Minority would be allowed five minutes in summary, and I will speak the final five minutes in support of the Majority Report.

Perhaps we should have the consent of the house to this procedure which is recommended to you by the Committee of Chairman."

Motion of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church,

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duly seconded, prevailed by the unanimous vote of the General Conference, for the above outlined method of procedure.

Request—C. C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, made this additional statement:

"May I request that as this debate proceeds, that there be no applause. I think this is a time for cool thinking and firm speaking, but there should be no emotion of applause."

**No. 7 State of the Church Presented—Majority Report—
J. W. Henley—Minority Report No. 7-A—H. H. Crane—
Majority Report Adopted**

At the request of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, James W. Henley (Tennessee), Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, which had prepared Report No. 7 of the Committee, DCA-308, columns 1, 2 and 3, Calendar No. 83, Subject, "The Methodist Federation for Social Action," presented the Report, and spoke to the same.

*Substitute for Minority Report—Presented—H. H. Crane—
Substituted*

Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit), representing the Minority Report of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, was recognized, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: The original Minority Report which appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate* was a spontaneous, hurried, honest attempt to express the desires of the signers to achieve genuine co-operation and to avoid controversy.

"But on more mature consideration we have come to realize that there are some very precious principles involved in the question with which we are confronted, principles that we are willing to recognize and are anxious to preserve, but principles that we are liable to overlook unless we can point up the issue more clearly by restating the case.

"Therefore, with the consent of all the co-signers of the Minority Report, and with the consent of Mr. Parlin and Dr. Skillington, we are asking that we substitute this Minority Report for the rather lengthy and ambiguous one, so far as implementation is concerned.

"This is the Minority Report, for the purpose of clarifying the issues, so that there will not be the ambiguities and uncertainties, and altogether frank facing of the basic issues.

"We respectfully request the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church to set up an impartial Commission to investigate the Methodist Federation for Social Action, as well as other unofficial organizations and publications using the word 'Methodist' in their title,

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and about which there is likely to be confusion in the public mind as to their unofficial character.'

"This is the Substitute Minority Report."

Rules Suspended—H. H. Crane—C. C. Parlin (*)

Motion of Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit), duly seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, to suspend the Rules to permit the substitution requested, as the Substitute Minority Report had not been published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Substitute for Minority Report Substituted—H. H. Crane—C. C. Parlin (*)

On motion of Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit), duly seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, unanimously prevailed by the vote of the General Conference to substitute the following, DB-167:

"We respectfully request the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church to set up an impartial Commission to investigate the Methodist Federation for Social Action, as well as other unofficial organizations and publications using the word 'Methodist' in their titles, and about which there is likely to be confusion in the public mind as to their unofficial character."

for the published Minority Report, Calendar No. 84, DCA-308, column 3, and DCA-309, column 1, Subject, "The Methodist Federation for Social Action."

Minority Report Presented—H. H. Crane

Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit) presented the Minority Report, as set forth above, and spoke to the same.

Paul R. Ervin () Speaks for Majority Report*

Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina) spoke for the Majority Report.

R. C. Calkins Speaks for Minority Report

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke for the Minority Report.

J. E. Skillington Speaks for Majority Report

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke for the Majority Report.

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L. F. Worley Speaks for Minority Report

Lloyd F. Worley (New York East) spoke for the Minority Report.

Amendment—Miss Georgia Harkness ()—Not Adopted*

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy) moved to amend the Majority Report by deleting Paragraph II, DCA-308, column 2, and which reads as follows:

"Be It Resolved, That The Methodist Church does not approve many of the statements of the Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial)."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy) spoke to the same.

Time Extended—Stewart Clendenin—Adopted

Motion of Stewart Clendenin (Texas-SC), duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, to extend the time to finish consideration of and action on the pending matters.

J. C. Satterfield, Sr. () Against Amendment*

John C. Satterfield, Sr. (*) (Mississippi-SE) spoke against the proposed amendment.

Previous Question—G. M. Davenport—Not Ordered

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, did not prevail by the required two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was not ordered.

Substitute for Amendment—P. V. Shearer ()—Out of Order—Bishop Reed*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) moved a substitute to the amendment of Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy), but Bishop Marshall R. Reed ruled the motion to substitute for an amendment was out of order.

Amendment to Amendment—P. V. Shearer ()—Not Adopted*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) then moved an amendment to the amendment proposed by Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy) to delete paragraph II, DCA-308, column 2, said amendment to the amendment to read as follows (DB-168):

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"Be It Resolved, That The Methodist Church does not necessarily approve any of the statements and policies of the Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial)."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke to the same.

D. W. Throckmorton Speaks for Minority Report

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) spoke for the Minority Report.

D. H. Youell () Speaks for Majority Report*

Donald H. Youell (*) (Holston) spoke for the Majority Report.

Motion to Substitute Original Minority Report—S. E. Carruth—Out of Order—Bishop M. R. Reed

Samuel E. Carruth (Northwest Indiana) moved to substitute the original published Minority Report, DCA-308, column 3, and DCA-309, column 1, for all that is before the General Conference.

Bishop Marshall R. Reed ruled that such a motion was out of order.

Previous Question—Stewart Clendenin—Ordered

Stewart Clendenin (Texas-SE) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Call for Reading of Amendment—W. L. Steffens

William F. Steffens (Ohio) called for a reading of the amendment to the amendment, proposed by Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines).

Proposed Amendment—Edmund Heinsohn—Out of Order

Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) stated that he would like to ask for unanimous common consent of the General Conference to present an amendment that he thought the majority would be willing and anxious to accept.

Point of Order—G. M. Davenport—Sustained—Bishop Reed

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) raised the point of order that the motion was out of order.

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Bishop Marshall R. Reed ruled the point of order well taken.

Motion to Reconsider—J. C. Satterfield, Sr. ()—Out of Order—Bishop Reed*

John C. Satterfield, Sr. (*) (Mississippi-SE) moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the previous question was ordered, in order that Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) might make his proposed amendment.

Bishop Marshall R. Reed ruled the motion to reconsider was out of order.

Amendment to Amendment Read—E. W. Peterson ()*

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), Document Secretary, read the amendment to the amendment, as requested by William L. Steffens (Ohio).

Amendment to Amendment Not Accepted—C. C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, stated that the Committee did not accept the amendment to the amendment.

Amendment to Amendment Not Adopted

The amendment of Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) to the amendment of Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Point of Order—E. S. Bucke—Out of Order—Bishop Reed

Emory S. Bucke (New England) raised the point of order that the General Conference of The Methodist Church may not legislate on a matter which is not its own creation, an organization of The Methodist Church.

Bishop Marshall R. Reed ruled as follows:

"It is the judgment of the Chair that we are not legislating, giving a mandate, but we are making a request.

"I would assume this party has a right to make a request, and I think you are out of order."

C. C. Parlin () Speaks Against Amendment of Miss Georgia Harkness (*)*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, spoke against the amendment proposed by Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy).

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Amendment—Miss Georgia Harkness () Not Adopted*

The amendment of Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy) to delete paragraph II, DCA-308, column 2, of the Majority Report, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

*Motion to Refer to Judicial Council—D. W. Throckmorton—
Out of Order—Bishop Reed*

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) asked if he would be in order to refer a portion of this to the Judicial Council?

Bishop Marshall R. Reed ruled that as the General Conference was in the process of voting, such a motion would be out of order.

H. H. Crane Closes Debate for Minority Report

Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit) closed the debate for the Minority Report.

C. C. Parlin () Closes Debate for Majority Report*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, closed the debate for the Majority Report.

Request for Reading Minority Report—Read—E. W. Peterson ()*

Bishop Marshall R. Reed stated there had come several requests for the reading of the Minority Report, and requested that it be read.

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), Secretary of Documents, read the Minority Report, as follows:

"We respectfully request the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church to set up an impartial Commission to investigate the Methodist Federation for Social Action, as well as other unofficial organizations and publications using the word 'Methodist' in their titles, and about which there is likely to be confusion in the public mind as to their unofficial character."

Motion to Substitute Not Adopted

The motion of Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit), duly seconded, to substitute the Minority Report, No. 7-A, for the Majority Report of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, relative to the Methodist Federation for Social Action, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, did not prevail. For Report see page 1416.

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Suggestion for "Aye" and "No" Vote—Leland Moore—Out of Order—Bishop Reed

Leland Moore (South Georgia) was recognized and asked that we take an "aye" and "no" vote.

Bishop Marshall R. Reed ruled that we were in the process of voting and that the motion would be out of order.

Majority Report Adopted

Report No. 7 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 83, DCA-308, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "The Methodist Federation for Social Action." was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1415.

No. 19. Chairmen—L. T. Moore—Adopted

On motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, a Resolution (DB-169) was adopted by the General Conference, as follows:

Meeting of All Boards

"Be It Resolved, That the Council of Bishops be asked and authorized to call the members of all Boards and Commissions to meet at one time and at one place for the purpose of organization of such Boards and Commissions, except the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, since this organization is effected here at the seat of this General Conference."

Procedure for Tonight's Session—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, that no matters of special privilege and courtesy be presented at tonight's session, except those which have previously been presented to the the Presiding Officer, and his consent received thereto, as provided in Rule 9 of the Rules of Order.

Speeches Limited—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, that beginning with tonight's session the length of time for each speaker in debate shall be set at three minutes each, but that the limit shall not apply to the Chairman, or other person presenting a Report.

Fraternal Delegates—H. N. Holmes (*)—No Report

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), Chairman of the

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Committee on Fraternal Delegates, stated the Committee had no Report at this time.

No. 17. Presiding Officer—Bishop P. B. Kern—G. A. Fallon
George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-170), designating Bishop Paul B. Kern of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer of the next session of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church. For Report see page 1089.

Announcements

Announcements of various kinds were made.

Thanks—Bishop Reed

Bishop Marshall R. Reed expressed his thanks to the General Conference for their splendid co-operation during this afternoon's session.

Closing—Benediction—Bishop Valencia

The afternoon session of the Eleventh Day of the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, adjourned at 5:40 P.M., Monday, May 5, 1952, with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Jose L. Valencia of the Manila Area, Philippines Central Conference.

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Opening—Bishop P. B. Kern

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the evening session of the Eleventh Day, Monday, May 5, 1952, in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, with Bishop Paul B. Kern of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, presiding.

Hymn No. 256—J. R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 256, "Faith of Our Fathers! Living Still." The General Conference stood and joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Prayer—Bishop J. W. E. Bowen

The General Conference remained standing, and was led in prayer by Bishop John W. E. Bowen of the Atlantic Coast Area, Central Jurisdiction.

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Journal—No Report—C. O. Law (*)

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal, stated the Committee had no Report for this session.

Credentials—H. L. Bradway—No Report

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, stated that the Committee had no Report for this session.

Calendar—W. S. Overstreet—L. T. Moore

The Order of the Day being consideration of and action on Legislative Committee Reports, the Calendar was taken up under the direction of Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia), Secretary of the Calendar, and Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen.

No. 1 Missions and Church Extension—Presented—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 31, DCA-217, column 3, and DCA-218, column 1, Subject, "Resolution of Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, Approving Work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension," and, on her motion, duly seconded, Report No. 1 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see 1309.

No. 3 Missions and Church Extension—Presented—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 51, DCA-254, column 1, Subject, "Endorsement of the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP)," and, on her motion, duly seconded, Report No. 3 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1310.

No. 4 Missions and Church Extension—Presented—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 52, DCA-254, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Foreign Missions Program," and, on her motion, duly seconded, Report

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No. 4 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1310.

No. 5 Missions and Church Extension—Presented—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)—Amended—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee. Calendar No. 53, DCA-254, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-255, column 1, Subject, "Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief," and requested unanimous common consent to make the following amendment (DB-171): change the first six lines of paragraph "2" at the top of page 254-DCA, column 3, to read as follows:

"The Committee shall consist of twelve representative members as follows: one person from each Jurisdiction to be nominated by each College of Bishops, and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference;"

the remainder of paragraph 2 to remain the same.

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the amendment presented Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, and the same was made.

Amendment—H. N. Holmes (*)—Accepted—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East) moved to amend paragraph 1, under the caption, "Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief" DCA-254, column 2, by deleting the word "and" at the beginning of line 5; inserting after the words, "Service and Finance" in line 6 the following, "together with the Board of Missions"; DCA 254, column 3, deleting the word "shall" in line 2, and substituting therefore the word "may"; deleting the word "two" in line four and substituting therefore the word "three" so that the amended paragraph 2 will read (DB-171):

"1. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief shall be continued with the proviso that, if at any time during the next quadrennium, the Council of Bishops, the General Commission on World Service and Finance, together with the Board of Missions, decide that the specific work of the Committee is no longer needed, the Committee may be discharged, and its responsibilities and assets assigned to such agency as those three bodies may determine."

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, accepted the amendment for the Committee, no

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objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

On the motion of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as amended. For Report see page 1311.

(Note:—Also see pages 739 and 1477 for action on this Subject. Editor)

No. 7 Missions and Church Extension—Presented—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)—Amended—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 114, DCA-344, column 3, DCA-345, columns 1, 2 and 3, DCA-346, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Commission on Deaconess Work," and stated that Report No. 7 would be found in two sections, the first of which had been placed on the tables of the delegates, and entitled, "Report of Commission to Study Deaconess Work," and the second section would be found in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, as set forth above, and moved its adoption.

The motion was duly seconded.

First Section—Bishop L. C. Wicke

At the request of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Bishop Loyd C. Wicke of the Pittsburgh Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Commission to Study Deaconess Work, was recognized, and granted the privilege of the floor by the General Conference, to present the Report for the Commission.

Bishop Wicke presented the Report of the Commission to Study Deaconess Work, calling attention to its full import.

Second Section—Amended—Mrs. F. G. Brooks ()—Adopted*

Mrs. F. G. Brooks (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee, moved to amend Report No. 7 of the Committee, Paragraph 1252, section 3, DCA-345, column 3, by deleting the lines from two to five inclusive, which read as follows:

"one representative from the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations who shall be the Inter-Board Representative from the Board of Hospitals and Homes,"

and substituting therefore, the following (DB-173):

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"one representative from the Board of Hospitals and Homes,"

and after the word "Education" in line 7, inserting

"the Secretary of the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations,"

so that the amended section 3 of Paragraph 1252 will read:

"3. The Commission shall be composed of one Bishop chosen by the Council of Bishops; four persons from each Jurisdiction chosen by the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association, two of whom shall be deaconess members of the Association, one a minister of the Jurisdiction, and one, the President of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service; three representatives of the Woman's Division of Christian Service chosen by the Division; one representative of the Board of Pensions; one representative of the Board of Hospitals and Homes; one representative of the Board of Education; the Secretary of the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations; one personnel Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The Executive Secretary of the Commission on Deaconess Work shall be a member without vote."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of General Conference.

Amendment—Juan Nabong—Amended—Adopted

Juan Nabong (Philippines) moved to amend Report No. 7, DCA-344, column 3, by deleting from Paragraph 623 the words in bold-face type which reads "serving within the United States." The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—R. W. Lyon

Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) made the following statement:

"I am told by Miss Barnwell, who is a very accomplished authority in this field, that the jurisdiction of this Report covers only the United States, and that all deaconess work in the other fields is covered by the legislation worked out through the Central and Mission Conferences, and therefore we do not have jurisdiction there, and this could not apply to them."

Statement—J. R. Wilkins

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I am wondering whether or not the words could be deleted and still not violate any agreement with the home Deaconess Board in this country with their Deaconesses. It certainly would not seem to bar any Deaconesses in this country, and still there would be no misunderstanding abroad over the status."

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Amendment Acceptable—R. W. Lyon

Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) stated that the Commission would be glad to accept the amendment.

Ferdinand Sigg Against Amendment

Ferdinand Sigg (Switzerland) speaking against the amendment said,

"I am speaking against the amendment. We have in Switzerland 93 ministers and 295 deaconesses. You certainly cannot give them a seat in the Annual Conference."

Question—D. E. Walter ()—Answered—Bishop Kern*

Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio) asked the following question:

"Are we giving them a vote by this?"

Bishop Paul B. Kern replied, as follows:

"No."

Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio) made the following statement:

"Why not let them be seated?"

Statement—R. W. Lyon

Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) made the following statement for the Commission:

"It says earlier, somewhere in the Report that a Deaconess shall be a woman available to work in The Methodist Church. This is Section 4 in the middle of the Paragraph 1252, page 345. The recommendation is that Deaconesses are hereby authorized in The Methodist Church.

"This office entitles a woman to serve The Methodist Church through any of its agencies in any capacity not requiring full clergy rights, which would be required if they were to vote on the Conference floor."

Amendment—W. E. Stanton—Accepted—R. W. Lyon

Willard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest) moved an amendment to the amendment of Juan Nabong (Philippines) by adding the words "without vote" at the end of Paragraph 623, so that the amended Paragraph will read:

"Par. 623. Deaconesses shall be seated in the Annual Conference sessions and given the privileges of the floor without vote."

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Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) accepted the amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Question—C. H. Ginns—Answered—R. W. Lyon

C. Homer Ginns (New England Southern) asked the following question:

"It is on that same Paragraph that I raise a point of information, for it would indicate that all of the Deaconesses, without relation to Conference boundaries, are allowed to be seated in the Annual Conference sessions, and given the privileges of the floor.

"I wonder if that is the intent, or whether it is really Deaconesses within the bounds of the Conference."

Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) answered as follows:

"It is the intent that it shall be the Deaconesses who are working within the bounds of the Conference."

"At the same time, however, just as a visiting minister is given the courtesy of sitting in the floor of the Conference session, I think that it has been in our mind that the same courtesy would be extended, provided Deaconesses are visiting from one Conference to another."

Substitute—C. H. Ginns—Accepted—R. W. Lyon

C. Homer Ginns (New England Southern) moved as a substitute for the recently amended Paragraph 623, the following (DB-174):

"Par. 623. Deaconesses serving within the bounds of an Annual Conference, shall be seated in the Annual Conference sessions, and given the privileges of the floor without vote."

Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) accepted the substitute for the Commission, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission, or of the General Conference.

Report No. 7 Adopted As Amended

Report No. 7 of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension including Part I, Report of the Commission to Study Deaconess Work, and Part II, printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1314.

(Note—For other action on this Subject, see Report No. 3, General Standing Committee on Conferences, pages 506 and 1171. Editor.)

No. 9 Missions and Church Extension—Presented—Mrs. F. G. Brooks ()—Adopted—Reconsidered—Amendment—Nyunt Thwin (*)—Accepted—Adopted*

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Ex-

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tension, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar 129, DCA-355, column 1, Subject, "Conference W.S.C.S. Officers, Women Heads of Institutions, to Be Included Under Paragraph 622, 1948 *Discipline*," and, on her motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Three other Reports had been considered and acted on from the Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, when Nyunt Thwin (*) (Burma) was recognized.

Amendment—Nyunt Thwin ()—Accepted—Mrs. F. G. Brooks*

Nyunt Thwin (*) (Burma) was recognized, and stated he had been trying to get the floor to make an amendment to Report No. 9 of the Committee before the Report was adopted, and made the following statement:

"I tried to draw your attention, Mr. Chairman. We are placed at a very disadvantageous position."

Bishop Paul B. Kern replied, as follows:

"Well, I regret that, but the only way the matter can come before the body is by a motion to reconsider."

Nyunt Thwin (*) (Burma) moved a reconsideration of Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

Nyunt Thwin (*) (Burma) then moved to amend Paragraph 622, of Report No. 9, by adding the words "without vote" before the word "and" in bold-face type at the end of line 6 of the Paragraph, so that the amended paragraph will read:

"Lay missionaries, both men and women, regularly appointed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension in fields outside the United States may be seated in the Annual Conference session and given the privileges of the floor without vote; and by authorization of a Central Conference national lay workers may be given the same privileges."

The motion to amend was duly seconded.

Amendment Accepted—Mrs. F. G. Brooks

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, accepted the amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

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Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1346.

No. 10 Missions and Church Extension—Referred—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 130, DCA-355, column 1, Subject, "North Africa Annual Conference," and stated that the Report had been referred to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, approved the reference. For Report see page 1346.

No. 11 Missions and Church Extension—Withdrawn—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 131, DCA-355, column 2, Subject, "Mission Specials," and requested permission for the Committee to withdraw Report No. 11, as the subject matter had been taken care of by other legislation of the General Conference.

By unanimous common consent, the General Conference granted permission for the Committee to withdraw Report No. 11, and Report No. 11 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1347.

No. 12 Missions and Church Extension—Withdrawn—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 132, DCA-355, column 2, Subject, "No Over-All Quadrennial Church-Wide Program," and requested permission for the Committee to withdraw Report No. 12, as the subject matter had been taken care of by other legislation of the General Conference.

By unanimous common consent, the General Conference granted the permission requested, and Report No. 12 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1347.

Statement Judicial Council—Report No. 28—Ministry

Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas), President of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, was recognized, and presented the following statement (DB-175):

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STATEMENT JUDICIAL COUNCIL

MAY 5, 1952

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

The Judicial Council has been officially notified by the Secretary of the General Conference that at the morning session of the Conference today a motion was made and adopted that the Judicial Council be asked to make a statement regarding its former Decision relating to the subject matter of a proposed change in Par. 440 of the *Discipline* set forth in Report No. 28 of the Committee on Ministry, Subject, "Assignment of Bishops," Calendar No. 162, page 413 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

The Judicial Council assumes that it was the intent of this motion to request the Judicial Council to point out how that Decision affects the subject matter of such Report.

The Constitution of the Church (Par. 37 of the *Discipline*) reads as follows:

"Par. 37. The Bishops of each Jurisdictional and Central Conference shall arrange the plan of Episcopal Supervision of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions within their respective territories."

In accord with this constitutional grant of power to the Bishops to "arrange the plan of Episcopal Supervision of the Annual Conference," etc., the General Conference had, prior to 1948, adopted Par. 440 of the *Discipline* reading as follows:

"Par. 440. Each Jurisdictional Conference may fix the Episcopal residences within its Jurisdiction and assign the Bishops to the same. The Bishops of the Jurisdiction shall fix the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas."

On May 5, 1948, the General Conference convening in Boston, adopted a Report adding to Par. 440 the following phrase:

"After consultation with, and with the consent of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy."

The Judicial Council held that it was within the right of the General Conference to request the Bishops to consult with the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy regarding the formation of Areas, but that the portion of such act which required the consent of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy in fixing the Episcopal Areas was unconstitutional, same being in conflict with the constitutional power conferred upon the Bishops in Par. 37 of the *Dis-*

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cipline to "arrange the plan of Episcopal Supervision of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conference and Missions, within their respective territories."

For the same reasons set forth in that Decision (No. 57. See Journal, page 945), the proposal in Report No. 28 of the Committee on Ministry, to take from the Bishops the right to fix the episcopal Areas and delegate that right to the Jurisdictional Conference would be unconstitutional.

No. 5 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Amended—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 23, DCA-216, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Object and Duty of the Board of Temperance," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend the Report by adding at the close of the last paragraph, DCA-216, column 3, the words, "and the prohibition of the liquor traffic." so that the amended paragraph will read,

"It shall be the object and duty of this Board also actively to seek the suppression of salacious and corrupting literature and degrading amusements, lotteries, and other forms of gambling, and in every wise way to promote the public morals and the prohibition of the liquor traffic."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, stated it was agreeable to the Committee to accept the amendment, but objection was raised from the floor of the General Conference.

F. E. Lockridge Against Amendment

Frank E. Lochridge (Dakota) spoke against the amendment.

The amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Report No. 5 of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, as amended, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1435.

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No. 6 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Withdrawn

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 24, DCA-216, column 3, Subject, "Composition of Church Board of Education," and requested permission for the Committee to withdraw the Report, as the subject matter had been taken care of in other legislation enacted by the General Conference.

By unanimous common consent, the General Conference granted the request, and Report No. 6 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1436.

No. 7 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Amended—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 25, DCA-216, column 3, and DCA-217, column 1, Subject, "Commitment Day," and for the Committee, moved to amend by changing the comma (,) following the words "social life," in line 6 to a period (.) and deleting the rest of the paragraph which reads:

"there shall be a Special Day of Commitment on the fourth Sunday in January of each year, to be promoted by the Board of Temperance through the Jurisdictional and the Annual Conference Boards of Temperance."

and substituting therefore the following (DB-176):

"We request the Co-ordinating Council in consultation with the Council of Bishops and the General Commission on World Service and Finance, to establish a Special Day of Commitment each year, giving special consideration to the fourth Sunday in January.

"The observance of this day to be promoted by the Board of Temperance through the Jurisdictional and the Annual Conference Boards of Temperance."

Question Raised—J. Q. Schisler—Answered—P. D. Womeldorf

John Q. Schisler (Tennessee-SE), Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, of the General Board of Education, made the following statement:

"I call attention to the fact that the fourth Sunday is regularly observed in the Church School, in the local church, as World Service Sunday."

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, replied, as follows:

"This is a recommendation to the Council. They could set whatever day they care to. There are no finances involved in the day whatever."

The amendment of Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Report No. 7 of the Committee, as amended, was adopted on the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1437.

No. 8 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 26, DCA-217, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Amending Paragraph 1460, Board of Temperance and General Board of Temperance," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1437.

No. 9 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 27, DCA-217, column 2, Subject, "Manuals for Preparatory Member Class," stating that the word "to" should be deleted from line four in the bold-face type, and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1438.

No. 10 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented P. D. Womeldorf—Withdrawn

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 28, DCA-217, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Time for Organization of the General Board of Temperance for 1952-1956," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

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Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not in Order*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend the Report (DB-177) by changing the name from "The General Board of Temperance," to "The General Board of Temperance and Prohibition." The motion, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

Point of Order—W. E. Stanton—Well Taken—Bishop Kern

Willard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest) raised the point of order that Report No. 10 was not in order, as the General Conference had adopted a Resolution this afternoon, requesting the Council of Bishops to call all Boards, with one exception, to meet at the same time and place.

Bishop Paul B. Kern ruled the point of order was well taken.

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, thereupon moved that Report No. 10 of the Committee be withdrawn. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference, and Report 10 of the Committee was withdrawn. For Report see page 1439.

No. 11 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 29, DCA-217, column 3, Subject, "Temperance to Be Emphasized During the Quadrennium 1952-1956," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1439.

No. 12 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Withdrawn

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 30, DCA-217, column 3, Subject, "Amending Paragraphs Nos. 147 and 148, Business of the Quarterly Conference," and requested permission for the Committee to withdraw Report No. 12, because the subject matter has been covered in legislation already enacted by the General Conference.

The General Conference, by unanimous vote, granted the permission, and Report No. 12 of the Committee was withdrawn. For Report see page 1439.

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No. 13 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 80, DCA-307, column 3, Subject, "Courses of Study in Alcoholics," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1440.

No. 14 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 170, DCA-414, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Report on Motion of Reference Dealing With Official Board in the Local Church." After succinctly outlining the parliamentary procedure which resulted in the subject matter being referred to the General Standing Committee of Temperance and Prohibition, Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, made the following statement:

"Therefore, the Committee recommends the following *in lieu* of the amendments that were made."

and moved the adoption of Report No. 14. The motion was duly seconded.

H. M. Taylor Speaks Against Report

Harry M. Taylor (Newark) spoke against the Report.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Report No. 14 by deleting the words in bold-face type DCA-414, at the top of column 3, which read as follows:

"and that in nominating and electing persons to such membership the utmost care shall be taken that only morally disciplined persons shall be so nominated, and with special reference to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages."

and substituting therefore, the following (BD-178):

"Members of the Official Board of the local Methodist Church shall be members of the Church, and shall be total abstainers from the use of intoxicating liquor."

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The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

G. C. Weaver () for Amendment—Out of Order at This Time—Bishop P. B. Kern*

Guy C. Weaver (*) (Western North Carolina) was recognized, and started to speak for the amendment, when Bishop Paul B. Kern ruled he was out of order at this time, because someone should be permitted to speak against the amendment, should there be such.

R. M. Houston Speaks Against Amendment

Ralph M. Houston (New York) spoke against the amendment.

Previous Question—M. T. Steel—Ordered

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

G. C. Weaver () for Report—Out of Order—Bishop Kern*

Guy C. Weaver (*) (Western North Carolina) was recognized and stated that he would like to speak for the Report as it stood. Bishop Paul B. Kern ruled that he would not be in order at this time.

The amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Count Vote—B. V. Powell—Not Ordered—Report Adopted

Bradford V. Powell (Missouri) moved that we take a count vote. The General Conference did not give the one-third vote required, and the count vote was not ordered.

Report No. 14 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1440.

No. 15 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 171, DCA-414, column 3, Subject, "Church Officials and the Use of Beverage Alcohol," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

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Amendment—W. H. Alderson—Count Vote Taken—Not Adopted

William H. Alderson (New York East) moved to amend Report No. 15 by deleting the last paragraph which reads as follows:

"Be It Resolved, That the General Conference recommends that no member be nominated for or appointed to any official capacity in the church, or Church School, who is not a morally disciplined person, with special reference to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages."

and substituting therefore the following (DB-179):

"Be It Resolved, That the General Conference recommends that all members elected or appointed to any official capacity in the Church or Church School, be asked to make a complete rededication of themselves to the highest ideals of the Christian life, and consecrate themselves to purity of life in body, mind, and spirit."

The motion to amend being duly seconded, William H. Alderson (New York East) spoke to the same.

G. M. Frye Speaks for Report

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan) spoke for the Report.

Amendment Read—L. J. Radcliffe—E. W. Peterson ()*

At the request of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio) the amendment proposed by William H. Alderson (New York East) was read to the General Conference by Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), Secretary of Documents.

Vote in Doubt—Bishop Kern

Bishop Paul B. Kern expressed an honest doubt as to the outcome of the vote because of the show of hands for and against.

Count Vote—L. J. Radcliffe—Ordered

On motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio), duly seconded, a count vote was ordered by more than the required one-third vote of the General Conference, and resulted for the amendment 313; against the amendment 330.

Previous Question—C. S. Kendall—Ordered

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona) moved the previous question on all that was before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

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Report No. 15 of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1441.

**No. 1 Hospitals and Homes—Presented—Frank Prentzel, Jr.
—Adopted**

Frank Prentzel, Jr. (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Hospitals and Homes, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 66, DCA-305, column 1, Subject, "Personnel Bureau," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 1 was adopted. For Report see page 1236.

**No. 2 Hospitals and Homes—Presented—Frank Prentzel, Jr.
—Adopted**

Frank Prentzel, Jr. (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Hospitals and Homes, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 104, DCA-315, column 2, Subject, "Inter-Board Committee" and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1236.

**No. 3 Hospitals and Homes—Presented—Frank Prentzel, Jr.
—Adopted**

Frank Prentzel, Jr. (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Hospitals and Homes, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 105, DCA-315, column 3, Subject, "Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 3 of the Committee was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1237.

**No. 4 Hospitals and Homes—Presented—Frank Prentzel, Jr.
—Amended**

Frank Prentzel, Jr. (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Hospitals and Homes, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 167, DCA-404, column 1, Subject, "Non-Concurrent Memorials," and requested unanimous common consent to add the following Memorial Numbers, which had been inadvertently omitted in printing, namely 880, 882, 883 and 1247.

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent and the Memorial numbers were added, Report No. 4 to be considered at the time all Non-Concurrent Reports would be up for action. For Report, see page 1237.

No. 20. Chairmen—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, to reconsider the action of the General Conference whereby it had set 10:00 P.M. as the hour of adjournment tonight, in order that the hour of adjournment might be set at 11:00 P.M., and thus facilitate the final adjournment of the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church for tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday, May 6, 1952.

Time of Adjournment Tonight Set—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference to adjourn tonight's session at 11:00 P.M.

No. 3 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Withdrawn

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 32, DCA-218, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Publishing House to Be Represented at the Meeting of the Council of Secretaries," and moved its adoption, and then stated that the Publishing Agents would be advisory members of the Council of Secretaries, without vote, if Report No. 3 was adopted. The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—Harry Denman (*)—Report No. 3 Withdrawn—R. C. Baker

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama) was recognized, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Temporal Economy is bringing in a Report tomorrow which gives the Publishing Agent a vote in the Council of Secretaries.

"If the Chairman of the Committee will withdraw this, it will come in tomorrow, and he will get a vote."

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado) replied as follows:

"With that understanding we will be very glad to do so with the consent of the house."

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent and Report No. 3 of the General Standing Committee on

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Publishing Interests was withdrawn. For Report see page 1382.

Important Announcement—Quadrennial Boards and Commissions—H. C. Case

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) was recognized for a privileged announcement, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: Two announcements have been made from the platform about the presentation of the legislative form for the constitution of the Boards and Commissions, the General Agencies.

"Under the Rules of the General Conference these must be printed tomorrow morning, and the following have not yet submitted their list: The Board of Publication, the Board of Pensions, the Commission on Chaplains, the Commission on Camp Activities, Methodist Information, Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, and the Council on World Service and Finance.

"I only want to say that we believe it should be the function of the Chairmen of the Legislative Committees, and the Executive section to comply with the request, in order that these may be printed tomorrow morning in the *Daily Christian Advocate*."

No. 5 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 3, DCA-219, column 3, and DCA-220, column 1, Subject, "Editorial Division Church School Publications," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted. For Report see page 1384.

No. 6 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 49, DCA-252, column 3, Subject, "Location of Methodist Publishing House," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 6 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1384.

No. 7 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 50, DCA-252, column 3, and DCA-253, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "Quad-

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rennial Report of Board of Publication to the General Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1385.

No. 8 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 65, DCA-265, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-266, column 1, Subject, "Publishing Interests—Corporate Structure of The Methodist Publishing House," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1389.

No. 9 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 81, DCA-308, column 1, Subject, "Editing the *Discipline*," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—J. M. Versteeg—Not Adopted

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) moved to amend Report No. 9 by deleting the word "and" before the words "the Publishing Agents" in lines two and three, and the insertion of the words "and two pastors," following the words "Publishing Agents in lines two and three."

The motion being duly seconded, John M. Versteeg (Ohio) spoke to the same.

Bishop Paul B. Kern raised the following question:

"Dr. Versteeg, may the Chair ask you a question? How would these two pastors be appointed?"

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) replied as follows:

"We would be entirely willing for the group that does this to select them, the same group."

Bishop Paul B. Kern made this statement:

"All right. That is included in the motion. The amendment is before you."

R. L. Smith Speaks to Amendment

Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona), one of the Publishing Agents, was recognized and made the following statement:

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"The task of editing the *Discipline* is one that runs through a period of weeks, even into months. If you are going to assign two pastors to this task, you will have to excuse them from their pastoral duties for three months."

Lay on Table—J. O. Gross—Withdrawn

John O. Gross (Kentucky) moved to lay the amendment on the table. The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—G. M. Davenport—Well Taken—Bishop Kern

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) raised the point of order that the motion to lay on the table would take Report No. 9 with it, and Bishop Paul B. Kern ruled that the point of order was well taken.

Motion to Table Withdrawn—J. O. Gross

John O. Gross (Kentucky), with the consent of the seconder of his motion to table, withdrew the motion to table the amendment of John M. Versteeg (Ohio).

R. C. Baker Speaks to Amendment

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, spoke to the pending amendment.

Amendment Not Adopted—Report No. 9 Adopted

The amendment of John M. Versteeg (Ohio) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1393.

No. 10 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 87, DCA-309, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Manual for Candidates for Marriage," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1393.

No. 11 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Withdrawn

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Re-

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port No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 88, DCA-309, column 2, Subject, "Combining Methodist Publications," and requested Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) to speak to the Report.

H. C. Case Speaks to Report

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) spoke to Report No. 11 as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, in the interest of the avoidance of duplication, overlapping—and I have been considerably interested in that—I would hope it would be withdrawn, because the matter is well stated, I think, in the Report from the Committee of Six."

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, with the unanimous common consent of the General Conference, withdrew Report 11 for the Committee. For Report see page 1394.

No. 12 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Withdrawn

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 12 for the Committee, Calendar No. 89, DCA-309, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Christian Advocate," and requested permission of the General Conference to withdraw Report No. 12 as the subject matter had been covered in the Report of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

Permission being unanimously given by the vote of the General Conference, Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, withdrew Report No. 12 for the Committee. For Report see page 1394.

No. 13 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Action Deferred—Bishop Kern

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 113, DCA-344, column 3, Subject, "Non-Concurrence Memorials."

Bishop Paul B. Kern ruled that Report No. 13 goes to the Non-Concurrent Calendar, and is not before the General Conference, at this time. For Report, see page 1394.

Statement Judicial Council—C. B. Ketcham—R. V. Candalaria

Charles B. Ketcham (North-East Ohio), Secretary of the

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Judicial Council, was recognized, and presented the following statement (BD-180) :

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Dr. Lud H. Estes, Secretary,
The General Conference

My Dear Dr. Estes:

"This afternoon the General Conference referred to the Judicial Council for Decision two matters raised in questions presented by Rev. R. V. Candelaria of the Philippines Annual Conference.

"Since both questions are hypothetical, and an immediate answer is not necessary in the interest of pressing legislation, the Judicial Council requests the privilege of announcing a Decision on these matters at its next session following the adjournment of the General Conference."

(Signed) M. A. CHILDERS, *President*
CHARLES B. KETCHAM, *Secretary*

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, granted the request of the Judicial Council.

**No. 2 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—
Adopted**

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 54, DCA-255, column 1, Subject, "Korean Relief," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1409.

**No. 3 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—
Action Deferred—See Journal, Pages 645, 739, and 1409**

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 3 for the Committee, Calendar No. 59, DCA-262, column 1, Subject, "Public Morals."

Same Subject—Temperance and Prohibition—P. D. Womeldorf—Action Deferred

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, stated that his Committee was dealing with the same subject.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, recommended that action be deferred on Report No. 3 of the Committee, until after a conference with the Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

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By unanimous common consent, the General Conference voted to follow this plan of procedure, and action was deferred on Report No. 3 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church. For Report see page 1409.

No. 4 State of the Church—Presented—C. H. La Rue—Adopted

At the request of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, Clarence H. La Rue (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the Sub-Committee that prepared Report No. 4 presented Report No. 4, Calendar No. 60, DCA-262, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Racial Discrimination in the District of Columbia," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1410.

No. 6 State of the Church—Presented—Mrs. W. E. Longstreth (*)—Amended—Adopted

At the request of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, Mrs. Wilbur E. Longstreth (*) (Missouri), Secretary of the Sub-Committee preparing Report No. 6, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 64, DCA-264, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-265, column 1, Subject, "The Christian Home," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Miss Georgia Harkness ()—Accepted—C. C. Parlin (*)*

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy) moved to amend Report No. 6, section 5, DCA-265, column 1, by changing the words "Girl Reserves" in line six to "Y-Teens," as that is the term now used by the Y.W.C.A. to designate the High School Division.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, accepted the amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Amendment L. H. McKay ()—Adopted*

Leo H. McKay (*) (Erie) moved to amend Report No. 6, last paragraph of section 4, DCA-265, column 1, by deleting the period (.) at the end of the second line, following the words "Christian homes" at the end of the line, substituting

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therefore a comma (,) and adding the words "which we favor," so that the amended paragraph will read:

"There is an increasing demand for the adoption of children in Christian homes, which we favor. We urge the churches to work for more uniform adoption laws."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Report No. 6 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as amended. For Report see page 1411.

No. 8 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—Amended—Adopted

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 109, DCA-342, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "The Methodist Church and Race," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—R. E. Clay—Answer—C. C. Parlin ()—Amendment—R. E. Clay—Adopted*

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) raised the following question:

"Is Recommendation No. 2 a recommendation, or, if, on adoption by this General Conference, does it become a mandate to all Boards and Agencies, and the Commission on Entertainment of the next General Conference?"

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, replied as follows:

"This was intended not as a mandate, but an exhortation."

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) then moved to amend Report No. 8 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, by deleting paragraph 2 of the Recommendations, DCA-342, column 3 which reads as follows:

"2. Let there be equality of accommodations for all races at National and Inter-National meetings of the Church."

and to substitute therefore the following (BD-181):

"That there be equality of accommodations for all races at all National and Inter-National meetings of The Methodist Church."

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The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) spoke to the same.

The amendment of Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Amendment—J. P. Brawley ()—Accepted—C. C. Parlin (*)*

James P. Brawley (*) (Atlanta) moved to amend Report No. 8 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church (DB-182), by deleting the words found in lines one and two at the beginning of the Report, DCA-342, column 2, which read

“one of its glories is the fact that it unites,”

and to substitute therefore, the words,

“its responsibility is to unite,”

so that the amended second sentence will read:

“Ours is a world Church. As such its responsibility is to unite in one fellowship men and women of all races and nations.”

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, James P. Brawley (*) (Atlanta) spoke to the same.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, accepted the proposed amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Report No. 8 by adding to the first paragraph, DCA-342—column 2, the following (DB-183):

“In order that Methodism may set an example to the world of opposition to segregation and racial discrimination, we hereby submit to the Annual Conferences, a Constitutional Amendment abolishing the Central Jurisdiction.”

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

C. W. Cooper Speaks Against Amendment

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke against the amendment.

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Previous Question—A. W. Pugh—Ordered

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved the previous question on the amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Bishop Paul B. Kern called attention to the fact that it requires a two-thirds vote to approve a proposal for a Constitutional Amendment.

The amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—E. A. Love—Not Adopted

Edgar A. Love (Washington) moved to amend Report No. 8, recommendation 3, DCA-342, column 3, by deleting the words following the words "homes," in line 3, which reads as follows:

"carefully restudy their policies and practices as they relate to race, making certain that these policies and practices are Christian."

and to substitute therefore the following (DB-184):

"take steps immediately to open their doors to all people alike without distinction as to race, creed or color."

so that the Recommendation, as amended will read,

"Let the institutions of the Church, local churches, colleges, universities, theological schools, hospitals, and homes, take steps immediately to open their doors to all people alike, without distinction as to race, creed or color."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Edgar A. Love (Washington) spoke to the same.

J. D. Heer for Report

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) spoke for the Report.

R. M. Dunn (*) Speaks for Amendment

Ralph M. Dunn (*) (Northwest Indiana) spoke for the amendment.

Previous Question—R. C. Calkins—Ordered

Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds required vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

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Request for Reading of Amendment—F. B. McIntosh—Read—E. W. Peterson ()*

F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio) requested that the amendment be read, and Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), Secretary of Documents, read the proposed amendment to the General Conference.

C. C. Parlin () Speaks for Report*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, spoke in favor of Report No. 8 as presented.

Question—H. F. Kellogg—Answer—C. C. Parlin ()*

Harold F. Kellogg (Ohio) asked the following question:

"I have a question. I wonder if this ought to be harmonized with Report No. 14 General Standing Committee on Education, Calendar No. 136, DCA-355, column 3, and DCA-356, column 1, Subject, "Segregation in Schools of Theology."

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, replied, as follows:

"Should this amendment carry, it would require reharmonizing the whole *Discipline*. We would be completely out of order, in my opinion, if this amendment went through. I am not certain, it may be we would have to go to the Judicial Council.

"It would throw the whole thing into utter confusion."

The amendment of Edgar A. Love (Washington) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 8 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, was adopted as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1417.

No. 5 State of the Church—Presented—W. E. Stanton—Action Postponed—See Journal, Pages 740 and 1410

At the request of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, Willard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest), Secretary of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, started to present Report No. 5 of the Committee.

Point of Order—C. M. Dannelly ()—Sustained—Bishop Kern—Statement—L. T. Moore*

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama) raised the point of order that each Committee was assigned thirty minutes at a time for the presentation of Reports, and that the General

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Standing Committee on the State of the Church had consumed the thirty minutes allotted to it.

Bishop Paul B. Kern asked Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, the following question:

"I shall ask Dr. Moore if that is a correct statement?"

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, replied, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: If I remember correctly, the exact way I stated the thirty minutes was 'at least 30 minutes.' I am perfectly satisfied if you want it to stay at 30 minutes, to let it go that way."

Bishop Paul B. Kern then made the following statement:

"The Chair is under the impression that we have been operating on a 30 minute limit. I ask Dr. Parlin now to give way to another Committee."

**Motion to Adjourn—G. M. Davenport—Out of Order—
Bishop Kern**

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) moved that we do now adjourn. Bishop Paul B. Kern ruled the motion out of order as the hour of adjournment had already been set.

No. 1 Ritual and Orders of Worship—Presented—K. M. Edwards—Amended—Adopted

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 1 for the Committee, Calendar No. 79, DCA-307, column 3, Subject, "Introduction Service for Those Received on Trial," and requested unanimous common consent to amend Report No. 1 by adding at the close of it, the following sentence:

"We recommend that this matter be referred to the continuing Commission on Worship and the Fine Arts."

The General Conference granting the request by unanimous common consent, the amendment was added to Report No. 1.

On motion, duly seconded, of K. Morgan Edwards, (Southern California-Arizona), Report No. 1 as amended, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1396.

No. 2 Ritual and Orders of Worship—Presented—K. M. Edwards—Adopted

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 85, DCA-309, column 1, Subject, "Editorial Suggestion for the *Discipline*," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1396.

No. 3 Ritual and Orders of Worship—Presented—K. M. Edwards—Adopted

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 86, DCA-309, column 1, Subject, "Collection of Hymns for Church School," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 3 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1397.

No. 4 Ritual and Orders of Worship—Presented—K. M. Edwards—Adopted

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 111, DCA-343, columns 1, 2 and 3, and DCA-344, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Consecration of Directors of Christian Education," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1397.

No. 5 Ritual and Orders of Worship—Presented—K. M. Edwards—Amended—Adopted

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 5, Calendar No. 139, DCA-358, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-359, column 1, Subject, "Ritual for Organization of a New Church," and requested unanimous common consent to amend Report No. 5 by adding at the close, the following:

"Your Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the continuing Commission on Worship and the Fine Arts."

The General Conference granting the request, by unanimous common consent, the amendment was made.

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Report No. 5, as amended, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, on motion of K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded. For Report see page 1402.

**No. 7 Ritual and Orders of Worship—Presented—Adopted—
K. M. Edwards**

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 172, DCA-414, column 3 and DCA-415, column 1, Subject, "Recommendation From Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship—to be Substituted for Paragraph 2007 of the 1948 *Discipline*," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1406.

**No. 1 Judicial Administration—Presented—T. B. Clay (*)—
Amended—Adopted**

Thomas B. Clay (*) (Genesee), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Judicial Administration, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 173, DCA-415, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Trial of a Traveling Preacher, or a Preacher on Trial," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Juan Nabong—Accepted—T. B. Clay ()*

Juan Nabong (Philippines) moved to amend Report No. 1 by adding after the words "Jurisdictional Conference" in line three of the last paragraph, the following (DB-185):

"or the Central Conference as the case may be."

so that the first sentence of the last paragraph will read:

"Its findings shall be final, subject to the Committee on Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conference, or the Central Conference as the case may be."

Thomas B. Clay (*) (Genesee) accepted the amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Report No. 1 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as amended. For Report see page 1245.

**No. 6 Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—With-
drawn**

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 57, DCA-262,

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column 3, and DCA-263, column 1, Subject, "More Adequate Support for Methodist Schools of Theology," and requested permission, of the General Conference, to withdraw Report No. 6, as action had already been taken elsewhere.

By permission of the General Conference, granted by unanimous common consent, Report No. 6 of the General Standing Committee on Education was withdrawn. For Report see page 1204.

No. 7—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Withdrawn

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 7, Calendar No. 58, DCA-262, column 1, Subject, "Theological Education," and requested permission of the General Conference to withdraw Report No. 7 as the subject matter had already been acted upon by the General Conference.

By unanimous common consent the General Conference granted permission, and Report No. 7 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1205.

No. 2 Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Amended—Adopted—See Pages 698-700

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 20, DCA-213, columns 1, 2 and 3, and DCA-214, column 1, Subject, "Message on Methodism and Higher Education."

Amendment—A. W. Pugh—Accepted—C. M. Dannelly ()*

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to amend Report No. 2 by inserting the words "be encouraged" in V. paragraph 2, fourth line, following the words "Annual Conference," so that the amended paragraph 2 will read:

"2. That the General Conference concur in the recommendation of the Commission on World Service and Finance that each Annual Conference be encouraged to provide, etc."

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, accepted the proposed amendment for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Report No. 2, as amended, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1187.

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No. 9 Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 62, DCA-263, column 3, and DCA-264, column 1, Subject, "Church School Literature," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1206.

No. 10 Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 76, DCA-306, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-307, column 1, Subject, "The Need for Emphasis on Youth in the Next Quadrennium," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1207.

No. 13 Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 118, DCA-347, column 1, Subject, "Emphasis on Christian Education in the Local Church," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—P. V. Shearer (*)—Not Adopted

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend Report No. 13 by adding a new paragraph after the word "church," in line four, to read as follows (DB-186) :

"That consideration be given by the Board of Education to the dating of Church School literature and material affecting children and youth of school age to coincide, in as far as possible and practicable, with the public school year."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke to the same.

W. S. Boyd Speaks to Amendment

Welsh Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh) at the request of Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, spoke to the amendment, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: This was discussed at considerable length in the Committee. There were certain difficulties pointed out to us by way of implementing this Memorial, by the Editors of our literature.

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"We found that because of those technical difficulties it would be impossible to do this now, but the matter is being worked upon, and progress is being made for eliminating the difficulties that have been mentioned in their experience in some places.

"We do not think that it is practicable at this present time to do that."

The amendment of Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 13 of the General Standing Committee on Education was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1212.

Announcements

Announcements of various kinds were made.

No. 18. Presiding Officer—Bishop G. H. Kennedy—G. A. Fallon

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented their Report (DB-187) designating Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction, to preside at the next session of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church. For Report see page 1090.

Thanks—Bishop Kern

Bishop Paul B. Kern thanked the members of the General Conference for their splendid co-operation in the transaction of the business of the evening session.

Closing—Benediction—Bishop J. M. Springer

The evening session of the Eleventh Day, Monday, May 5, 1952, of the 1952 General Conference adjourned at 11:01 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop John M. Springer.

**TWELFTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1952
MORNING SESSION****Opening—Bishop G. H. Kennedy**

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the morning session of the Twelfth Day, Tuesday, May 6, 1952, in the Civic Auditorium at San Francisco, California, at 8:30 A.M., with Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction, in the Chair.

Bishop Kennedy announced that the devotions of the

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morning would be conducted by Bishop Donald H. Tippet of the San Francisco Area, Western Jurisdiction.

Devotions—Bishop Tippet—The Call to Worship

Bishop Donald H. Tippet of the San Francisco Area, Western Jurisdiction, led the devotions of the morning, and gave the Call to Worship from Psalm 100:4 and Psalm 34:3, and which is as follows:

"Enter in His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. . . . O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Hymn No. 4—Affirmation of Faith—Bishop Tippet

Bishop Tippet announced Hymn No. 4, "O Worship the King, All-glorious Above."

Led by James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, the General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of the Hymn, after which, led by Bishop Tippet, the General Conference joined in the Affirmation of Faith, The Apostles' Creed.

Scripture Lesson—Bishop Tippet

Bishop Tippet read the scripture lesson from Romans 8: 35-39.

Hymn No. 361—Bishop Tippet

Bishop Tippet announced Hymn No. 361, "Dear God, Our Father, at Thy Knee Confessing." The General Conference, standing, was led in the singing of the Hymn by James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music.

Prayer—Bishop Tippet

The General Conference remained standing, was led in prayer by Bishop Tippet.

Message—Bishop Tippet

Bishop Donald H. Tippet brought a stirring and timely message on "Good News for a Distraught World."

Hymn No. 348—Benediction—Bishop Tippet

Bishop Tippet announced Hymn No. 348, "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee," and the General Conference stood, and was led in the singing of the Hymn by James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of

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Music, after which Bishop Tippet pronounced the Benediction.

Business Session—Bishop Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction, called the General Conference to order for the business session.

No. 17. Journal—Resolution—C. O. Law (*)—Adopted

Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Journal was recognized, and on his motion, duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-188) was adopted by the vote of the General Conference:

"Be It Resolved, That the approval of the Journal of the General Conference sessions of Monday morning, afternoon, and night, May 5, 1952, and the sessions of Tuesday, May 6, 1952, be left in the hands of the Secretarial Staff."

(Signed) CLYDE O. LAW (*), *Chairman*
WILLIAM H. BECKER (*), *Secretary*

No. 20. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges was recognized, and presented the following five matters, action on each being taken, as indicated.

(1) Presented Bishop W. Earl Ledden for the presentation of a Report.

Report Committee on Materials for Training in Church Membership—Bishop W. Earl Ledden—Motion to Receive and Print—C. P. Hardin—Adopted—R. W. Ragsdale

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Materials for Training in Church Membership, found in the Quadrennial Reports, page 581, with the request that the General Conference receive and take action on the Report.

Cecil P. Hardin (Holston) moved that the Report be received and approved. The motion was duly seconded.

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism requested that the Report be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Cecil P. Hardin (Holston) with the consent of the seconder of his motion to receive the Report, included this re-

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quest in the motion, and the motion, thus amended, was adopted by the General Conference. For Report see page 1479.

(2) Presented Bishop William C. Martin for the presentation of a Resolution.

Resolution Re Advance for Christ and His Church—Bishop William C. Martin—B. M. Hunt—Adopted

Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction, Chairman and General Director of the Advance Committee—presented a Resolution (BD-189), and on motion of Brunner M. Hunt (Mississippi-SE), duly seconded, it was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as follows:

"Be It Resolved, That the Executive Committee for the Advance for Christ and His Church, be continued to complete the affairs of the Advance for Christ and His Church, and that the Office Staff shall be discontinued not later than September 1, 1952.

(Signed) WM. C. MARTIN, *Chairman*
COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Vice-Chairman*
G. BROMLEY OXNAM, *Vice-Chairman*
FREDERICK B. NEWELL, *Secretary*
THOMAS B. LUGG, *Treasurer*
E. HAROLD MOHN, *Executive Director*

(3) Presented Gabriel Sundaram for a privileged motion.

Resolution Re 1956 General Conference and India—Gabriel Sundaram—Adopted

Gabriel Sundaram (Hyderabad) presented a Resolution in behalf of the Delegations from India and Pakistan (DB-190) and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

"WHEREAS, the next meeting of the General Conference falls in 1956, which year will mark the Centenary of Methodism in India, and

"WHEREAS, The Methodist Church in Southern Asia is the 'Mother' of Central Conferences and represents the largest unit of our Church overseas, and

"WHEREAS, missionaries from all sections of the Church have been and are still engaged in Christian work there, and

"WHEREAS, the next session of the World Methodist Council also is to be held in 1956, and has been invited, if possible, to meet in India;

"NOW, THEREFORE, the General Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting in San Francisco in April-May, 1952 Resolves:

"(1) That the Committee on Entertainment and Program of the 1956 General Conference arrange for a suitable recognition of the Centenary of India Methodism to be made a part of the Program of that General Conference;

"(2) That the Board of Missions and Church Extension co-operate with The Methodist Church in Southern Asia in arranging for appropriate celebration in India in 1956-57;

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"(3) That the members of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council, representing our branch of the Church, urge the Committee to give careful and sympathetic consideration to the invitation to hold the next session of the World Methodist Council in India in relation with the Centenary."

(4) Presented J. Manning Potts (Virginia) for an expression of thanks.

Thanks to Budget Committee Crusade for Christ—J. M. Potts—Adopted

J. Manning Potts (Virginia) presented a Resolution, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as follows:

"Be It Resolved, That this General Conference express its thanks for the splendid work done during the past eight years by the Budget Committee of the Crusade for Christ and His Church. It has been a matter of trusteeship faithfully rendered, and we should make a record of our gratitude."

(5) Presented Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) for a privileged matter.

Resolution Re Fraternal Messengers—R. W. Lyon, et al.—Adopted

Roswell W. Lyon (Wyoming) presented a Resolution (DB-191) relative to Fraternal Messengers, and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Ecumenical Spirit of Methodism prompts us to welcome to the General Conference, Fraternal Messengers from other denominations, and

"WHEREAS, our present plan of having them speak at the close of the morning business session, when we are weary and sometimes confused with the pressure of business, seems to be unfair both to our cordiality and to our guests, and

"WHEREAS, we believe we would act wisely for Fraternal Delegates and for the pleasure of the General Conference if a specific time were set for presentation of these visitors;

"Therefore Be It Resolved, That this General Conference ask the Committee on Entertainment to set aside a night session at the next General Conference so that Fraternal Delegates may be properly received and welcomed, and that they in turn may represent their respective Communion."

(Signed) ROSWELL W. LYON (Wyoming)
LOREN SPEAR (Illinois)
G. WESLEY LEWIS (*) (Wyoming)
WALTER L. HUNT (*) (Wyoming)
ROY T. HENWOOD (Wyoming)
HAROLD TIPPETT (*) (Wyoming)
NORMAN W. CLEMENS (Wyoming)

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RAY H. COWEN (New Hampshire)
THOMAS B. LUGG (Illinois)
CLARENCE C. SANBORN (*) (New Hampshire)
FREDERICK B. NEWELL (New York East)
HARRY N. HOLMES (*) (New York East)
J. FRED MELVIN (Illinois)

No. 17. Entertainment Commission—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, made two important announcements:

(1) Urged all those who wanted copies of the program, "Let the People Sing," to be sure to sign the blue slip on the desks of the delegates and turn it in before leaving the General Conference hall.

(2) Made an announcement concerning the gasoline situation.

Mother's Day—W. S. Overstreet—Adopted

Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia) was recognized, and on his motion, duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-192) was adopted by the vote of the General Conference:

"WHEREAS, Mother's Day has become an established tradition and a fixed date on our American calendar, and

"WHEREAS, Mrs. Anna M. Jarvis, a resident of the city of Grafton, West Virginia, and a member of the Andrews Methodist Church, a faithful and efficient teacher in the Sunday school for many years, organized the mothers of the community and planned and promoted a 'Mother's Day of Friendship' which was observed at the close of the Civil War 'in an effort to reunite family ties that had been broken during that period of strife,' and

"WHEREAS, Miss Anna M. Jarvis, daughter of Mrs. Anna M. Jarvis, a member of Andrews Church like her mother, was a teacher in the Andrews Church School for years, planned and promoted a Mother's Day service in honor of her mother, which was held in the Andrews Methodist Church, Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908, and

"WHEREAS, the second Sunday in May was fixed as Mother's Day by Proclamation of William E. Glasscock, governor of West Virginia, under date of April 26, 1910, and by Resolution of the United States Congress in May, 1914, at the request of Miss Anna M. Jarvis, and

"WHEREAS, Judge Ira E. Robinson, a member of Andrews Methodist Church, Grafton, West Virginia, a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1912, introduced a Resolution recognizing Miss Anna M. Jarvis as the founder of Mother's Day;

"Therefore, *Be It Resolved*, That the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church recognize Andrews Methodist Church, Grafton, West Virginia, as the 'Mother Church of Mother's Day,' and recommend that it become a shrine, symbolizing appreciation of the love and devotion of mothers, and proclaiming respect and esteem for Christian motherhood."

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Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17. Credentials—H. L. Bradway—Adopted

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Report Nos. 14, 15, 16, and 17, DCA-505, and, on his motion, duly seconded, they were adopted by the vote of the General Conference, without reading. For Report see pages 1049-1052.

No. 5. Rules—A. W. Pugh—Amended—Common Consent—Granted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, requested unanimous common consent to make two brief amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, without the usual parliamentary procedure of moving reconsideration for that purpose. The General Conference granting unanimous common consent, the following amendments were added:

(1) Add section (f) to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, which will read as follows:

“(f) To prepare and publish in the Daily Christian Advocate contemporaneously with the list of the nominees for election to the Judicial Council, biographical sketches not to exceed 100 words in length for each nominee.”

(2) Requested the Secretary of the General Conference, when he edits the Journal of the 1952 General Conference to include the footnote, found at the bottom of page 172 of the Handbook for Delegates for the 1952 General Conference, showing that the ministers have the first choice of selection of General Standing Committees for the 1956 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church. For Report, see page 1063.

Nominations Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented a large number of elections and nominations from the Council of Bishops, and made the following statement:

“Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: The Council of Bishops is charged under the law with making numerous nominations, and, in some cases, elections. I have before me the work that was done last evening carrying out your orders.

May I say that to read these names, which run into the hundreds, will take about a half hour of your time. We are prepared to read them. I wonder, though, whether you wish it done that way?

In view of a blanket Resolution adopted yesterday which gives to the Council of Bishops the duty of naming any Committees which we may not have named during the session, and to correct any matters in

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nominations growing out of a conflict in law and the like, I wonder whether you desire all of these Boards, Commissions, and so on read? The National Council involves 124 names.

It would seem to me, Mr. Chairman, in view of this difficulty, that perhaps you will wish to do something else. We have assumed that the recommendations coming from the Committee of Six, and adopted by you, constitute what you intend to do. Some Committee Reports appear to be in conflict. There must be certain reconciliations made afterward.

In addition, you now have an order that a person may only serve only upon three Boards, and laymen upon only one.

Some of these matters will have to be adjusted and if you care to do this, I would like to read the Co-ordinating Council nominations, and the revision of the Council on World Service and Finance, and if you wish to adopt the others, without reading, it would save you that time. There is no disposition upon our part not to read, it is purely your pleasure."

No. 21. Chairmen—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, made the following motion:

"Mr. Chairmen and Members of the Conference: I move that the nominations, with the exception of the two named by Bishop Oxnam, be received and approved without reading, and that the Council of Bishops be authorized to make any and all necessary revisions."

The motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

Co-ordinating Council—N o m i n a t e d—Bishop Oxnam—Elected—C. P. Hardin

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the nominations for membership on the Co-ordinating Council (DB-193), and, on motion of Cecil P. Hardin (Holston), duly seconded, they were elected by the vote of the General Conference, as follows:

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Fred P. Corson
J. Leas Green
Harry Milton Taylor
G. Wesley Lewis (*)
Leon E. Hickman (*)
Mrs. James K. Mawha (*)

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Walter C. Gum
Embree H. Blackard
James P. Stafford (*)
C. B. Gillmore (*)
Mrs. Edwin B. White (*)

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Robert N. Brooks
John W. Curry
Halley P. Johns (*)
Mrs. Mary M. Drake (*)

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North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Charles W. Brashares
 Chester A. McPheeters
 Edwin R. Garrison
 Paul G. James (*)
 Mrs. Leon R. Peel (*)
 John R. Van Sickie (*)

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Frank Smith
 Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*)
 Ethan W. Dodgen
 Virgel W. Russell
 Mrs. W. Max Gentry (*)
 Jarrad Secrest (*)

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy
 H. L. Weiss
 J. Wesley Hole (*)
 Mrs. Fay W. Batten (*)

Bishops From Overseas † Bishop Shot K. Mondol
 Bishop Ralph A. Ward

† The Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops is requested to choose other representatives from Bishops who serve overseas, when such may be in the United States.

Council on World Service and Finance—Revised Nominations—Bishop Oxnam—Reconsidered—C. C. Sherrod (*)—Adopted—W. E. Clark

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the nominations for the Council on World Service (DB-194), and made the following statement:

"Our original nominations for the Council on World Service and Finance were in accordance with the *Discipline*. That has been revised, and it becomes necessary to reconsider that action so that we may nominate in accordance with the present law."

Motion to Reconsider—C. C. Sherrod (*)—Adopted

Motion of Charles C. Sherrod (*) (Holston), duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference, to reconsider the action of Monday morning, May 5, 1952, in which the nominations of the Council of Bishops for the membership of the Council on World Service and Finance for the quadrennium 1952-1956 were confirmed.

Revised List Presented—Bishop Oxnam—Elected—W. E. Clark—Adopted

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the revised list of nominations for the Council on World Service and Finance (DB-194), with the following statement:

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"The Jurisdictional representatives remain as voted yesterday. The members at large are changed to meet the present requirements."

On motion of William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana), duly seconded, the General Conference by vote elected the following as members of the Council on World Service and Finance, for the quadrennium, as follows:

Members at large: Bishop Clare Purcell
Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
J. Bruce McCullough (*)
Edwin L. Jones (*)
Charles F. Berkheimer
Arthur S. Fleming
Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*)
Mrs. Edgar L. Hillman (*)
Mrs. Arthur O. Aldrich (*)

Jurisdictional Representatives

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Frank W. Bevan
Charles W. Kitto
W. Clyde Sykes (*)
Frank A. Thomas (*)

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Foye G. Gibson
Henry W. Blackburn
Luther W. Wells (*)
Lee Davis (*)

North Central Jurisdiction: W. E. Harrison
Wesley H. Bransford
George R. Klein (*)
George B. McKibbin (*)

South Central Jurisdiction: Robert F. Curl
Joseph S. Ploughe
Joe T. Thompson (*)
Walter B. Rider (*)

Western Jurisdiction: R. Franklin Thompson
Charles S. Kendall
Elmer E. Collins (*)
G. Clifford Pettygrove (*)

Central Jurisdiction: Ira B. Loud
Grandison M. Phelps
A. M. Carter (*)
John T. Current (*)

Appointments—Elections—Council of Bishops—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, announced the appointments and elections, made by and of the Council of Bishops for sixteen (16) Agencies of The Methodist Church (DB-195) as follows:

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(1) Board of Publication

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy
Bishop Marshall R. Reed

(2) Board of Missions

Bishop Charles W. Brashares
Bishop Dana Dawson
Bishop Costen J. Harrell
Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy
Bishop Willis J. King
Bishop W. Earl Ledden
Bishop John Wesley Lord
Bishop William C. Martin
Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Bishop H. Clifford Northcott
Bishop Glenn R. Phillips
Bishop Richard C. Raines
Bishop Marshall R. Reed
Bishop A. Frank Smith
Bishop W. Angie Smith
(Three yet to be chosen)

(3) Board of Education

Bishop John W. E. Bowen
Bishop Fred Pierce Corson
Bishop Marvin A. Franklin
Bishop Paul N. Garber
Bishop Ivan Lee Holt
Bishop Paul E. Martin
Bishop Roy H. Short
Bishop Donald H. Tippet
Bishop William T. Watkins
Bishop Hazen G. Werner
Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke
(Six yet to be chosen)

(4) Board of Education—Department of Ministerial Education

Bishop John W. E. Bowen
Bishop Fred Pierce Corson
Bishop Paul N. Garber
Bishop Ivan Lee Holt
Bishop Donald H. Tippet
Bishop Hazen G. Werner

(5) Board of Hospitals and Homes

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke
Bishop William T. Watkins

(6) Board of Pensions

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

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(7) Board of Temperance

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop John Wesley Lord
Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Roy H. Short
Central Jurisdiction: (First Bishop Elected)
North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Marshall R. Reed
South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul E. Martin
Western Jurisdiction: (Bishop to be elected)

(8) Board of Lay Activities

Bishop Robert N. Brooks
Bishop Dana Dawson
Bishop Glenn R. Phillips

(9) Board of Evangelism

At Large: Bishop W. Angie Smith

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop W. Earl Ledden
Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Roy H. Short
Central Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. E. Bowen
North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Clifford Northcott
South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop William C. Martin
Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Glenn R. Phillips

(10) Board of World Peace

Harold A. Bosley
Bishop Charles W. Brashares (Proxy)
Bishop Robert N. Brooks
Edmund Heinsohn
Bishop W. Earl Ledden
Charles C. Parlin (*)
Fred C. Reynolds
Donald W. Shriver (*)
Frank D. Slutz (*)

(11) Board of Social and Economic Relations

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke
Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Willis J. King
North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Hazen G. Werner
South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Frank Smith
Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Donald H. Tippett

(12) Commission on Promotion and Cultivation

Bishop Costen J. Harrell
Bishop William C. Martin
Bishop Richard C. Raines

(13) Radio and Film Commission

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin
Bishop Donald H. Tippett
Northeastern Jurisdiction: Howard M. LeSourd
Southeastern Jurisdiction: James W. Sells
Central Jurisdiction: George D. Hancock (*)
North Central Jurisdiction: Wesley Brashares
South Central Jurisdiction: Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.
Western Jurisdiction: Wilbur T. Blume (*)

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(14) The Advance Committee

- Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke
 Frank E. Baker (*)
 George A. Fallon
- Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Costen J. Harrell
 Mrs. Roscoe M. White (*)
 Leonard H. Cochran
- Central Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. E. Bowen
 Halley P. Johns (*)
 M. LaFayette Harris
- North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Hazen G. Werner
 Abbott L. Fletcher (*)
 Raoul C. Calkins
- South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul E. Martin
 Pat Thompson (*)
 W. Carl Clement
- Western Jurisdiction: (Bishop to be elected)
 Alstyne E. Pruner (*)
 George L. Poor

(15) Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations

- Bishop John W. E. Bowen
 Bishop Charles W. Brashares
 Bishop W. Earl Ledden

(16) Committee on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks

- Bishop Marvin A. Franklin
 Bishop John Wesley Lord
 Bishop Roy H. Short

Appointments—Council of Bishops—Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary Council of Bishops, announced the appointments of Methodist representatives, made by the Council of Bishops to National and Inter-National Bodies, as follows:

(1) General Board National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America—Methodist Representatives

- Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)
 Earl R. Brown
 Bishop Fred Pierce Corson
 Harry Denman (*)
 Joe A. Engle
 Bishop Arthur J. Moore
 J. Earl Moreland (*)
 Ray H. Nichols (*)
 Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
 Theodore H. Palmquist
 Charles C. Parlin (*)
 J. Manning Potts
 Bishop Marshall R. Reed
 John Q. Schisler
 Eugene L. Smith

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Bishop W. Angie Smith
Paul D. Womeldorf

(2) General Assembly National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America—Methodist Representatives

Bishops:

John W. E. Bowen
Robert N. Brooks
Fred Pierce Corson
Dana Dawson
Costen J. Harrell
Gerald H. Kennedy
W. Earl Ledden
Arthur J. Moore
G. Bromley Oxnam
Glenn R. Phillips
Clare Purcell
Marshall R. Reed
A. Frank Smith
W. Angie Smith
Donald H. Tippet
Hazen G. Werner

Ministers:

L. S. Allen
Chancie D. Barclift
Robert Justin Campbell
J. Henry Chitwood
Leland Clegg
Thomas E. Colley
John Crowe
W. J. Cunningham
Eugene M. Frank
James W. Henley
Simon P. Jenkins
Ralph Kleen
Elmer D. Landreth
Edward G. Mackay
W. H. Mears
Robert G. Morris
Theodore H. Palmquist
William N. Raver
Samuel H. Sweeney
Joe Z. Tower
Fred D. Young
Aubrey G. Walton

Laymen:

Charles Chappell
Miss Margaret Currie
Edson H. Deal
James A. Egan
Hollis N. Franklin
Mrs. Robert K. Gordon
Walter L. Hunt

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Miss Flemma Kittrell
Charles C. Parlin
Mrs. James W. Payne
Andrew H. Phelps
Clarence M. Pinson
Charles B. Peeler
R. Carter Tucker
Frank Webber

Youth:

Jameson Jones
Payton Palmore
John Parkinson

From Board of Evangelism

Harry Denman (*) (SE)
J. Manning Potts (SE)

From Board of Temperance

Caradine R. Hooton (SC)
Mrs. Charles W. Mead (*) (SC)

From Board of Hospitals and Homes

Karl P. Meister (NC)

*From Board of Missions and Church Extension**Division of World Missions*

Charles V. Adams (*) (NE)
George H. Atkinson (*) (W)
Howard C. Baldwin (*) (NC)
Samuel L. Brown (*) (C)
Robert F. Curl (SC)
Edwin L. Jones (*) (SE)
E. Harold Mohn (NC)
James A. Mathews (OS)
Eugene L. Smith (NE)
Harry M. Taylor (NE)
William A. Wright (SE)

Division of National Missions

Frank E. Baker (*) (NE)
Earl R. Brown (NC)
Joe A. Engle (*) (SE)
C. Cree Gable (*) (NC)
J. Wesley Hole (*) (W)
John R. Kenney (W)
Edgar A. Love (C)
Albert W. Martin (SC)
Aubrey S. Moore (NC)
Frederick B. Newell (NE)
John Patton (C)
Karl K. Quimby (NE)

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Woman's Division

Mrs. Paul Arrington (SE)
Mrs. Jesse W. Bunch (W)
Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (NC)
Mrs. Roxy Dismukes (SC)
Miss Henrietta Gibson (NE)
Miss Doncas Hall (Staff)
Mrs. John M. Pearson (NE)
Mrs. Fred C. Reynolds (NE)
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman (SE)
Mrs. Charles E. Wegner (NC)
Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins (C)

From Board of Education

Leon M. Adkins (NE)
Heil D. Bollinger (NC)
Cawthon A. Bowen (SE)
Alva I. Cox (NC)
Merrimon Cuninggim (SC)
Matt L. Ellis (*) (SC)
Arthur S. Flemming (*) (NC)
Walter K. Greene (*) (SE)
Wilbur D. Grose (NC)
John O. Gross (SE)
Fred G. Holloway (NE)
Miss Mary Alice Jones (SE)
David D. Jones (*) (C)
Marvin B. Kober (NC)
J. Earl Moreland (*) (SE)
J. Richard Spann (SC)
John Q. Schisler (SE)
Earl V. Tolley (NE)
Frank C. Tucker (SC)

(3) Second Assembly—World Council of Churches—Methodist Representatives

The Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches will be held at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, August 15-31, 1954.

Methodist Representatives are as follows:

Bishops

Sante Uberto Barbieri
John W. E. Bowen
Charles W. Brashares
Robert N. Brooks
Fred Pierce Corson
Costen J. Harrell
Ivan Lee Holt
Gerald H. Kennedy
W. Earl Ledden
William C. Martin
Arthur J. Moore
G. Bromley Oxnam

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Glenn R. Phillips
J. Waskom Pickett
Richard C. Raines
Jose L. Valencia
Ralph A. Ward
Frederich Wunderlich

Ministers

Harold A. Bosley
G. Alfred Brown
James S. Chubb
Norman W. Clemens
M. LaFayette Harris
Thomas S. Harris
Fred G. Holloway
Melvin K. Medlock
Oscar Thomas Olson
Theodore H. Palmquist
Ferdinand Sigg
John O. Smith
Ralph W. Sockman
Fred B. Trotter
John R. Wilkins

Laymen

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks
Miss Sarah Chakko
A. J. Claxton
Charles G. Howard
Walter W. Jackson
William Kung
Mrs. Frances Huntington Martin
J. Earl Moreland
Charles C. Parlin
Harry V. Richardson

Alternates

Mrs. C. A. Barr
Mrs. E. R. Bartlett
Mrs. Fay W. Batten
Mrs. Frank G. Bell
Mrs. Jesse W. Bunch
Mrs. Robert K. Gordon
Mrs. E. J. Harbinson
Dr. Georgia Harkness
Mrs. Clarice C. Harvey
Mrs. Howard M. LeSourd
Mrs. Alfred H. Lowther
Mrs. Thelma McCallum
Mrs. Ellis L. Phillips
Mrs. Harold L. Soulen
Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Mr. R. Carter Tucker

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**Nominations Council of Bishops—Bishop Oxnam—Elected
—L. T. Moore—Adopted**

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops (DB-195) for membership on five Agencies of The Methodist Church, that needed to be elected by the General Conference and on the motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the members of the five Agencies of The Methodist set forth in the five paragraphs following were unanimously elected by the vote of the General Conference:

(1) Commission on Structure of Methodism Overseas

Bishop W. Angie Smith and Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, administering in Jurisdictional Conferences;

Bishop Newell S. Booth and Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, administering in Central Conferences;

From Jurisdictional Conferences: Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) (NE); Nathaniel L. Golding (North Mississippi) (SE); Merrill B. McFall (Indiana) (NC); Guy M. Hicks (Louisiana) (SE); Walter L. Turner (Central Alabama) (C); John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) (W);

From Central Conferences and Provisional Central Conferences: William G. Thonger (Central and Southern Europe); Arturo Venegas (*) (Latin America); Hobart B. Amstutz (Southeastern Asia); James K. Mathews (Southern Asia); E. Pearce Hayes (China); Henry Atterling (Northern Europe); Marshall J. Murphree (Africa); Ernest E. Tuck (Philippines); Friedrich Wunderlich (Germany).

(2) Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information

William A. Bailey (*)
Virgil W. Hodges (*)
Miron A. Morrill
Umphree Lee
Theodore H. Palmquist
Holt McPherson (*)
Bishop Richard C. Raines
J. Richard Sneed
Walter W. Van Kirk

(3) Commission on Chaplains

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
Harry A. Price
James F. Farr (*)

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul N. Garber
Chaplain (Admiral) W. N. Thomas
Don A. Cooke
S. Charles Candler (*)

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edward W. Kelly
Richard H. Johnson

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Clifford Northcott
James I. Dolliver (*)

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South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Frank Smith
Edwin C. Calhoun
Carl McFall (*)

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Donald H. Tippet
Charles A. Robbins (*)

(4) Commission on Worship and the Fine Arts

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt
Bishop W. Earl Ledden

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Roswell W. Lyon
Herbert E. Rainer (*)

Southeastern Jurisdiction: William R. Cannon
M. Randolph Mobley (*)

Central Jurisdiction: Daniel L. Rideout
J. de Koven Killingsworth (*)

North Central Jurisdiction: Charles S. Hempstead
Leslie W. Johnson (*)

South Central Jurisdiction: Stewart Clendenin
O. P. Bennett (*)

Western Jurisdiction: Owen J. Beadles
Bernard Vessey (*)

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(Three members at large yet to be named)

(5) Commission on Church Union

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke
Daniel L. Marsh
Charles C. Parlin (*)

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop William T. Watkins
Nolan B. Harmon
C. E. Jordan (*)

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Willis J. King
M. LaFayette Harris
Vattel E. Daniel (*)

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Richard C. Raines (Proxy)
John M. Versteeg
Rockwell Clancy (*)

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Ivan Lee Holt
Umpfrey Lee
Walter W. Parker (*)

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop to be elected
Rufus C. Baker
Donald A. Odell (*)

No. 9 World Service and Finance—Reconsidered—J. E. Skillington—Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) called up for action of the General Conference at this time, the motion he made yesterday morning, Monday, May 5, 1952, for the reconsideration of Report No. 9 of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, Part V, DCA-227, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-228, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-229, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Legislation." The motion, which had been duly seconded, when made, was now adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

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No. 9—Amended—J. E. Skillington—Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend Report No. 9, DCA-229, column 2, by adding to the end of Report No. 9, the following:

"15. Delete Paragraph 745 of the 1948 *Discipline* which reads as follows:

Par. 745. Pastoral charges, individuals, or groups may make designated gifts to the work of any General or Conference Board or Agency, or to one or more projects or types of work under its direction; *provided*, that said gifts shall be designated for projects or types of work which have been included in the approved program of the Board or Agencies. Before making remittance the donor is requested to ascertain from the Board or Agency concerned whether the proposed gift applies to a project included in the approved program. Designated gifts shall be credited upon the Benevolence Apportionment of the local church, and shall be applied upon the ratio share of the receiving Boards or Agencies in the Apportioned Benevolence Funds."

N. P. Benway (*) Against Amendment—Out of Order—
Bishop Kennedy

Neil P. Benway (*) (Troy) started to speak against the proposed amendment. Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled him out of order, as the proposed amendment had not been acted upon by the General Conference.

The motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) to amend, being duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, and Report No. 9 was before the General Conference for consideration and action.

The Methodist Foundation—Legislation Referred—T. B. Lugg—Adopted

On motion of Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, duly seconded, the proposed legislation, Item 12, concerning The Methodist Foundation, DCA-228, column 3, and DCA-229, column 1, was referred to the Co-ordinating Council for careful study and recommendations to the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church. (DB-196) Paragraph 754 is not deleted but remains in the *Discipline*, unchanged.

E. L. Smith Speaks to Report

Eugene L. Smith (Newark), Executive Secretary of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, spoke to Report No. 9 explaining the situation regarding designated gifts.

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J. D. Heer Against Deletion

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) spoke against deleting Paragraph 745.

Questions—C. A. McPheeters—Answers—Bishop Harrell

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit) asked the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, may I ask Dr. Smith or Dr. Skillington to clarify this point. I gathered from what Dr. Smith said that the World Service Apportionment must be met before Advanced Specials could be indicated. Is that true?"

J. E. Skillington Speaks to Pending Question

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) stated he was afraid he was not competent to answer the question, and requested that Bishop Costen J. Harrell be given the privilege of the floor to answer the question, and asked Bishop Harrell the following question:

"Must World Service Apportionments be met by a charge before it can participate in Advance Specials? I think not."

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) requested the privilege of the floor for Bishop Costen J. Harrell to reply. The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, granted the request.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, replied as follows:

"I think there is no law concerning it. However, we do most strongly voice and urge that all of our churches shall first meet their World Service Apportionments, after which they may take Specials as they may individually and severally decide."

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit) asked this further question:

"Well, Mr. Chairman, does this clear it? I mean to say, are we sure which way we are going here? I have no objections to the stopping of designations if they are not going to require that we raise World Service Apportionment before we can do any designating."

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, replied as follows:

"They are not going to require that."

Questions—G. M. Frye—Answered—E. L. Smith—J. E. Skillington

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan) asked the following question:

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"Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask Dr. Smith to clarify the last sentence of the Paragraph he wants to delete; 'Designated gifts shall be credited upon the Benevolence Apportionment of the local church, and shall be applied upon the ratio share of the receiving Boards or Agencies in the Apportioned Benevolence Funds.'

My question is, if it applied on that ratio, what point is there to his point that only 23 cents of the dollar is applied to that Agency to which it has been designated?"

Eugene L. Smith (Newark), Executive Secretary of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, replied, as follows:

"There is an expectation that when thus the one dollar, for example, is sent out as a designated World Service Special, they hope to receive from the foreign field the statement from a missionary that the money has been received which was designated to them. The Division of Foreign Missions has tried to keep faith with that expectation on the part of the local church. The legislation does not require it, but history and the expectation of the local church calls for it."

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan) made the following statement:

"If we would keep this 745 in the *Discipline* and obey it, as some churches have, they would then benefit by more easily being able to educate uninterested members in mission designations. It would not work any hardship as we have been told it is working. We simply have to obey this full law of 745."

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made the following statement:

"If you want to act upon this proposal itself, there will have to be a motion to delete this from the Report. The proposal to delete 745 is now part of the Report. If you want to act upon that alone, and that is apparently what you want to do, we should have a motion to delete 745 from the Report."

Amendment—W. E. Clark—Not Adopted

William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana) moved to amend Report No. 9 by striking out its recommendation to delete Paragraph 745 from the *Discipline*.

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana) spoke to the same.

R. F. Curl Against Motion to Amend

Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) spoke against the motion to delete the proposed deletion.

Previous Question—E. D. Worley—Ordered

Elbert D. Worley (Holston) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

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Question—W. M. Scheuermann—Answer—E. D. Worley
Walter M. Scheuermann (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the following question:

"I wonder what this motion includes. Is it everything before us?"

Elbert D. Worley (Holston) replied as follows:

"I understood there was only one thing before us, that we were voting on the proposition and approving it, one way or another."

Statement—J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made the following statement:

"We have presented the Report, you have amended it by taking out the provision relating to The Methodist Foundation, and referring it to the Co-ordinating Council.

Now you have another amendment, to take out the proposal to delete Paragraph 745. If there was a motion to take the previous question on the whole thing, you will vote first on the motion to take out our proposal to delete Paragraph 745, and then you will vote to adopt the Report as amended."

Question—R. D. Williams—Answer—J. E. Skillington

Roy D. Williams (Memphis) raised the following question:

"We have amended by referring The Methodist Foundation to the Co-ordinating Council, but does this also change the Budget of the General Administration Fund, by striking out the \$65,000.00? That part of the Report was not considered."

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made the as follows:

"That is in another Report, and will come later."

Question—H. H. Hughes—Answer—J. E. Skillington

Harold H. Hughes (Virginia) raised the following question:

"I would like to ask a question on interpretation of Advance Specials under this Paragraph, if it remains in the *Discipline*. We are no longer under The Advance For Christ and His Church.

What is the status of Advance Specials if they are continued under this Paragraph? Could they be applied under this Paragraph to Benevolences?"

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) answered, as follows:

"They can only be applied to projects under the Board of Missions

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and Church Extension, and the Methodist Commission for Overseas Relief—Advance Specials.”

Question—M. T. Steel—Answer—Bishop Kennedy

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) asked for information, as follows:

“Mr. Chairman, I am confused over this negative situation. If I am in favor of the deletion, do I vote against the motion before us?”

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

“The motion before us is simply the previous question, Dr. Steel, and then we will have the amendments stated so you will be clear.”

Previous Question Ordered

The motion of Elbert D. Worley (Holston) for the previous question was adopted by more than the two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Amendment Read—E. W. Peterson ()*

At the request of Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), Secretary of Documents, read the amendment of William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana).

Question—J. K. Mathews—Answer—E. D. Worley

James K. Mathews (Bombay) raised the following question:

“I just want to inquire whether or not the gentleman who moved the previous question later altered it in his remarks to you (Bishop Kennedy), applying it to only the amendment, because I think a possible amendment to 745 might be acceptable to the body, if it were not shut off by the previous question applying to all.”

Elbert D. Worley (Holston) replied, as follows:

“I did not.”

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy asked this further question:

“You didn’t mean to shut it off?”

Elbert D. Worley (Holston) replied, as follows:

“No, sir.”

Question—J. D. Heer—Answer—Bishop Kennedy

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) raised the following question:

“My question is, if we vote for this amendment that is coming before us, it means that we continue Advance Specials, is that right?”

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Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"It leaves the Paragraph in just the way it is, yes, if you vote for the amendment. Is that clear?"

Amendment—W. E. Clark—Not Adopted

The amendment of William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana) to delete the proposal to delete Paragraph 745 of the *Discipline*, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was declared not adopted, by Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, presiding.

E. W. Gamble—Questions Vote

Edge W. Gamble (Louisville) made the following statement:

"Bishop, we think the amendment carried."

Question—C. A. McPheeters—Answer—Bishop Kennedy

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I don't believe the Detroit Delegation is any more stupid than any other Delegation, but we are badly confused. The fact of the matter is, when I voted, they told me I voted to delete, which I was against. I would like to have this clarified, if we may. As I understood, the motion was to delete the deletion."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"That is correct. Let me make this so simple that even the Detroit Delegation will get it now, if possible. The amendment is simply to leave the Paragraph in. That is what you are voting for."

Vote Taken Again—Amendment Declared Lost

The vote was taken again on the amendment of William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana) to delete the proposed deletion, and again Bishop Kennedy stated the amendment was not adopted.

Count Vote—E. W. Gamble—Not Ordered

Edge W. Gamble (Louisville) called for a count vote on the proposed amendment. The motion was duly seconded.

The motion for a count vote, on being put to the vote of the General Conference was not adopted, as less than the required third of the members voted for it.

Motion to Amend—B. V. Powell—Out of Order

Bradford V. Powell (Missouri) moved to amend Paragraph 745.

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Point of Order—O. D. Jackson—Sustained—Bishop Kennedy

Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota) raised the point of order that Paragraph 745 had been deleted, and therefore a motion to amend would be out of order.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled the point of order well taken.

Previous Question—M. T. Steel—Ordered

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

J. E. Skillington Closes Debate

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) closed the debate for the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

No. 9 World Service and Finance Adopted

Report No. 9 of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, as amended was re-adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1940.

Nos. 10 and 11 World Service and Finance—Presented—T. B. Lugg—C. A. Jones (*)—For Information

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, was recognized and requested that Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio) present Reports Nos. 10 and 11 of the Commission for the information of the General Conference.

C. A. Jones () Presents Reports*

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), Recording Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, presented Report No. 10, Part V of the Commission, DCA-533, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Budget of Methodist Commission on Social and Economic Relations," and explained the same.

Question—L. H. McKay ()—Answer—C. A. Jones (*)*

Leon H. McKay (*) (Erie) asked the following question:

"I want to ask of the speaker whether, in view of the fact that The Methodist Foundation item has been removed, the Apportionments wouldn't again be disturbed?"

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Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), Recording Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, replied, as follows:

"That is a different Fund. The General Administration Fund was affected by that."

Question—D. W. Throckmorton—Answer—C. A. Jones ()*

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) asked the following question:

"I would like to ask Mr. Jones if this estimated \$45,000.00 for the proposed new Board would be subject to the disposition of the Board that is about to be established. In other words, the items listed are not frozen, are they?"

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), Recording Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, answered, as follows:

"That is right."

Suggestion—E. E. Voigt—Explanation—T. B. Lugg

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) made the following statement and suggestion:

"Mr. Chairman, we have not yet officially adopted the Memorial to create this Board of Social and Economic Relations, and now we are trying to create a Budget for a Board that is not yet in existence.

My suggestion is that we defer action on this until the Board is adopted."

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, this matter is being presented at your request for your information so you will have it at hand at the time you consider the matter of this new Commission."

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) stated that this would be satisfactory.

No. 11 World Service and Finance—Presented—C. A. Jones (*)—Adopted

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), Recording Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, presented Report No. 11, Part V, of the Commission, DCA-533, column 3, Subject, "Budget for Crusade for World Order," and, on the motion of Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1952.

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No. 10 World Service and Finance Discussed—T. B. Lugg—H. C. Case—E. E. Voigt—C. C. Parlin (*)—O. D. Jackson

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, if we can back up to this matter of the Commission, I would like to have Dr. Case present his understanding of it, and ask the Chairman to tell us just where we are on this Special Commission."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: In Report No. 3, the Special Committee of Six, page 4, adopted by the General Conference (Friday morning, May 2, 1952) the Board of Social and Economic Relations was established.

We deferred consideration of the membership of the Board, and you will find that the Board shall prepare its Budget and present it to the Council on World Service and Finance. That was adopted.

Yesterday in Report No. 4, page 2, you adopted the number of persons to be on that Board.

The function and method of constituting the Board have not been adopted."

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I may be confused on this, but I am sitting right back of Dr. Throckmorton, who was the Chairman of the Committee, and he tells me that his Committee's Report has not yet been brought to the Conference, and has not been presented, has not yet been officially acted upon.

Aren't we getting lines mixed? That is all I was saying."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, there is no mixture at all. The Committee of Six is aware of the fact that the Report of the Legislative Committee has not yet come before the Conference. That was clarified at the time we discussed Report No. 3 of the Special Committee of Six.

It was agreed upon then that when that Report came, whatever items needed to be harmonized would be harmonized with the establishment of a Board, and the determination of the number of members on that Board."

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) made the following statement:

"There has been a great deal of confusion as to whether we have or have not created a Board of Social and Economic Relations.

We have done clearly two things: First, the Report of the Special Committee of Six created an Inter-board Co-ordinating Committee, in which this Board was named as one of the participants.

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Secondly, we said when and if there is a Board, it shall have 48 members. That is as far as we have gone. The official call for the establishment of such a Board will come to you, in the Memorial appearing on page 409 DCA in a Report from the Committee on the State of the Church.

I see no reason to waste further debate as to our precedural status. You will face the issue, frankly, when we come to that Memorial. If you want to knock out the Board and have no such thing, I suppose you can do it by rejecting the structure, with the result we would have a name, but with nothing back of it, and it could not function.

It seems to me it would save time if we would not discuss procedures, but face the questions frankly of whether we have a structure and, if so, what it is when this Memorial comes.

Incidentally, it comes to you as a unanimous Report of the Committee on the state of the Church for the establishment of such a Board, and I will support it when it comes."

Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota) raised the following question in relation to Report No. 10, now under discussion:

"In the previous statement of the Commission, the items for theological schools and Scarrit College carried a footnote."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy interrupted Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota) to ask the following question:

"May I interrupt to ask if you are talking to this No. 10 now?"

Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota) replied, as follows:

"Right. In the percentages, in the previous statement, the items for Theological Schools and Scarritt College carried a limitation with a footnote. That does not appear here."

"Does the limitation still prevail?"

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), Recording Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, replied, as follows:

"Yes, sir." (See page 794.)

Rules Suspended—L. D. Slutz (*)—Adopted

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) moved that the Rules be suspended, and that Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church be presented for consideration of and action on, by the General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, was adopted by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the Rules were suspended for the purpose specified.

Time Extended—R. C. Calkins—Ordered

The time of recess nearing, motion of Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines) duly seconded, prevailed by the vote

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of the General Conference, to extend the time to finish this one matter.

**No. 9 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—
D. W. Throckmorton—Amended—Adopted**

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 149, DCA-409, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Board of Social and Economic Relations," made a brief statement, and requested Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada), Chairman of the Sub-committee that prepared Report No. 9, to more fully present the same.

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) fully explained Report No. 9 in his presentation of the same.

C. A. Smith (*)—For Report

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke in support of the Report.

Amendment—Edmund Heinsohn—Not Adopted

Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) moved to amend Report No. 9 by adding paragraph 3 (DB-197) to read as follows:

"3. In making provision for the Board of Social and Economic Relations, we further declare that no unofficial organization or publication shall have the right to speak for The Methodist Church, and that we do hereby request that our ministers and members do not hold membership in unofficial organizations bearing the name 'Methodist,' and that our ministers and members do not use the word 'Methodist' in connection with unofficial publications and organizations."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) spoke to the same.

**E. H. Blackard—Not in Order at This Time—Bishop
Kennedy**

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina) was recognized, and desired to speak against Report No. 9, and Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled him out of order at this time, as consideration of and action on the amendment of Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) was the pending matter before the General Conference.

E. H. Bucke Against Amendment

Emory H. Bucke (New England) spoke against the amendment of Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas).

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Substitute for All Before General Conference—G. M. Davenport—Not Adopted

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) moved as substitute for all before the General Conference, the following (DB-198):

"Substitute for all of this Report, except Paragraph 1586 as follows: The Board of Lay Activities shall have a section of Social and Economic Relations, and its duties shall be defined by the substance of Paragraph 1586."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, George M. Davenport (North Alabama) started to speak to the same.

Point of Order—W. E. Clark—Not Well Taken—Bishop Kennedy

William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana) raised the point of order that under Rule 23, line 5 of the Rules of Order, the motion to substitute may not be considered, or put, until the original Report or Resolution is perfected.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled that the Rule cited did not apply here, and that George M. Davenport (North Alabama) could complete his speech.

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) spoke to his amendment.

W. L. Turner Against Amendment

Walter L. Turner (Central Alabama) spoke against the amendment of George M. Davenport (North Alabama).

E. H. Blackard for Amendment

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina) spoke for the amendment of George M. Davenport (North Alabama).

Ray Bond—Statement

Ray Bond (Rock River) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: I am a member of the Sub-Committee that worked on this Resolution. I think if you look in Paragraph 1586 you will not find that this Board is going to speak for The Methodist Church, as such. It will implement the actions taken here. It is going to set up some other projects. However I think no one has said it is going to speak officially for The Methodist Church."

Previous Question—C. A. McPheeters—Ordered

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit) moved the previous question on the amendment. The motion, duly seconded,

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prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Substitute—G. M. Davenport—Not Adopted

The substitute of George M. Davenport (North Alabama), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

S. E. Stromberg ()—For Report*

Sven E. Stromberg (*) (New York) started speaking for Report No. 9.

Point of Order—C. A. McPheeters—Not Well Taken—Bishop Kennedy

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit) raised the point of order that his motion for the previous question included the amendment.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled, that as the substitute had no amendment Sven E. Stromberg (*) (New York) was in order to proceed.

S. E. Stromberg Completes Speech

Sven E. Stromberg (*) (New York) completed his speech for Report No. 9.

Previous Question—J. S. Chubb—Ordered

James S. Chubb (Nebraska) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—Paul Morrison—Answer—Bishop Kennedy

Paul Morrison (Detroit) asked the following question:

"I have a question. I would like to ask this question, Mr. Chairman, if the previous question now would shut off an opportunity to make an amendment that the name be different. I would like to propose another name for this Board."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"I think it would. The previous question has been called for on all before us. I don't think there is any room for amendments until we have voted."

Question—Ferdinand Sigg—Answer—D. W. Throckmorton

Ferdinand Sigg (Switzerland) asked the following question:

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"In which way will this Board co-operate with the work overseas? If I am correct, overseas representation has no right to be represented on the Board?"

"Is it the understanding that the Board of Foreign Missions will co-operate with the work outside the United States, or will this Board do it directly and in which ways?"

At the request of Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Dillion Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) answered the question, as follows:

"Yes, Mr. Chairman, you will find at the bottom of the page, the first column, end of Paragraph 1586, 'to co-ordinate such work with other General Agencies of the Church.'"

Question—E. L. Smith—Answer—Bishop Kennedy

Eugene L. Smith (Newark), Executive Secretary of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, asked the following question:

"If this is voted, will it be possible to introduce an amendment of a few words highly important to the overseas implications?"

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled that it would be out of order at this time, because the previous question had been called for.

Previous Question Ordered

The motion of James H. Chubb (Nebraska), duly seconded, for the previous question on all before the General Conference, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted by more than the required two-thirds vote, and the previous question was ordered.

Reading of Amendment—Called for

At the request of Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), Secretary of Documents, read the proposed amendment of Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas).

Amendment—Edmund Heinsohn—Not Adopted

The amendment of Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Question—T. O. Prewitt—Answer—C. C. Parlin ()*

Thomas O. Prewitt (Mississippi-SE) asked the following question:

"I would like to ask Mr. Parlin, the Chairman of the Committee

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on the State of the Church if it is a correct interpretation of Paragraph 1586 that this Board shall have the power to speak on social and economic matters for The Methodist Church. Is that Mr. Parlin's understanding?"

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, replied as follows:

"I think the *Discipline* makes it clear and says that the only body that speaks for the Church is the General Conference. This Board would be bound by the same limitations, but, on the other hand, have such freedom as have the Boards of Temperance, and of Peace.

"All three Boards would be bound by the Constitutional—I think it is a Constitutional provision—that the Church speaks only through the General Conference."

Report No. 9 Amended by Common Consent—C. C. Parlin ()—Adopted*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, closed the debate for the Committee, and requested unanimous common consent to amend Report No. 9 by inserting the words "subject to the provision of Paragraph 1169," after the words, "other endeavors at home and abroad," found in the sixteenth line of the bold-face type, Paragraph 1586, DCA-409, column 1, so that the amended sentence will read:

"To establish 'service projects' where Methodist youth may render Christian service and express their Christian convictions in pioneering and other endeavors at home and abroad, subject to the provision of Paragraph 1169."

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent, and the amendment was made.

Question Raised—J. Q. Schisler—Out of Order at This Time —Bishop Kennedy

John Q. Schisler (Tennessee-SE), Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education, was recognized, and started to call attention to some overlapping in the provisions of the legislation in Paragraph 1586.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled that this was out of order at this time, as the previous question had been ordered on Report No. 9, and the vote would be on the adoption of Report No. 9.

No. 9 Adopted as Amended

Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, DCA-409, columns 1 and 2, Subject,

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"Board of Social and Economic Relations," was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1419.

Recess

The hour of recess having arrived, the General Conference recessed for ten minutes at 10:47 A.M.

Reconvene—Bishop G. H. Kennedy

At the close of the recess period Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction, called the General Conference of The Methodist Church to order.

Hymn No. 70—J. R. Houghton ()*

Under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, the General Conference, joined in the singing of Hymn No. 70, "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want."

No. 9—State of the Church—No. 4 Education—Referred to Co-ordinating Council—Harry Denman (*)—Adopted

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama) was recognized and moved that Paragraph No. 1586, of Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 149, DCA-409, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Board of Social and Economic Relations," and Report No. 4 of the General Standing Committee on Education, Calendar No. 22, DCA-214, column 1; DCA-215, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-216, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Matters Related to the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education," be referred to the Co-ordinating Council in order to eliminate overlapping and duplication.

The motion, being duly seconded, Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama) spoke to the same, and requested that John Q. Schisler (Tennessee-SE), Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education be recognized to point out where overlapping and duplications occurred in the two Reports.

John Q. Schisler (Tennessee-SE), Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education, started to speak, when Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy stated that the matter of reference was agreeable to the Committees concerned.

The motion of Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama) to refer Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, and Report No. 4 of the General

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Standing Committee on Education to the Co-ordinating Council to eliminate overlapping and duplication, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

No. 11—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Amended—R. C. Baker—Accepted—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 77, DCA-307, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Provision for Audio-Visual Program," and stated that section 2, Subject, "Membership of the Commission," had been amended by the Committee to conform with the action of the General Conference in the reduction of Board membership, and that the amended Paragraph 1144-2 would be found on page 532 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, column 2, and moved the adoption of the amended Report No. 11. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—R. C. Baker—Accepted—C. M. Dannelly (*)

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado) moved to amend Report No. 11 of the General Standing Committee on Education, by adding to section (c), DCA-307, column 2, a sentence (DB-199) as follows:

"In so far as practical the rental or sale of materials for Methodist use shall be handled through The Methodist Publishing House."

so that the amended section will read:

"(c) To produce and distribute such programs and materials in the area of the work of member Agencies as the Agencies may request and finance, and such other resources as are needed to serve the great causes of the Church. In so far as practical the rental or sale of materials for Methodist use shall be handled through The Methodist Publishing House."

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, accepted the amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Report No. 11 of the General Standing Committee on Education was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1209.

No. 15—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—F. G. Holloway—Amended—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report

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No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 137, DCA-356, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-357, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-358, column 1, Subject, "Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education," moved its adoption, and requested Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) to explain Report No. 15. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) succinctly presented Report No. 15 and moved two amendments, as follows:

(1) DCA-356, column 3, delete the small type in the second paragraph which reads:

"Through the properly constituted agencies it shall provide courses designed to meet the needs of every classification in our ministry."

and substitute therefore the following (DB-200):

"It shall develop and conduct in-service programs for Supply Pastors, and for persons engaged in the regular ministry."

On the motion of Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore), duly seconded, the amendment was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

(2) Delete the bold-face type DCA-358, column 1, since the action taken upon the recommendation of the Special Committee of six on the Report of the Survey Commission, bringing the Board of Ministerial Training into General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, makes this section unnecessary.

On the motion of Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore), duly seconded, the deletion was approved by the vote of the General Conference.

Question—J. M. Versteeg—Answer—Charles Bollinger

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) asked the following question:

"May I ask whether it is true that in the Paragraph having to do with the Wesley Foundation, the second paragraph, third column, page 357, that this means that the local church no longer has the right to nominate the local campus church community representatives on the Board of Directors?"

"Does the local church no longer have any say in selecting representatives to the Board of Directors of a Wesley Foundation?"

At the request of Fred G. Holloway, Charles Bollinger (Genesee) made reply, as follows:

"Bishop and Members of the Conference: The answer to that question is, as far as I know, the local church would have the privilege of nominating."

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Report No. 15 Adopted as Amended

Report No. 15 of the General Standing Committee on Education, was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1212.

**No. 3—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—
Amended—Adopted**

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 3, DCA-214, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations and Inter-Board Committees on Christian Vocations," and moved to amend Report No. 3 by adding to Paragraph 643, DCA-214, column 2, at the close of the bold-face type, the following:

"Each Annual Conference, in whatever way it may decide shall make adequate provision for the financial support of the work of the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations so that the Commission may be able to carry forward an effective program and guidance in the field of Christian vocations."

The motion of Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, duly seconded, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Report No. 3 of the General Standing Committee of Education, was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1191.

No. 17—Education—Withdrawn—C. M. Dannelly (*)

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, moved to withdraw Report No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 156, DCA-412, column 2, Subject, "Support for the Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations," as the subject matter had been added to Report No. 3 of the Committee, just previously adopted.

The motion, duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, and Report No. 17 of the General Standing Committee on Education, was withdrawn. For Report see page 1221.

**No. 12—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—
Adopted**

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 78, DCA-307,

columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Audio-Visual Commission in the Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1211.

No. 8—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 61, DCA-263, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Establishment of New Theological Schools," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1205.

No. 16—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 138, DCA-358, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "The Student Loan and Scholarship Fund," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—L. F. Worley—Answered—J. O. Gross

Loyd F. Worley (New York East) asked the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, is it true that now interest is charged upon Student Loans?"

John O. Gross (Kentucky), Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education, answered, as follows:

"There is a small interest charge of 1 per cent which carries, I think, for four years. If the student after graduation repays his loan within a period of four to eight years, I think, the interest charge is kept at the lowest possible level. It does not exceed ever 3 per cent."

Question—C. A. Smith ()—Inquiry—Bishop Kennedy—Answer—C. M. Dannelly (*)*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) inquired by what method can we proceed to get rid of the provision of interest on loans?

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy asked the following question:

"I just ask now, would this properly come in as an amendment to the Report before us, Dr. Dannelly, do you think?"

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Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama) replied, as follows:

"It would be a separate matter."

Statement—J. O. Gross

John O. Gross (Kentucky), Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education, gave a lucid explanation of the reasons, method, and technique of the matter of interest on Student Loans.

Motion—C. A. Smith ()—Motion Postponed—See page 700*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) made the following motion:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: I therefore move that the Board of Education be requested and directed to cease charging students, who receive loans from the Board, interest on the loans."

The motion being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) started speaking to the same.

Point of Order—H. B. Watts—Bishop Kennedy—C. M. Dannelly ()*

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) raised the following point of order:

"Mr. Chairman, this is a point of order. The point is that this is not and cannot be a part of the Report before us."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"I think that is quite true, but the matter has come up in connection with this Report. I think it is proper that Brother Smith should present his motion in which he disagrees with this Report."

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) replied to this, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, under the Calendar it is not a part of the content of this Report."

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, made the following suggestion:

"Mr. Chairman, I ask that action be taken on the Report, and that Brother Smith bring this in at another time."

Bishop Kennedy inquired of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) if this would be satisfactory to him?

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) replied:

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"I will, sir, if I am recognized and get the floor."

Report No. 16—Adopted

Report No. 16 of the General Standing Committee on Education, was then adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1220.

No. 14—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 136, DCA-355, column 3, and DCA-356, column 1, Subject, "Segregation in Schools of Theology," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—E. A. Love—Not Adopted

Edgar A. Love (Washington) moved to amend Report No. 14 by deleting the following words (DB-201) at the close of the Report, and which reads as follows:

"except in those instances where State laws would force undue hardship upon the Institutions involved."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Edgar A. Love (Washington) spoke to the same.

W. R. Cannon Speaks for Report

William R. Cannon (North Georgia), Chairman of the Sub-committee that prepared Report No. 14, spoke for the Report.

Mrs. E. A. Sayer () Speaks for Amendment*

Mrs. Edmund A. Sayer (*) (New England Southern) spoke for the amendment.

Previous Question—E. H. Blackard—Ordered

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Reading of Amendment Called for—Read—E. W. Peterson ()*

There were calls for the reading of the amendment, and at the request of Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Ernest W.

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Peterson (*) (Oregon), Secretary of Documents, read the amendment of Edgar A. Love (Washington).

Question—J. D. Heer—Answer—Bishop Kennedy

John D. Heer (Philadelphia) raised the following question:

"Isn't a vote on this amendment, or deletion a mis-statement? The Committee actually voted a statement here."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"I don't think that is proper here. I think it is a question of whether you want this amendment. The previous question is before you. Are you ready?"

Question—M. T. Steel—Answer—Bishop Kennedy

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I would like an explanation. If we approve the amendment are we recommending to the young people that they violate the laws of the States in which they reside?"

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"I don't think that is a proper question, either. It is simply eliminating the words right there. I think you would interpret it as it remains without those words."

Statement—F. G. Holloway

Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I hesitate to differ with our Chairman, but I think the point Dr. Heer brings out is well in order. The Report reads that the Committee voted concurrence. The Committee will not have voted concurrence if you eliminate the rest, because they voted concurrence, *except*."

Amendment—E. A. Love—Not Adopted

The amendment of Edgar A. Love (Washington) to amend Report No. 14 of the General Standing Committee on Education, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 14—Education—Adopted

Report No. 14 of the General Standing Committee on Education, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1212.

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No. 18—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Withdrawn

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee, Calendar No. 157, DCA-412, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Children's Day," and moved that it be withdrawn, because the subject matter had already been acted upon by the General Conference.

The motion to withdraw, being duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, and Report No. 18 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1222.

No. 19—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee, Calendar No. 158, DCA-412, column 3, Subject, "Recommendations for Reference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 19 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1222.

No. 20—Education—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Withdrawn

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Education, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee, Calendar No. 159, DCA-412, column 3, Subject, "Memorials Covered by Other Actions," and moved its withdrawal. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, and Report No. 20 of the General Standing Committee on Education was withdrawn. For Report see page 1223.

No. 2—Education—Reconsidered—F. B. McIntosh—Not Amended—Re-Adopted

F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio), Secretary of the General Standing Committee on Education, moved to reconsider Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 20, DCA-213, columns 1, 2 and 3, and DCA-214, column 1, Subject, "Message on Methodism and Higher Education," for the purpose of deleting an amendment made at the session of last night, Monday, May 5, 1952.

The motion to reconsider, duly seconded, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, and Report No. 2 of the General Standing Committee on Education, was presented to the General Conference for its consideration of and action on the deletion of the aforesaid amendment.

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F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio), Secretary of the General Standing Committee on Education, moved to delete the words "be encouraged" in paragraph 2 of Section V, DCA-213, column 2, inserted in line four of the paragraph following the words "Annual Conference."

The motion to delete, being duly seconded, F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio), Secretary of the General Standing Committee on Education, spoke to the same.

A. W. Pugh Against Amendment

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) spoke against the motion to delete, and gave the reasons why.

F. B. McIntosh Withdraws Amendment

After the statement of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio), Secretary of the General Standing Committee on Education, stated he would withdraw the proposed amendment to delete.

Statement—F. G. Holloway

Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) made the following statement:

"I hope Dr. McIntosh will not do that because the next paragraph begins by saying, 'We recommend that the General Conference set 50 cents per member for the schools and colleges, and 15 cents for the Wesley Foundation.' I think that is much stronger than encouragement."

Motion to Amend Renewed—F. B. McIntosh

F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio), Secretary of the General Standing Committee on Education, thereupon renewed his motion to delete the words, "be encouraged," from Report No. 2. The motion was duly seconded.

T. B. Lugg Speaks to Amendment

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, spoke to the pending amendment.

Amendment—F. B. McIntosh—Not Adopted

The amendment of F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio), Secretary of the General Standing Committee on Education, to delete the words "be encouraged" from Report No. 2 of the Committee, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

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Report No. 2—Education—Re-adopted

Report No. 2 of the General Standing Committee on Education, was then re-adopted. For Report see page 1187.

Interest on Student Loans—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) was recognized, and presented the following motion (DB-202) :

"I move that the Board of Education be directed to charge no interest on loans granted to students, if said loans are repaid to the Board within a period of five years after graduation. If not, that an interest rate of 1 per cent be charged from the date of graduation."

Point of Order—Allen Whitfield ()—Not in Order—Bishop Kennedy*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the following point of order:

"I make a point of order that this motion is out of order. We are under the Calendar at the moment."

Statement—C. A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I understood that I was to be recognized, or perhaps try to be recognized on this matter while we had the Educational Report before us."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy made the following statement:

"I had agreed to recognize you, and I was trying to do it while I could fulfill the agreement."

"I don't know what the Presiding Officer will do this afternoon. But if the Conference feels that this is out of order, that we are on the Calendar, we will have to move on."

"Let us ask Dr. Moore what his opinion is on this. Are we under the Calendar, and would anything not on the Calendar be out of order?"

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, replied, as follows:

"I would say, Mr. Chairman, if it is in connection with the Education Report, it is germane."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, then ruled as follows:

"Dr. Moore says if it has something to do with this Report it is in order. I will take that interpretation."

"Go ahead, Brother, you are in order."

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) resumed his speech for his motion.

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D. H. Youell Against Motion

Donald H. Youell (Holston) spoke against the motion.

Previous Question—J. Z. Tower—Request—Bishop Kennedy

Joe Z. Tower (Texas-SC) moved the previous question.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy requested that the motion for the previous question be held in abeyance, until G. Albin Dahlquist (New England Southern) whom he had recognized before he heard the motion for the previous question, could be heard. Joe Z. Tower (Texas-SC) complied with the request of Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy.

Amendment—G. A. Dahlquist—Not Adopted

G. Albin Dahlquist (New England Southern) moved the following amendment to the motion of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) :

“insert at the proper place the following ‘or while the student is still in full-time attendance in an accredited school.’”

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, G. Albin Dahlquist (New England Southern) spoke to the same.

J. O. Gross Speaks to Motion

John O. Gross (Kentucky), Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, spoke to the pending motion.

Previous Question—D. T. James—Ordered

D. Trigg James (Holston) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Motion—Amendment Read—E. W. Peterson ()*

On requests from the General Conference, and at the direction of Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon) Secretary of Documents, read the motion of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) and the proposed amendment of G. Albin Dahlquist (New England Southern).

Amendment of G. A. Dahlquist—Not Adopted

The amendment of G. Albin Dahlquist (New England Southern), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

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Motion C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

The motion of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Suspend Rules—L. D. Slutz ()—Not Suspended*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) moved to suspend to Rules and take up Report No. 18-B on Conferences, Calendar No. 177 (142-B), DCA-419, column 1, Subject, "Episcopal Administration for Pakistan." The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, as Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, and also as one to present the Report for the Structure of Methodism Overseas, I hope this recommendation for the Suspension of the Rules for the presentation of this Report will not be granted.

"It should come after the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, which the Committee on Conferences agreed to do."

Motion to Suspend Rules Not Adopted

The motion of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) to suspend the Rules, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Structure of Methodism Overseas—Presented—Bishop W. Angie Smith—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, presented the Report of the Commission, DCA-362, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-363, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-364, columns 1, 2 and 3, and requested the privilege of the floor for Bishop W. Angie Smith, Chairman of the Commission, to make a brief statement.

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent granted the request, and Bishop W. Angie Smith, Chairman of the Commission, gave a brief resume of the work of the Commission.

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, then presented the Report of the Commission in detail, explaining its provisions, with the request that he be permitted to present the entire Report before any amendment, or amendments, be presented.

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, requested per-

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mission to make three alterations in the printed Report, as follows:

(1) Add to the list of Memorials covered by the Report, at the beginning of the Report, No. 554.

(2) DCA-363, column 3, insert Paragraph 1875, inadvertently omitted in the printing of the Report, at the proper place, and which reads as follows:

"Par. 1875. *China Central Conference*: All the work of The Methodist Church in China and Hong Kong, including East China, Foochow, Hinghwa, Kiangsi, Mid-China, North China, Shantung, West China, and Yenping Annual Conferences; and the Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference."

(3) DCA-364, column 1, under "III. Recommendations," paragraph 3, delete the word "three" in the first line, and substitute therefore the word, "six" so that paragraph 3, as amended, will read as follows:

"3. We recommend that six Bishops serving overseas shall be members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, their attendance at meetings to be subject to such travel regulations as appear elsewhere in the *Discipline*."

The above amendment No. 3 was made necessary because of the legislation adopted by the General Conference in the adoption of the Report of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission.

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, voted for the three above amendments to be made.

Amendment—V. D. Morris—Not Adopted

Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana-SC) moved to amend the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, by adding at the bottom of DCA-362, column 2, to become a part of the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, Report No. 18 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 177 (142-B), DCA-419, column 1, Subject, "Episcopal Administration for Pakistan" (DB-204).

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana-SC) spoke to the same, and requested that Hector G. Masih (*) (Indus River) be recognized to speak to the Report.

H. G. Masih () Speaks for Amendment*

Hector G. Masih (*) (Indus River) spoke for the amendment.

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J. R. Kenney Against Amendment

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) spoke against the amendment.

Time Extended—L. T. Moore—Not Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, moved to extend the time of this session until 1:00 P.M. The motion, being duly seconded, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Previous Question—M. T. Steel—Not Put at This Time

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion was duly seconded, but was not put to the vote of the General Conference immediately.

Point of Order—L. T. Moore—Sustained—Bishop Kennedy

Before the motion for the previous question could be seconded, Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, raised the point of order, that the Chairmen should have a final voice.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled as follows:

"I think the Chairman should speak finally, and then take the vote, if the call for the previous question is sustained."

Marshall T. Steel made the following statement:

"There is no opportunity for discussion on the previous question."

Question—A. B. Singh ()—Out of Order—Bishop Kennedy*

Ashok B. Singh (*) (Bengal) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I want to ask you a question. Do you think it would be fair?"

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy made the following ruling:

"You are out of order. The motion is on the previous question. Unless you have some remark about that you are out of order."

Time Extended—L. D. Slutz (*)—Adopted

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) moved to extend the time until the pending matter was completed. The motion was duly seconded.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled as follows:

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"A motion to extend the time is a prior motion."

The motion to extend the time for the completion of the pending matter, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted.

Statement of Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy stated that the pending matter at this time was whether the previous question would be ordered.

Question and Statement—Thangaraj Thangadurai

Thangaraj Thangadurai (Burma) raised the following question, and then followed it with a statement, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, does the previous question stifle all questions and discussion on this?"

"This is the second important thing, Mr. Chairman, and we must be given equal opportunity and reasonable time for discussion before turning from this."

Point of Order—J. C. Satterfield, Sr. ()—Not in Order—Bishop Kennedy*

John C. Satterfield, Sr., (*) (Mississippi-SE) raised the following point of order:

"Mr. Chairman, the point of order I raise is that the gentleman who moved the previous question was not recognized by the Chair, and hence the previous question is not now before the house."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy made the following ruling:

"I believe I recognized Marshall Steel. The question is now before us."

Question—W. E. Clark—Answer—Bishop Kennedy

William E. Clark (Northwest Indiana) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, did not the mover of the motion for the previous question violate our rules in stepping to the mike to get his recognition?"

Bishop Kennedy replied, as follows:

"I think not. The mover of the motion was recognized.

"The motion before us is the previous question. I believe the motion was in perfect order. Is there further question about this?"

Point of Order—E. W. Gamble—Out of Order—Bishop Kennedy

Edge W. Gamble (Louisville) raised the following point of order:

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"Mr. Chairman, a point of order. The question was raised a moment ago as to whether or not a member moved the previous question was not out of order, because he went to the microphone to get the attention of the Chair.

"The other day I was definitely ruled out of order because I asked for recognition from the microphone. I was told I could be recognized only from my seat."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled as follows:

"I don't think we need to go into this any further. I saw Marshall Steel moving that way. I waved my hand at him, and he then spoke. In my judgment he was in perfect order."

Suggestion—Preo N. Das

Preo Das (Bengal) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, can I suggest a way out of this? Will you give me three minutes to get out of this tangle?"

Question—C. P. Hardin

Cecil P. Hardin asked the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, is it possible for us to defeat the motion, and give our brethren from overseas a chance to speak?"

Statement—Bishop Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy made the following statement:

"The motion is on the previous question, and I want to put it now, unless there is some question directly to that."

Question—P. N. Das—Answer—Bishop Kennedy

Preo N. Das (Bengal) made the following statement:

"The question is, does this previous question mean that the General Conference will not give opportunity to the Indian side of this?"

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied:

"It means we will take a vote immediately on this."

Point of Order—F. C. Propert ()—Answer—Bishop Kennedy*

Frank C. Propert (*) (New Jersey) raised the following point of order:

"My point of order is that Rule 36 requires an opportunity for at least one argument on each side of the question before a vote."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy stated:

"Are you ready? The previous question"

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**Motion for Previous Question Withdrawn—I. B. Loud—
M. T. Steel**

Ira B. Loud (West Texas) was recognized and yielded the floor to Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) in order that he might withdraw his motion for the previous question.

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas) made the following statement:

"I do not want to do anything that will cause our brethren from overseas to feel that they have been dealt with unjustly. I thought the Conference was ready to vote, and except for that fact, I still think they are, but in the light of the discussion, I want to withdraw my motion."

The seconder of the motion of Marshall T. Steel for the previous question, joined in the withdrawal.

**Previous Question—L. D. Tyson—Held in Abeyance—Bishop
Kennedy**

L. D. Tyson (North Alabama) moved the previous question. The motion was duly seconded.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy made the following request:

"Just before you do that, Brother Tyson, will you allow the Chair the courtesy of extending to this brother, who has been standing here a long time the chance to speak? Is that all right?"

**Point of Order—J. C. Satterfield, Sr. (*)—Ruling—Bishop
Kennedy**

John C. Satterfield, Sr., (*) (Mississippi-SE) raised a point of order, and made the following statement:

"In Robert's Rules of Order, which governs under Rule 40 of our Rules of Order in the absence of a provision, it is stated that a previous question is out of order when it has been either withdrawn or defeated, unless there has been ample debate in the meanwhile."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied:

"He has withdrawn it for the moment."

Gabriel Sundaram Speaks to Pending Matter

Gabriel Sundaram (Hyderabad) spoke to the pending question.

**L. D. Tyson Renews Motion for Previous Question—Bishop
Kennedy**

L. D. Tyson (North Alabama) renewed his motion for the previous question.

Bishop Kennedy ruled as follows:

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"I recognize this brother right here."

L. D. Tyson (North Alabama) made the following statement:

"Bishop, you promised to recognize me a moment ago."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"Well, I think that is technically correct. I wish you would release me from that promise until we hear from this brother. Will you do that?"

L. D. Tyson (North Alabama) replied:

"All right."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy thanked L. D. Tyson (North Alabama) for his attitude.

Prabhakar Balaram Speaks for Motion to Amend

Prabhakar Balaram (Delhi) spoke for the motion to amend.

Previous Question—Bishop Kennedy—L. D. Tyson—Ordered

At the close of the speech of Prabhakar Balaram (Delhi) Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy made the following statement:

"I recognize now my brother who has been more than kind to me than I had any right to ask. Do you want to make that motion now?"

L. D. Tyson (North Alabama) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Question V. D. Morris—Reply—Bishop Kennedy—L. T. Moore

Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana-SC) was recognized, and made the following statement:

"I believe I have the right to speak for three minutes."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy asked the following question:

"Are you the Chairman?"

Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana-SC) replied, as follows:

"I have proposed the amendment. I believe I have the right to defend that."

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Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"I believe it is only the Chairman who has the right to speak."

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, made the following statement:

"This is not a Minority Report."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"This is just a motion, isn't it? I think the previous question is before us for our vote. Are you ready?"

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, replied:

"No, Mr. Chairman, I have the right to speak."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled, as follows:

"The Chairman of the Committee has a right to speak."

L. T. Moore Speaks to Report

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, spoke to the Report of the Commission.

Point of Order—L. D. Slutz ()—Ruling—Bishop Kennedy—L. T. Moore*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio) raised a point of order, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, a point of order. I point out that we are here dealing with the Reports of two Committees, not one, that the proposed amendment is an action taken by the Committee on Conferences; that under Rule 34, when the Committee Chairman, who is also Brother Moore, is not in harmony with the Report, another member may be selected to present the discussion of the Report to the Conference, and he shall have all of the rights and privileges of the Chairman in relation to the Report.

"Brother Morris was duly selected as a member of that Committee to report. I therefore ask that he be permitted to speak."

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, replied to the point of order, as follows:

"I am satisfied, Mr. Chairman, if that is desired."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy recognized Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana-SC) and granted him the floor:

V. D. Morris Speaks for Amendment

Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana-SC) spoke for his amendment to add Report No. 18-B of the General Standing Committee on Conferences to the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas.

Question—Thangaraj Thangadurai—Bishop Kennedy—L. T. Moore

Thangaraj Thangadurai (Burma) asked the following question:

"I have a question. Are we voting on the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, or the Report of the Calendar, No. 142, which is dealing with this particular question?"

"What are we doing now, voting on both of these?"

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"We are voting now on whether or not you want to add Report No. 177 on page 419 to this Report."

Thangaraj Thangadurai (Burma) made the following statement:

"My reference is on Calendar Report No. 142, found on page 359."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy stated:

"It is the same thing."

Thangaraj Thangadurai (Burma) replied, as follows:

"Committee on Conferences, Report No. 18, 'We, your Committee, move that the request of Pakistan be granted by the appointing of a Bishop from the United States for Episcopal Supervision.'"

"I want to make an amendment."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied, as follows:

"The Chairman says it is the same thing."

Thangaraj Thangadurai (Burma) replied:

"It is found in different Reports."

At the request of Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, stated for the information of the General Conference:

"No. 177 is the one we are voting on."

Thangaraj Thangadurai (Burma) stated:

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"I would like to make an amendment."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy replied:

"We are just voting on whether or not we are going to include 177 in the Report."

Thangaraj Thangadurai (Burma) asked the following question:

"I want to know if we are voting on 142?"

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, made the following statement:

"Will you kindly turn to page 359, the first Report, Serial Number 142; then you go to page 419, Serial Number 177 (142-B), so that was referred and becomes really in principle a part of what you are facing now.

"We are voting on 177."

Amendment—V. D. Morris—Not Adopted

The amendment of Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana-SC) to add to the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas Report No. 18-B of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Point of Order—H. B. Watts—Well Taken—Bishop Kennedy

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, it was my understanding, I believe, of the delegates that the motion for the previous question was on all that was before us.

"We certainly want to hear these brethren from overseas, we want to give them plenty of time, but it occurs to the Conference that they have had ample time."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy ruled, as follows:

"Your point is well taken."

Report Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas Adopted

The Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism of Methodist Overseas was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1728.

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No. 18. Commission Entertainment—F. B. Newell

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment made announcements concerning the Program rendered last Sunday evening, May 4, 1952, and then urged the delegates when they got back home to canvass the situation, and if at all possible, send invitations for the 1956 session of the General Conference to the 1956 General Conference Commission on Entertainment.

No. 19. Presiding Officer—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—G. A. Fallon—Thanks

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-205) designating Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction to preside at the next session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church. For Report, see page 1090.

George A. Fallon (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, made the following statement of thanks:

"Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Conference: This is probably the last Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers, and I desire, on behalf of the Committee, to express warm appreciation and deep gratitude for all the Bishops who have so ably presided over us.

"In the midst of sudden and frequent storms, they have remained calm; in the presence of partisanship they have been most impartial, even when their own positions were involved. They have sought to expedite our crowded Calendar without undue haste, and always with courtesy, good humor, and brotherliness.

"Thus, to each and every one we express our deepest thanks."

The General Conference expressed its approval of the remarks with hearty applause.

No. 5. Fraternal Delegates—Delegates Presented—H. N. Holmes (*)

Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, presented the following to the General Conference:

Bishop Hyunki J. Lew of the Methodist Church of Korea, Miss Pauline Kim (*) and Dr. Henry Appenzellar (Southern California-Arizona) Director for Church World Service Field Committee of Korea, Fraternal Delegates from the Methodist Church of Korea.

The Delegates from the Autonomous Methodist Church of Brazil, William Richard Schisler and Mrs. Otilia de Oliveira Chaves (*), President of the World Federation of Method-

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ist Women, and Bishop Isias Sucasas, Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey, of the Autonomous Methodist Church of Brazil.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church stood in applause.

Mrs. Otilia Chaves () Addressed General Conference*

Mrs. Otilia Chaves (*) briefly address the General Conference.

Announcements—Bishop Oxnam—Organizational Meetings of Boards, Etc.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, announced for the Council of Bishops, that the organizational meetings of the General Boards, Commissions and Agencies of The Methodist Church for the ensuing quadrennium would be held in Chicago, Illinois, September 8-10, 1952, beginning at 10:00 A.M., September 8, 1952, with the following two exceptions:

(1) For economy reasons, the Board of Missions will meet for organization at the same time that was set for the meeting of the Executive Committee meeting of the Board, namely, September 3, 1952, at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

(2) Due to the fact that Bishop W. Angie Smith, President of the Board of Evangelism, will be out of the country on September 8, 1952, the General Board of Evangelism is called to meet for organization on Friday, August 1, 1952.

Membership on Structure of Methodism Overseas Announced —Bishop Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, read the names of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, for organizational purposes, as follows:

Bishops W. Angie Smith and Fred Pierce Corson, administering in Jurisdictional Conferences.

Bishops Newell S. Booth and J. Waskom Pickett, administering in Central Conferences.

From Jurisdictional Conferences: Leon T. Moore (Northeastern); Nathaniel J. Golding (Southeastern); Merrill B. McFall (North Central); Guy M. Hicks (South Central); Walter L. Turner (Central); and, John R. Kenney (Western).

From Central Conferences and Provisional Central Conferences: William G. Thonger (Central and Southern Europe); Arturo Venegas (*) (Latin America); Robert B. Amstutz (Southeastern Asia); James K. Mathews (Southern Asia); E. Pearce Hayes (China); Henry Atterling (Northern Europe); Marshall J. Murphree (Africa); Ernest E. Tuck (Philippines); Friedrich Wunderlich (Germany).

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(NOTE, these had previously been elected this morning, without reading. See Journal, page 673. Editor.)

**Trustees The Methodist Church—Bishop Oxnam—Elected—
F. B. McIntosh—Vote Cast—Lud H. Estes**

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops for the Trustees of The Methodist Church, as follows:

Term expires 1956: Arnold A. Johnson (*), M. LaFayette Harris, Henry M. Zimmerman (*).

Term expires 1960: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Reber I. Boulton (*), Vincent M. Mouser (*) (Louisiana-SC), Alexander K. Smith.

Motion of F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, instructing the Secretary of the General Conference to cast the vote of the same for the above named Trustees:

In compliance with the authority of the above motion, Lud H. Estes (Memphis), Secretary of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the same for the above named Trustees, and Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy declared the same to have been duly elected as Trustees of The Methodist Church.

No. 22. Chairmen—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, that we convene at 2:15 P.M. for the afternoon session.

Thanks—Bishop Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Portland Area, Western Jurisdiction, thanked the members of the General Conference for their co-operation in making the session successful, in the following words:

"In a book I read recently it said 'Boiling water is water having a lot of fun,' I expected to be in hot water but I didn't know I would have any fun. But I have had, and it is because you have been on the side of the gospel rather than the law, and you have loved mercy rather than strict justice."

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop Straughn

The morning session of Monday, May 6, 1952, of the Twelfth Day of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, adjourned at 1:10 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop James H. Straughn.

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Opening—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Pursuant to adjournment, the afternoon session of Tuesday, May 6, 1952, of the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, at 2:15 P.M. with Bishop Ivan Lee Holt; St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction in the Chair.

Hymn 60—Bishop Holt—J. R. Houghton ()*

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt called the General Conference to order, and announced Hymn No. 60, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty."

Under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), the General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Prayer—M. L. Harris

The General Conference, remaining standing, was led in prayer by M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington).

Three Privileged Statements—Bishop Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt made three privileged statements, as follows:

(1) That the Presidency of the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church had been of the highest order in brotherliness and efficiency.

(2) That there were 110 Calendar Reports to be presented for the consideration of and action on by the General Conference this afternoon; that he desired to transact the business of the General Conference just as expeditiously as possible without rushing matters, and asked for the fullest co-operation of all the members of the General Conference in every particular.

(3) Requested unanimous common consent of the General Conference to take up the Calendar at once, and to hear from the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges later on during this session.

The General Conference granted the request by unanimous common consent.

No. 23. Chairmen—L. T. Moore—Calendar—W. S. Overstreet

The Calendar was taken up under the direction of Walter S. Overstreet (West Virginia), Secretary of the Calendar,

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and Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen.

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, requested the following to come at once to the platform to expedite the consideration of the Calendar: James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts; Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy; Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Interdenominational Relations and Activities; Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas) Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition; Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension; Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church; Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences; Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, and Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism.

No. 1—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 225, DCA-471, column 3, Subject, "Wyoming State Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 1 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1225.

No. 2—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 226, DCA-472, column 1, Subject, "South Florida Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1225.

No. 3—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the

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General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 227, DCA-472, column 1, Subject, "Rio Grande Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report 3 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1226.

No. 4—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James A. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 228, DCA-472, column 1, Subject, "Savannah Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1226.

No. 5—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 229, DCA-472, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "China Central Conference, Election of Bishops," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1226.

No. 6—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Amended—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 230, DCA-472, column 2, Subject, "Latin American Central Conference, Election of Bishops," and asked unanimous common consent to change the word "Latin," to the word "South," so that the amended Subject will read, "South American Central Conference, Election of Bishops."

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the amendment, and on the motion of James F. Farr (*) (New England), duly seconded, Report No. 6, as amended, was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1226.

No. 7—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal

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Forms, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 231, DCA-472, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Provisional Annual Conference of Bolivia," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1227.

No. 8 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 232, DCA-472, column 3, Subject, "Provisional Annual Conference of Central America," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1227.

No. 9 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 233, DCA-472, column 3, Subject, "Burma Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1227.

No. 10 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 234, DCA-472, column 3, and DCA-473, column 1, Subject, "Sarawak (Borneo) Provisional Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1228.

No. 11 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 235, DCA-473, column 1, Subject, "Mindanao Provisional Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1228.

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No. 12 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Amended—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 236, DCA-473, column 1, Subject, "Austria Mission," and requested unanimous common consent to add to the end of the Report the words, "during the quadrennium ending 1956," so that Report No. 12 will read as follows:

"Authority is hereby given to the Austria Mission to function under its Constitution as approved by the government of Austria, during the quadrennium ending 1956."

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the amendment to be made, and Report No. 12 as amended was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference, on the motion of James F. Farr (*) (New England), duly seconded. For Report see page 1228.

No. 13 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 237, DCA-473, column 1, Subject, "Southeast Africa Provisional Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1228.

No. 14 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 238, DCA-473, column 2, Subject, "Southern Congo Provisional Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1229.

No. 15 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 239, DCA-473, column 2, Subject, "Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference," and, on his motion,

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duly seconded Report No. 15 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1229.

No. 16 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 240, DCA-473, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Switzerland Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 16 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1229.

No. 17 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 241, DCA-473, column 3, Subject, "Polish Provisional Annual Conference," and, on his motion duly seconded, Report No. 17 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1230.

No. 18 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England) Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee, Calendar No. 242, DCA-473, column 3, Subject, "Central Conference of Southern Asia," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 18 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1231.

No. 19 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee, Calendar No. 243, DCA-474, column 1, Subject, "The Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 19 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1231.

No. 20 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the

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General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee, Calendar No. 244, DCA-474, column 1, Subject, "Central and Southern Europe Central Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 20 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1231.

No. 21 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 21 of the Committee, Calendar No. 245, DCA-474, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Belgium Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 21 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1232.

No. 22 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 22 of the Committee, Calendar No. 246, DCA-474, column 2, Subject, "Uruguay Provisional Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 22 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1232.

No. 23 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 23 of the Committee, Calendar No. 247, DCA-474, column 2, Subject, "Northeast Germany Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 23 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1232.

No. 24 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 24 of the Committee, Calendar No. 248, DCA-474, column 2, Subject, "Czechoslovakia Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 24 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1232.

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No. 25 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 26 of the Committee, Calendar No. 249, DCA-474, column 3, Subject, "China Central Conference Annual Conferences," and, on his motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of General Conference, to General Conference. For Report see page 1233.

No. 26 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 25 of the Committee, Calendar No. 250, DCA-474, column 3, Subject, "Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 26 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1233.

Rules Suspended—A. W. Martin—Adopted

Motion of Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas), duly seconded, prevailed by the unanimous vote of the General Conference, suspending Rule 32, in order to consider and take action on all Reports appearing in the issue of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of today, Tuesday, May 6, 1952.

No. 27 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 27 of the Committee, published today, Calendar No. 253, DCA-534, column 2, Subject, "Nebraska Annual Conference—Merging Central West Annual Conference Churches," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 27 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1233.

No. 28 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Withdrawn

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 28 of the Committee, published this morning, Calendar No. 254, DCA-534, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Liberia Annual Conference," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

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J. K. Mathews Speaks to Report

James K. Mathews (Bombay) spoke to the pending Report No. 28.

Statement—L. T. Moore—Report Withdrawn

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I ask that this one be not acted upon. That has a Memorial on it that comes up under the Committee on Conferences, which would deal with that. I would like this to be either deferred, or withdrawn, at this time."

By unanimous common consent the General Conference, by vote, permitted the withdrawal of Report No. 28 of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms. Report No. 28 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1234.

No. 29 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 29 of the Committee, published this morning, Calendar No. 255, DCA-534, column 3, Subject, "Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference—Merging Central West Annual Conference Churches," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 29 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1234.

No. 30 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 30 of the Committee, published today, Calendar No. 256, DCA-534, column 3, Subject, "North Iowa Annual Conference—Merging With Central West Annual Conference Churches," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 30 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1234.

No. 31 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Presented—J. F. Farr (*)—Adopted

James F. Farr (*) (New England), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 31 of the Committee, pub-

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lished this morning, Calendar No. 257, DCA-534, column 3, and DCA-564, column 3, Subject, "Detroit Annual Conference—Merging Lexington Annual Conference Churches," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 31 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1235.

Statement of Clarification—Harry Denman (*)

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, let me make a statement for clarification. This morning I made a motion referring to Paragraph 1568 of Calendar Report No. 149, DCA, page 409 (Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church).

"I made a motion to refer that Paragraph to the Co-ordinating Council in order to eliminate overlapping and duplication in Calendar Report No. 22, page DCA 214 (Report No. 4 of the General Standing Committee on Education). Now, some members of the General Conference thought this entire matter was referred, but I want to make it clear that it was not; just that Paragraph was referred, Paragraph 1586."

Questions—T. B. Lugg—Answers—Harry Denman (*)

Dr. Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois) Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, raised the following question:

"May I ask Dr. Denman a question? In adopting that this morning, did you adopt the Budget recommended by the Commission?"

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama) replied, as follows:

"No, sir."

Dr. Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, asked the further question, as follows:

"That is still before us, then?"

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama) replied, as follows:

"That is to come later."

No. 6 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*) —Withdrawn

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 153, DCA-410, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "The Methodist Foundation," and requested unanimous common consent to with-

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draw Report No. 6 because the subject matter had been acted upon this morning.

The General Conference, by vote, gave the unanimous common consent asked for to withdraw Report No. 6, and Report No. 6 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1452.

**No. 7 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Withdrawn**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 195, DCA-467, columns 1 and 2, Subject "Radio and Film Commission," and requested unanimous common consent to withdraw Report No. 7, as the subject matter had already been acted upon by the General Conference.

The General Conference, by vote, granted unanimous common consent to withdraw Report No. 7, and Report No. 7 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1453.

**No. 8 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, DCA-467, column 2, Subject, "Radio and Film Commission in the Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1455.

**No. 9 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Amended—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 197, DCA-467, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Conference on Town and Country Work," and requested unanimous common consent to change the word "Conference" at the beginning of the Subject to read "Committee," so that the Subject will read "Committee on Town and Country Work," and moved its adoption.

The General Conference, by vote, granted the amendment requested, and Report No. 9, as amended, was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1455.

**No. 10 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Amended—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the

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General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 198, DCA-467, column 3, Subject, "General Conference Expense," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—J. R. Kenney—Accepted—Harry Denman ()*

John R. Kennedy (California-Nevada) moved to amend Report No. 10 by deleting the figure "\$15,000.00," and substituting therefore the figure "\$20,000.00."

The motion being duly seconded, John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) spoke to the same.

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, accepted the amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Report No. 10, as amended, was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1456.

**No. 11 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 199, DCA-468, column 1, Subject, "Consideration of Pensions of Bishops," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1457.

**No. 12 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 200, DCA-468, column 1, Subject, "Fire and Tornado Insurance," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1457.

**No. 13 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 201, DCA-468, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Inclusive Benevolence Askings," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13

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was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1458.

**No. 14 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 202, DCA-468, column 2, Subject, "Commission on Christian Vocations," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1458.

**No. 15 Temporal Economy—Majority Report Presented—
Harry Denman (*)—Adopted**

**Minority Report No. 15-A Presented—C. F. Berkheimer—
Not Substituted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, being a Majority Report, Calendar No. 203, DCA-469, column 2, Subject, "Methodist Shrines Seek Aid," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

**Minority Report—Presented—C. F. Berkheimer—Not Sub-
stituted**

A Minority Report was presented by Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar No. 204, DCA-468, column 3. Subject, "Methodist Shrines Seek Aid. Financial Assistance for St. George's and John Street Methodist Churches," who moved that the Minority Report, No. 15-A, of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy be substituted for the Majority Report, No. 15, of the same Committee.

The motion to substitute, being duly seconded, Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the same.

Question—R. F. Curl—Answer—T. B. Lugg

Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas) raised the following question:

"Paragraph 757 of the 1948 *Discipline* provides that 'Any Board, Agency, or Institution requiring or desiring support from the General Administration Fund shall present its case for the same to the General Commission on World Service and Finance, at a time and place which will be indicated by the Officers of the Commission.'

"It further says, 'The Commission, having heard such requests,

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shall report the same to the General Conference with recommendations for its action and determination.'

"Is there any Report from the General Commission on World Service and Finance, recommending this?"

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, replied, as follows:

"I think the answer is 'No.'"

Point of Order—C. F. Berkheimer—Ruling—Bishop Holt—Not Well Taken

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania) raised the following point of order:

"Is it not true that the General Conference action would take precedence over the action of any Board or Society?"

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt ruled as follows:

"I think I will let the brethren present this, and decide the point is not well taken."

Previous Question—Lester S. Ivins (*)—Ordered

Lester S. Ivins (*) (Ohio) moved the previous question on the pending matter. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds required vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Harry Denman () Closes Debate*

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, closed the debate for the Committee.

Minority Report Not Substituted

The motion of Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania) to substitute the Minority Report, No. 15-A, for the Majority Report, No. 15, of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted. For Report see page 1459.

Majority Report Adopted

The Majority Report No. 15 of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted. For Report see page 1458.

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**No. 16 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 205, DCA-468, column 3, and DCA-469, column 1, Subject, "Stewardship and Tithing, Statistical Office," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 16 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1460.

**No. 17 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 206, DCA-469, column 1, Subject, "Trustees for John Street Methodist Church," and moved that Report No. 17 be adopted and that the Secretary of the General Conference be instructed to cast the vote of the General Conference, for the Trustees named in Report No. 17. The motion was duly seconded.

Trustees John Street Methodist Church Elected

In accordance with the instructions contained in the above motion in connection with Report No. 17 of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, Lud H. Estes, Secretary of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the same for the following:

The Resident Bishop of the New York Area
Leigh A. Brown
Edward R. Carman
John C. Hegeman
Charles C. Parlin
Ellis L. Phillips
Mrs. Millard L. Robinson
Clayton Snyder
Wilson P. Tanner

and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt declared the same to have been duly elected Trustees for John Street Methodist Church.

Report No. 17 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see pages 1461 and 1959.

**No. 18 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Amended—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, pre-

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sented Report No. 18 of the Committee, Calendar No. 207, DCA-469, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Remittances to Treasurers, and Remittances to Council of World Service and Finance," and requested permission to add at the proper place in Paragraph 751, Council of Secretaries, "the Executive Secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations," created this morning.

The General Conference voted unanimous common consent for the suggested insertion, and Report No. 18 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1461.

**No. 19 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee, Calendar No. 208, DCA-469, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Association of Methodist Historical Societies," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 19 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1463.

**No. 20 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee, Calendar No. 209, DCA-469, column 3, Subject, "Functions of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 20 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1463.

**No. 21 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 21 of the Committee, Calendar No. 210, DCA-469, column 3, and DCA-470, column 1, Subject, "World Service Agency Solicitation," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 21 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1464.

**No. 22 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, pre-

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sented Report No. 22 of the Committee, Calendar No. 211, DCA-470, column 1, Subject, "John Wesley Student House," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 22 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1464.

**No. 23 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 23 of the Committee, Calendar No. 212, DCA-470, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Apportionment System of the Church," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 23 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1465.

**No. 25 Temporal Economy—Presented—Harry Denman (*)
—Adopted**

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 25 of the Committee, Calendar No. 214, DCA-470, column 2, Subject, "Report of the Commission to Study the Advisability of the Establishment of a Central Headquarters," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 25 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1466.

No. 1 Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—Presented—B. L. Schubel—Withdrawn

Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 48, DCA-252, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Continuance of the Commission on Church Union," and, on his motion, duly seconded, requested permission to withdraw Report No. 1, as the subject matter will be covered in more detail in a later Report.

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the withdrawal of the Report, and Report No. 1 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1238.

Financial Provision for Commission on Church Union—B. L. Schubel—Adopted

Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis) moved that the question of financial provision for the Commission on Church Union be referred to the Council on World Service and Finance. The

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motion, duly seconded, was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. See Journal, pages 675 and 1955.

No. 2 Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—Presented—B. L. Schubel—Adopted

Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 182, DCA-419, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "American Bible Society," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1238.

No. 3 Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—Presented—B. L. Schubel—Adopted

Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 183, DCA-419, column 3, Subject, "The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 3 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1239.

No. 4 Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—Presented—Amended—B. L. Schubel—Adopted

Bernell L. Schubel (S. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 184, DCA-420, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Commission on Union," and requested unanimous common consent to make the following two corrections:

(1) Delete the word "last" in line three of the first paragraph, and in line three of the third paragraph, and substitute therefore in both places "1948."

(2) Delete the words "Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Executive Committee," in lines seventeen and eighteen of the first paragraph, and substitute therefore the words, "Committee on Approaches to Unity of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, granted the request, and the two amendments were made to Report No. 4.

On the motion of Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Interdenominational Relations and Activities, Report No. 4 was adopted, as

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amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1240.

No. 5 Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—Presented—B. L. Schubel—Adopted

Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 185, DCA-420, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Joint Commission on Co-operation and Counsel With the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1241.

No. 6 Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—Presented—B. L. Schubel—Amended—Adopted

Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 186, DCA-420, column 3, Subject, "World Methodist Council," and requested permission to change the words "Survey Commission" in lines one and two, so as to read "Co-ordinating Council."

The General Conference granted unanimous common consent for the change requested, and Report No. 6 was adopted, as amended, on motion, duly seconded, of Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1241.

No. 7 Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—Presented—B. L. Schubel—Adopted

Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 187, DCA-420, column 3, and DCA-421, column 1, Subject, "World Methodist Council," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1242.

No. 8 Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—Presented—B. L. Schubel—Adopted

Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 188, DCA-421, column 1, Subject, "National

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Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1243.

No. 9 Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—Presented—B. L. Schubel—Adopted

Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 9, Calendar No. 189, DCA-421, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "The World Council of Churches," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1243.

Question—W. C. Sykes (*)—Answer—Bishop Holt

W. Clyde Sykes (*) (Northern New York) stated he would like to see Memorial No. 1198 lifted up and referred to the Commission on Church Union.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt stated that Report No. 4 of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, Subject, "Commission on Union," would take care of the matter.

W. Clyde Sykes (*) (Northern New York), replied, as follows:

"If that is being taken care of, I won't take the time of the Conference to present my motion and press it further."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt replied:

"I think it will be taken care of."

No. 16 Temperance and Prohibition—Presented—P. D. Womeldorf—Amended—Adopted

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 176, DCA-417, column 3, DCA-418, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "To Re-write Disciplinary Statement on Temperance, Morals, and War Time Prohibition," and requested unanimous common consent to make the following two amendments:

(1) Delete the words "and the possibility of some form of permanent military service," in lines two and three of paragraph three, DCA-418, column 2.

(2) In the fourth paragraph, DCA-418, column 2, delete the word "of" in line two and substitute therefore the word

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"and" and add an "s" to the word "Committee" in line 3, so that the amended sentence will read:

"We commend the National Security Training Commission and the Armed Service Committees of the House of Representatives, etc."

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the proposed changes, and they were made to Report No. 16.

Bernell L. Schubel (St. Louis), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, moved the adoption of Report No. 16, as amended, and the motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—A. W. Pugh—Accepted—P. D. Womeldorf

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to amend Report No. 16 by adding to Paragraph 2024, at its close, DCA-418, column 3 the following taken from Paragraph 2022 of the 1948 *Discipline*, which reads as follows:

"We are deeply concerned over the increase in the use of tobacco, especially among youth, and we protest against the misleading and suggestive advertisements for the promotion of its sale. In the interest of a larger Christian influence and service we issue our solemn warning to youth against all such deceptive propaganda, and urge them to abstain from the use of tobacco in all its forms."

Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, accepted the proposed amendment for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Report No. 16 was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1442.

(Note: Report No. 3 General Standing Committee on State of the Church. Same Subject, was withdrawn. See Journal, pages 739 and 1409. Editor.)

No. 14 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Amended—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 218, DCA-471, column 1, Subject, "Prayer Book for Children Joining The Methodist Church," and requested unanimous common consent to change the word "Memorials" in line five, to the word "Materials."

The General Conference gave the unanimous common consent asked for; the change in words was made, and Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, moved the adoption of

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Report No. 14, as amended. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, and Report No. 14 was adopted, as amended. For Report see page 1395.

No. 15 Publishing Interests—Presented—R. C. Baker—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 219, DCA-471, column 1, Subject, "Records and Statistics," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1395.

Publishing Interests—Board of Publication—Presented—R. C. Baker—Adopted

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, presented the section on "Board of Publication," DCA-532, column 3 found in the "Reports on Board Membership" DCA-531, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-532, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-533, columns 1, 2 and 3, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—G. H. Atkinson ()—Not Adopted*

George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada) moved to amend the Section (DB-206) by deleting the words, "not eligible to succeed themselves," found in line five of the bold-face type.

The motion to thus amend, being seconded, George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada) spoke to the same.

R. C. Baker Speaks to Amendment

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, spoke to the pending amendment.

The amendment of George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

The section on "Board of Publication," DCA-532, column 3, was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Section see pages 1475 and 1966.

No. 12 Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Withdrawn

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 117, DCA-346, column 3, and DCA-347, column

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1, Subject, "General Board of Evangelism," and requested permission to withdraw Report No. 12, as the matter has been cared for by General Conference action.

The request was granted by unanimous common consent of the General Conference, and Report No. 12 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1264.

No. 9-A Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Revised Report No. 9-A of the Committee, Calendar No. 252 (110), DCA-534, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Resolution—Transfer of Membership," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Revised Report No. 9-A was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1262.

Board of Evangelism—Membership and Evangelism—Presented—R. W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented the Section relating to the "Board of Evangelism," DCA-531, columns 2 and 3, of the "Reports on Board Membership," DCA-531, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-532, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-533 columns 1, 2 and 3, and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference. For Section see pages 1470 and 1959.

No. 8 Missions and Church Extension—Presented—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar 128, DCA-349, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-350, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-351, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-352, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-353, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-354, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "Board of Missions and Church Extension," and after briefly stating the content of the Report, moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, and Report No. 8 was adopted. For Report see page 1322.

Board of Missions—Presented—Mrs. F. G. Brooks (*)—Amended—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (North Iowa), Chairman of the

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General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented the section dealing with the composition of the General Board of Missions, DCA-531, column 3, and DCA-532, column 1, Subject, "The Board of Missions," taken from the "Reports on Board Membership," DCA-531, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-532, columns 1, 2 and 3; and DCA-533, columns 1, 2 and 3, and asked for the privilege of amending the Section by the insertion of a sentence the typist inadvertently omitted, just before Paragraph 1175, DCA-532, column 1, and which reads as follows:

"The Board shall elect to membership the Chairman of the Commission on Missions and World Friendship of the National Conference of Methodist Youth."

The General Conference granted unanimous common consent for the proposed insertion, and the Section relating to the composition of the Board of Missions, as amended, was adopted by the General Conference, on the motion duly seconded, of Mrs. R. G. Brooks (North Iowa), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Missions and Church. For Report see pages 1471 and 1963.

General Boards—Membership—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Adopted

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama) moved that the "Reports on Board Membership," published this morning, DCA-531, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-532, columns 1, 2 and 3; and, DCA-533, columns 1, 2 and 3 be adopted, with the exceptions of those which had already been adopted, namely, the Board of Evangelism, DCA-531, column 2, the Board of Missions, DCA-531, column 3, and the Board of Publication, DCA-532, column 1. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—O. J. Beadles—Not Adopted

Owen J. Beadles (Pacific Northwest) moved to amend (DB-207) the "Board of Education," DCA-531, column 1, by deleting the words "In addition, upon nomination of its Committee on Education," found in the first sentence of the bold-face type.

The motion to delete, being duly seconded, Owen J. Beadles (Pacific Northwest) spoke to the same.

C. M. Dannelly () Speaks for Report*

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama) spoke for the Report as published.

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A. W. Martin Speaks Against Amendment

Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) spoke against the amendment.

W. E. Stanton Speaks for Amendment

Willard E. Stanton spoke for the amendment.

R. H. Nichols Speaks for Report

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas) spoke against the amendment.

Amendment—O. J. Beadles—Not Adopted

The amendment of Owen J. Beadles (Pacific Northwest), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Reports—Board Membership—Adopted

The "Reports on Board Membership" were adopted by the vote of the General Conference, as follows: "Board of Education," DCA-531, column 1; "Board of World Peace," DCA-531, column 1; "Board of Lay Activities," DCA-531, column 2; "Board of Hospitals and Homes," DCA-531, column 2; "Board of Temperance," DCA-531, column 3; "Trustees of The Methodist Church," DCA-532, column 2; "Radio and Film Commission," DCA-532, columns 2 and 3; "Board of Pensions," DCA-533, column 3, and DCA-533, column 1; "Commission on Chaplains," DCA-533, column 1; "The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief," DCA-533, column 1; "Council on World Service and Finance," DCA-533, column 1; "Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information," DCA-533, columns 1, 2 and 3. For Reports see page 1468.

(Note: For other action on MCOR also see Report No. 5, General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, pages 624 and 1311. Editor.)

No. 3 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—Withdrawn

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 59, DCA-263, column 1, Subject, "Public Morals," and requested permission to withdraw Report No. 3, as the matter had been handled by the General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition. See Journal, page 645.

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, granted the request, and Report No. 3 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1409.

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No. 5 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—Amended—Adopted

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 63, DCA-264, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "An Appeal for World-wide Racial Tolerance," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—P. N. Das—Accepted—C. C. Parlin ()*

Preo N. Das (Bengal) moved to amend Report No. 5 by adding as paragraph 4 the following (DB-208) :

"4. We earnestly request the Council of Bishops to urge the Congress of the United States to take in the United Nations Organization such affirmative steps as may be necessary to remove all inhuman practices, such as racial discrimination and segregation laws now practiced in the world in general, and in South Africa in particular."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Preo N. Das (Bengal) spoke to the same.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, accepted the amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Report No. 5, as amended, was than adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1410.

No. 11 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—Adopted

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 190, DCA-421, column 2, Subject, "Anniversary of John Wesley's Birth," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1429.

No. 12 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—Adopted

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 191, DCA-421, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Unwarranted Restraints on Travel Rights," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1430.

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**No. 14 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—
—Adopted**

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 220, DCA-471, column 1, Subject, "Ambassador to the Vatican," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1431.

**No. 15 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—
Adopted**

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 221, DCA-471, column 2, Subject, "Religion and the Public Schools," and, upon his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1431.

**No. 13 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—
Adopted**

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 193, DCA-421, column 3, and DCA-422, column 1, Subject, "The Social Creed," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1430.

**No. 10 State of the Church—Presented—C. C. Parlin (*)—
Miss Georgia Harkness (*)—Amended—Adopted**

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, made a preliminary statement, and requested Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, to present Report No. 10 of the Committee.

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 175, DCA-415, columns 2 and 3; DCA-416, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-417, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "The Church and War and Peace," and requested unanimous common consent to make the following editorial correction and an amendment:

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(1) DCA-416, column 3, end the paragraph at the top of the page with the words, "the United Nations Genocide Convention and Universal Declaration of Human Rights." The closing words of the paragraph should stand in a paragraph by themselves, at the close of section (d) and read as follows:

"We call upon Methodists in all lands to urge their governments to provide adequate financing and give their full support to the United Nations and its agencies."

(2) DCA-417, column 1, amend section (i) "Soviet-United States Relation," second paragraph, by inserting the words, "Despite severe repression," before the words "Churches and," in line eight of the paragraph, so that the sentence will read:

"Despite severe repression Churches and cathedrals are open, etc."

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, gave permission for the editorial change and the proposed amendment.

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, gave a lucid and full explanation of the various paragraphs of Report No. 10, and moved the adoption of the same. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Allen Whitfield ()—Not Adopted*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend Report No. 10 section (h) "Reserve Officers Training Corps," DCA-416, column 3, by deleting the last sentence of section 1, at the bottom of the page, which reads as follows:

"The installation of R.O.T.C. units in Church colleges is in violation of this principle,"

and substituting therefore the following (DB-209):

"The installation of R.O.T.C. units in Church colleges should be accompanied by safeguards to assure that there will be no dictation of school policy by the State."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke to the same.

L. H. McKay ()—For Amendment*

Leo H. McKay (*) (Erie) spoke in favor of the amendment, no one desiring to speak against it at this time.

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N. G. Talbott Speaks Against Amendment

Norbert G. Talbott (Indiana) spoke against the amendment of Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines).

G. H. Atkinson ()—For Amendment*

George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Previous Question—E. P. O'Rear—Ordered

Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Question—Allen Whitfield ()—Ruling—Bishop Holt*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, may I inquire, sir, whether this will deny me the right to some additional amendments to this same paragraph? If so, I think it is out of order. You asked me to submit the amendment to the first paragraph only. I desire to conclude the other amendments to the same paragraph."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt ruled, as follows:

"It is on your amendment, not on the whole matter. If there are other amendments, you have a right to introduce them, would be my ruling."

C. C. Parlin () Speaks to Amendment*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, spoke for Report No. 10.

Amendment Read—E. W. Peterson ()*

At the request of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), Secretary of Documents, read the proposed amendment of Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) to the General Conference.

Amendment—Allen Whitfield ()—Not Adopted*

The amendment of Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Allen Whitfield ()—Accepted—C. C. Parlin (*)*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) moved further

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to amend Report No. 10 when the following points of order were raised:

Point of Order—H. B. Watts—Not in Order—Bishop Holt

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) raised the following point of order:

"Mr. Chairman, may I inquire as to whether or not we have exhausted the thirty (30) minutes allotted to one Committee on this? Aren't we working under that rule?"

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt made the following statement:

"Dr. Watts, we are trying our best to conclude the general session of the Conference this day. We have only two other Reports of Committees. Both of them, I think, will take longer than thirty (30) minutes."

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) replied, as follows:

"The delegates are exceedingly anxious to leave, and feel that too much time is being consumed by this matter."

Point of Order—C. M. Dannelly ()—In Order—Bishop Holt*

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama) raised the following point of order:

"Mr. Chairman, the point of order is this: We were to take thirty (30) minutes, but if we were in the process of completing a Report, we were to complete the Report before retiring the Committee."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt ruled, as follows:

"I think that is right. If you will state your amendment quickly, Brother Whitfield."

Point of Order—A. W. Pugh—In Order—Bishop Holt

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the following point of order:

"Mr. Chairman, my point of order is this: that no delegate, according to our Rules, has a right to secure the floor and present one amendment, and then continue to hold the floor to present a series of amendments."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt ruled as follows:

"Well, Dr. Pugh, the situation is simply this: Mr. Whitfield had several amendments to this article. Now, if I had permitted him to present them all to the paragraph at one time, I think you would have been more confused than now."

However, if you insist on your point of order, the Chair has to sustain you. It is just an effort to get through the business this afternoon, if we possible can."

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A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) made the following statement:

"It is just that I do not believe he has a right to present a series of amendments. He should present one, and then get the floor for the next one."

Appeal from Ruling—Allen Whitfield—Ruling Sustained

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) appealed from the ruling of Bishop Holt, making the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I appeal from the ruling of the Chair on this matter, and I ask the delegation and the delegates here to give me the necessary authority to complete this presentation. I am a new delegate, one of the 390 new delegates to this convention. I was not here in 1948 to hear the distinguished Chairman, and the other gentlemen discuss this question of war and peace. I was in the army at that time. I think I have a right to speak, and I would like to be heard, with the consent of the delegation."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt replied as follows:

"Very well. You have heard the appeal from the decision of the Chair. If you will sustain the Chair, lift your hands. Down, Opposed the same sign. The Chair is sustained in the ruling. You will have to get the floor for the other amendments, Brother Whitfield."

Rules Suspended—J. C. Satterfield, Sr.—Motion Adopted

John C. Satterfield, Sr. (Mississippi-SE) made the following motion:

"Mr. Chairman, I move that the Rule under which the ruling has just correctly been made be suspended in order that this gentleman may present his amendments. It would require a two-thirds vote, I believe."

The motion was duly seconded. There was doubt in the minds of the delegates that the motion had prevailed by the two-thirds vote of the General Conference, so Bishop Ivan Lee Holt put the motion again, and as a result of the vote, ruled as follows:

"I rule that it is carried. Go ahead, sir, and present your amendments."

Amendment—Allen Whitfield ()—Accepted—C. C. Parlin (*)*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) thanked Bishop Holt for the privilege, and moved to amend Report No. 10, section "(h) Reserve Officers Training Corps," sub-paragraph 2, DCA-417, column 1, by deleting the last sentence of sub-paragraph 2 which reads as follows:

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"The presence of military institutions on a campus frequently inhibits freedom of individual thought and action."

and to substitute therefore, the following (DB-210) which reads as follows:

"The presence of military institutions on a campus should not be permitted to inhibit freedom of individual thought and action."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke to the same.

Amendment Accepted—C. C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, accepted the amendment of Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—A. G. Phillipps—Accepted—Miss Georgia Harkness ()—C. C. Parlin (*)*

A. Gordon Phillipps (Detroit) moved to amend Report No. 10, DCA-416, column 3, section "(f) by adding the words" (DB-211)

"because we stand for the promotion of a society fashioned upon a civilian basis."

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, accepted the amendment for the Committee, with the approval of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Amendment—E. R. Brown—Not Adopted

Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio) moved to amend Report No. 10, DCA-417, column 1, section "(j) Colonial and Dependent Peoples," by adding at the close of the paragraph the following (DB-212):

"We recognize the right to Statehood sought by the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii; and that we endorse every worthy aim to give to Puerto Rico the largest possible assistance in determining her political and social freedom."

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, stated that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, could not accept the proposed amendment.

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Previous Question—G. M. Davenport—Ordered

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) moved the previous question on all that was before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Amendment—E. R. Brown—Not Adopted—Report No. 10—Adopted

The amendment of Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 10 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1421.

No. 24. Chairmen—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, stated that all those who had been elected to the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, were urgently requested by Bishop Angie W. Smith, the Governor of the Commission, to be sure to attend the meeting of organization, called to convene immediately after the adjournment of this afternoon's session.

No. 1 Conferences—Presented—L. T. Moore—C. W. Cooper—Amended Common Consent

At the request of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, presented the remaining Reports of the Committee.

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 1-B of the Committee, Calendar No. 17, DCA-187, column 2, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions." Report No. 1 had been referred to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision on Tuesday, April 29, 1952, at the morning session. After the Judicial Council had rendered its Decision, No. 85, on Thursday, May 1, 1952, at the morning session, Report No. 1-B was re-written in the light of Decision No. 85, and adopted at the morning session of Saturday, May 3, 1953, Calendar No. 148, DCA-360, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Membership in Jurisdictions." See page 1169.

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, requested

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unanimous common consent to include an additional Memorial to Report No. 1-B of the Committee, Calendar No. 68 (17) DCA-305, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Local Church in the Central Jurisdiction," of Memorial No. 1623, dealing with the subject matter.

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, granted the request, and the addition of Memorial 1623 was made. For Report see page 1169.

No. 2 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Amended—Common Consent

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 18, DCA-187, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Election of Bishops," and requested unanimous common consent to make an addition of Memorial No. 1545, Calendar No. 69 (18), DCA-305, column 2, Subject, "Election of Bishops."

The General Conference granted the request by unanimous common consent, and the addition was made. For Report see page 1171.

No. 9 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 70, DCA-305, column 2, Subject, "Committee on Records and History," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1175.

No. 10 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 71, DCA-305, column 3, Subject, "Nomination of Trustees in Local Church," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1175.

No. 11 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 72, DCA-305, column 3, and DCA-306, column 1, Subject, "The Annual Church Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Re-

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port No. 11 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1176.

No. 12 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 73, DCA-306, column 1, Subject, "Special Annual Conference Status Asked For Savannah Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1176.

No. 13 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 74, DCA-306, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Lay Member of Annual Conference to be Member of District Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1177.

No. 14 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 75, DCA-306, column 2, Subject, "Membership in the Quarterly Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1177.

No. 16 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Amended—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 140, DCA-359, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Merger of Central Jurisdiction Churches," and requested unanimous common consent to change the word "Negro" in line seven to the words, "Central Jurisdiction." The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, granted the request and the change was made.

Report No. 16 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference, on the motion of Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, duly seconded. For Report see page 1178.

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No. 18 and 18-A Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Withdrawn

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 18, Calendar No. 142, DCA-359, column 2, and 18-A, Calendar Nos. 177 (142-B), DCA-419, column 1, Subject of both, "Episcopal Administration for Pakistan," and requested unanimous common consent to withdraw Reports Nos. 18 and 18-A.

By unanimous common consent, the General Conference granted the request, and Reports 18 and 18-A were withdrawn. For Reports see page 1179.

No. 17 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 141, DCA-359, column 2, Subject, "Status of Conferences Overseas," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 17 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1179.

No. 19 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Not Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee, Calendar No. 143, DCA-359, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Division of Liberia Annual Conference," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, was recognized, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, this was one of the Memorials, of course, that the Chairman could not in any way be placed in a position to present. Brother Cooper has presented it.

I would like to ask if Brother Ross is still in the Conference.

Bishop, I would appreciate it if Brother Ross could speak concerning this, because it comes from his work.

Then I would like to ask the privilege of having Dr. Eugene Smith come to the platform, from the Board of Missions."

W. N. Ross Speaks for Report

William N. Ross (Liberia) spoke in favor of the Report.

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E. L. Smith Speaks Against Report

Eugene L. Smith (Newark), Executive Secretary of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, spoke against the Report.

J. B. Dennis () Speaks for Report*

James B. Dennis (*) (Liberia) spoke for the Report.

Statement—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, and Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, we had this whole matter before us in the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, and had the various statements made to us, and the decision of that Commission was such as would be non-concurrence to this Memorial, and in which I agreed in that Commission on the basis of what was given to us.

We felt it was sufficient coming from the representatives, as stated by Dr. Smith here this afternoon, and therefore I did not wish to speak in the Committee on Conferences. I simply told the Committee on Conferences that was my position.

I cannot, of course, support the Memorial because I concur with the desire of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas."

Request—J. B. Dennis—Granted

James B. Dennis (*) (Liberia) made the following statement and request:

"Mr. Chairman, I would appreciate it very much if you would be kind enough to ask Bishop King to make a statement on this matter."

Statement—Bishop W. J. King

Bishop Willis J. King was recognized and given the privilege of the floor and willingly made a statement relative to the pending matter.

Report No. 19—Not Adopted

Report No. 19 of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, was not adopted, on being put to the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1180.

No. 15 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 82, DCA-308, column 1, Subject, "Enabling Act for South Florida Annual Conference, and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No.

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15 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1178.

No. 20 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee, Calendar No. 178, DCA-419, column 1, Subject, "Power of Central Conferences to Legislate," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 20 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1180.

No. 21 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 21 of the Committee, Calendar No. 179, DCA-419, column 1, Subject, "Bishops Elected by Central Conferences," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 21 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1180.

No. 22 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 22 of the Committee, Calendar No. 180, DCA-419, column 2, Subject, "Deaconesses Members of Official Board," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 22 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1181.

No. 9-A Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 9-A, Calendar No. 222, DCA-471, column 2, Subject, "Committee on Records and History," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report 9-A was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1175.

No. 23 Conferences—Presented—C. W. Cooper—Adopted

Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines), Vice-Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 23 of the Committee, Calendar No. 223, DCA-471, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Duties of the Secretary of an Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 23 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1181.

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Time Extended—H. B. Watts—Adopted

Motion of H. Bascom Watts, duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference, that the time of this session be extended until all the remaining business of the 1952 General Conference be completed.

Non-Concurrent Reports—Presented—C. M. Dannelly (*)—Adopted

On motion of Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama), duly seconded, Reports from the General Standing Legislative Committees recommending Non-concurrence on some of the Memorials referred to them, was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference, as follows:

No. 24. Conferences

General Standing Committee on Conferences, Report No. 24, Calendar No. 224, DCA-471, column 3, Subject, "Non-concurrent Calendar." For Report see page 1182.

No. 21. Education

General Standing Committee on Education, Report No. 21, Calendar No. 165, DCA-413, column 3, and DCA-414, column 1, Subject, "Report of Non-concurrence." For Report see page 1223.

No. 4. Hospitals and Homes

General Standing Committee on Hospitals and Homes, Report No. 4, Calendar No. 167, DCA-414, column 1, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Report see page 1237.

No. 10. Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities

General Standing Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, Report No. 10, Calendar No. 215, DCA-470, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Report see page 1244.

No. 2. Judicial Administration

General Standing Committee on Judicial Administration, Report No. 2, Calendar No. 174, DCA-415, column 2, Subject, "Non-concurrence." For Report see page 1246.

Nos. 10, 11. Lay Activities

General Standing Committee on Lay Activities, Report No. 10, Calendar No. 67, DCA-305, column 1, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials," and No. 11, Calendar No. 135, DCA-

355, column 3, Subject, "Non-concurals." For Report see page 1252.

No. 17. Membership and Evangelism

General Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism, Report No. 17, Calendar No. 166, DCA-414, column 1, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Report see page 1266.

No. 33. Ministry

General Standing Committee on Ministry, Report No. 33, Calendar No. 216, DCA-470, column 3, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Report see page 1308.

Nos. 13, 14. Missions and Church Extension

General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Report No. 13, Calendar No. 133, DCA-355, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials," and No. 14, Calendar No. 164, DCA-413, column 3, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Reports see pages 1347-1348.

No. 3. Pensions

General Standing Committee on Pensions, Report No. 2, Calendar No. 168, DCA-414, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Report see page 1380.

No. 13. Publishing Interests

General Standing Committee on Publishing Interests, Report No. 13, Calendar No. 113, DCA-344, column 3, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Report see page 1394.

No. 6. Ritual and Orders of Worship

General Standing Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, Report No. 6, Calendar No. 169, DCA-414, column 2, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Report see page 1406.

No. 16. State of the Church

General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, Report No. 16, Calendar No. 251, DCA-534, column 1, Subject, "Non-concurrence and Matters for Reference." For Report see page 1342.

No. 17. Temperance and Prohibition

General Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, Report No. 17, Calendar No. 192, DCA-421, column 3,

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Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Report see page 1446.

No. 24. Temporal Economy

General Standing Committee on Temporal Economy, Report No. 24, Calendar No. 213, DCA-470, column 2, Subject, "Non-concurrent Memorials." For Report see page 1465.

No. 2 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

In order to facilitate the presentation of the Reports of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the Committee, requested that Cyrus E. Albertson (Pacific Northwest), James S. Chubb (Nebraska), Lester Rumble (North Georgia), and J. Richard Spann (Southwest Texas), Director, Commission on Ministerial Training, to come to the platform.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 44, DCA-220, column 1, Subject, "Annual Conference Statistics," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1268.

No. 7 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 94, DCA-312, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "License to Preach," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1278.

No. 8 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 95, DCA-312, column 2, Subject, "Change Name of Accepted Supply Pastor," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1279.

No. 9 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 96, DCA-312, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Call to Preach," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1279.

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Questions—D. W. Throckmorton—Answers—O. T. Olson

In consideration of and action on Report No. 9, Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California) asked the following questions:

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Dr. Olson if that precludes Paragraph 303 in the *Discipline*?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, answered as follows:

"It does not."

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) asked a further question, as follows:

"The sections down below there?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, answered, as follows:

"No. I don't have a *Discipline* here right now."

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) made a third statement, as follows:

"I don't want you to slip on that."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied to the statement, as follows:

"It is merely an introductory Paragraph to 301."

No. 10 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Amended—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 97, DCA-312, column 3, Subject, "Approved Supplies, Requirements For," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—E. E. Davis—Accepted—O. T. Olson

Ernest E. Davis (Genesee) moved to amend Report No. 10 by adding as section 4, DCA-313, column 1, the following (DB-213):

"The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications may recommend annually to the Annual Conference, students of other denominations in any Accredited School of Theology, to serve as Student Pastors for the ensuing year."

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The motion to thus amend, was duly seconded.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, said he would accept the amendment if there were added to it the words,

"under the supervision of the District Superintendent."

Ernest E. Davis (Genesee) accepted the suggested sentence, so that his amendment would read as follows:

"The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications may recommend annually to the Annual Conference, students of other denominations in any Accredited School of Theology, to serve as Student Pastors for the ensuing year, under the supervision of the District Superintendent."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, accepted the amendment of Ernest E. Davis (Genesee) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Report No. 10 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1280.

No. 11 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Withdrawn

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 98, DCA-313, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Composition of Commission on Ministerial Training," and requested permission to withdraw Report No. 11 as the subject matter had been taken care of by previous General Conference action.

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the withdrawal, and Report No. 11 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1282.

No. 12 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Amended—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 99, DCA-313, column 3, Subject, "Educational Requirements," and requested unanimous common consent to make the following amendments:

(1) Insert the words, in Paragraph 1387:

"for those not holding B.D. degrees, or equivalent, from accredited seminaries,"

following the words:

"a Course of Study,"

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found in line seven;

(2) Delete the words:

"under Appendix,"

in line fifteen, and insert in place thereof, the words,

"Paragraph 2041-55,"

so that amended Paragraph 1387 will read:

"The Commission shall study the educational needs of our ministry, and shall prescribe the Courses of Study to be pursued by those applying for license to preach, for orders as Local Preachers, and for Admission on Trial, respectively; also a Course of Study for those not holding B.D. degrees, or equivalent, from accredited seminaries, extending through four years to be pursued by those who have been Admitted on Trial in the Annual Conference, and a simplified four-year Course for local preachers, etc."

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the amendments suggested, and they were made to Report No. 12.

Amendment—J. O. Gross—Accepted—O. T. Olson

John O. Gross (Kentucky), Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions, General Board of Education, moved to amend Report No. 12 by substituting the words "accredited seminary," for "accredited institution," wherever the latter expression is found in Report No. 12, and also where found in other legislation germane to the subject matter under consideration.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, accepted the proposed amendment for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Report No. 12, as amended, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1283.

No. 13 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 100, DCA-313, column 3, and DCA-314, column 1, Subject, "Courses of Study for Ministerial Training," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1284.

No. 14 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report

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No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 101, DCA-314, column 3, and DCA-315, column 1, Subject, "Marriage of Protestants With Persons of Other Faiths," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1287.

No. 15 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 102, DCA-315, column 1, Subject, "Retirement of a Bishop," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1288.

No. 16 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 103, DCA-315, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Transfer of Ministers," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 16 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1288.

No. 17 and 17-A Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Reports No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 112, DCA-344, column 2, and No. 17-A Calendar No. 155 (112), DCA-412, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Admission on Trial—Approved Supply Pastor," and, on his motion, duly seconded, both Reports were adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1289.

No. 18 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Amended—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee, Calendar No. 121, DCA-347, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Ordination Deacon—Seminary Rule," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—L. A. Welliver—Accepted—O. T. Olson

Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend Report No. 18 by deleting the last three lines of Section 4 of Paragraph 393, which reads as follows:

"and have completed satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the first two years of the Conference Course of Study."

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Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied, as follows:

"You are correct."

Question—E. E. Voigt—Answers—O. T. Olson—J. R. Spann
Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the following question:

"Is it not true, Bishop, that if you would delete those three lines, you would delete Admission on Trial?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, asked J. Richard Spann (Southwest Texas), Director Commission on Ministerial Training, the following question:

"What about that, after the semicolon there?"

J. Richard Spann (Southwest Texas), Director, Commission on Ministerial Training, replied, as follows:

"That should remain. This should be under the section pertaining to Non-Seminary men, rather than to Seminary men. It is misplaced here, as I see it. It refers to the men who are coming in by orders who are not Seminary graduates, and therefore they must take the Undergraduate Course of Study—not Seminary men."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, made the following statement:

"That is deleted, and it does not appear for Non-Seminary men, which answers your question, Dr. Voigt."

Statement—J. R. Kenney

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, that comes under the provision in the *Discipline* for Deacon's Orders.

Are you going to start waiving it now? Must he not have completed the Course of Study for Deacon's Orders before he can be ordained a Deacon? I am all for the one-third instead of two-thirds, it throws them in line, but I am not for deleting those last three lines."

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt made the following statement:

"Very well, there is an amendment moved by Dr. Welliver to delete the last three lines. I thought the Chairman accepted it. And then Dr. Spann made some comment to the effect, as I understood it, that could not be deleted. Was that right, Dr. Spann?"

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There are two categories we are dealing with."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, made the following statement:

"We are dealing here with Seminary students. This is No. 394. I do not have Paragraph 393 in my hand."

J. Richard Spann (Southwest Texas), Director, Commission on Ministerial Training, replied to the question of Bishop Holt, as follows:

"Yes."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, made a further statement, as follows:

"It is an editorial matter, Dr. Spann tells me, dealing with another category of men."

Statement—R. W. Goodloe

Robert W. Goodloe (Central Texas), Professor Perkins School of Theology, made the following statement:

"The meaning there, as I understand it, with which I am in perfect accord, is that one full year in the Seminary is equivalent to the First and Second Year Course of Study."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the Standing Committee on Ministry, answered, as follows:

"Correct."

Question—Bishop Holt—Answer—O. T. Olson

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt asked the following question:

"Do you accept the deletion, or not?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the Standing Committee on Ministry, stated that he did, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Report No. 18 Adopted

Report No. 18 of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, with the last three lines deleted, was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1290.

No. 19 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the

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General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee, Calendar No. 122, DCA-347, column 3, Subject, "Ordination," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 19 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1290.

No. 20 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee, Calendar No. 123, DCA-347, column 3, Subject, "Educational Requirements—*Discipline* Paragraph 322," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Questions—W. B. Robinson—Answers—O. T. Olson—J. Richard Spann

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) asked the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask how that may be adjusted to Report No. 17, Calendar No. 112, DCA-344, column 2, Subject, 'Admission on Trial—Approved Supply Pastor,' which we just passed concerning the Admission of an Approved Supply Pastor.

Does it make it possible for any Annual Conference to accept an Approved Supply Pastor on this basis, or does it rule it out?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied as follows:

"An Approved Supply Pastor when he comes to you with credit, the certifying agency shall be the Department of Ministerial Training, and that in turn is conditioned by the acceptance of the principle that the University Senate Standard shall be the operating Standard."

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) asked this further question:

"But if the Conference voted that he must have Seminary work before he is Admitted, then he could not be accepted as an Approved Supply Pastor."

J. Richard Spann (Southwest Texas), Director of the Commission on Ministerial Training, gave the following answer:

"This gives authority for any Annual Conference to set the Doctor of Divinity degree as the minimum of that Conference, and if they set that, this eliminates the two-thirds rule, you see."

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio) made the following statement:

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"That is the point I am trying to make. It is contrary to the former action we have taken."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, made the following reply:

"The other is permissive—an Annual Conference would still have the right to set its standards, and could operate under the other rule also. It is purely permissive, not mandatory."

Report No. 20 Adopted

Report No. 20 of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1290.

No. 21 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 21 of the Committee, Calendar No. 124, DCA-348, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Traveling Preachers Under Three-fourths Rule—*Discipline* Paragraph 331," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 21 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1292.

No. 22 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 22 of the Committee, Calendar No. 125, DCA-348, column 2, Subject, "Student in Seminary—*Discipline* Paragraph 341," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 22 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1293.

No. 23 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Amended—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 23 of the Committee, Calendar No. 126, DCA-348, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-349, column 1, Subject, "Involuntary Location," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Report No. 23, by inserting the words (DB-214):

"and after he shall have been given an opportunity to present his case to the Conference,"

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following the words, "Conference Relations," in line seven-teen of Paragraph 377.

The motion to thus amend, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, stated,

"There is provision in the *Discipline* elsewhere for meeting the very situation Mr. Smith has raised."

The amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Questions—C. A. Smith ()—Answers—O. T. Olson—A. R. Perkins*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, where is it provided in the *Discipline*, sir, that a preacher who is before the Conference to be located has an opportunity to state his case to the Conference? Where is that provision in the *Discipline*?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, I do not have a *Discipline* here, but there is a provision for the regular trial of any minister who has his problems and perplexities before him, through the Cabinet and through the regular trial process."

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) made the following statement:

"I mean, that is on the matter of trial, Mr. Chairman, but I am addressing myself, and my amendment to the proposition where a minister is going to be located, that he shall have an opportunity to present his case to the Conference. Now, is that situation provided for in the *Discipline* now, and if so, where?"

Statement—A. R. Perkins

Albert R. Perkins (Kentucky) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I think you will find that under Paragraph 377 of the *Discipline*, 1948."

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) asked the following question:

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"Does it state in specific terms that he has a right to present his case to the Conference?"

Albert R. Perkins (Kentucky) replied as follows:

"No, I don't think that is in the *Discipline*."

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I have this one other final question: Is it the desire of this General Conference not to give a minister who is up for location a chance to present his case to the Conference? If that is your wish, very well. I think it is most unfair."

Statement—Bishop Holt—Reply—C. A. Smith ()*

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt made the following statement:

"I think, if I may interject a remark, Brother Smith, that when your amendment was before us both Dr. Olson and Dr. Spann stated there was provision elsewhere in the *Discipline* for that.

Some perhaps voted on the information that it was there. Now, if it is not there the Chair would like to put your amendment again."

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) replied, as follows:

"I therefore thank you, sir. That is most considerate, and I appreciate it very much.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I renew my amendment to this Report to provide that before the Conference take a vote upon locating a preacher, that he be given a chance to present his case to the Conference."

Statement—A. W. Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I do not believe that anywhere in the *Discipline* have we provided for any member of an Annual Conference who is accused of mis-doing, and who may be brought to trial to come before the whole Annual Conference and precipitate the struggle there, on the floor of the Conference.

I do not find that in the Judicial Administration for the trial of any member of the Conference. I doubt if we ought to put this in here for one particular type of minister, when others are not included."

Statement—J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, Paragraph 377 provides that a man shall be located without his consent only if he is given notice a year ahead of time by way of a request to locate of his own accord.

Now, that is the notice that at the next Conference an effort will be made to locate him, without his consent. He is a member of the Con-

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ference. He is required to be present. When the motion is made, or the Report is made recommending that he be located, he has an opportunity to speak, and say why that action ought not to be taken. To be sure he has that right."

Statement—O. T. Olson

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, Dr. Skillington has stated the case exactly. The man is a member of the Conference. He has all the rights, privileges and prerogatives of the floor as a member of the Conference.

All he needs to do is to rise in his place, be recognized by the presiding Bishop, and he has the opportunity of stating his case."

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

The amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Typographical Error—R. O. Bryant—Answer—O. T. Olson

R. Orman Bryant (Virginia) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I have a question. In line 6 as the Paragraph now reads we have this statement, 'or his conduct is such as to impair his usefulness as a minister.'

I observe that in the amended Paragraph, that is to appear in the new *Discipline*, that statement is not included.

Is that a typographical error, or the purpose of the Committee?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied, as follows:

"A typographical error."

Report No. 23 of the General Standing Committee on Ministry was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1293.

No. 24 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 24 of the Committee, Calendar No. 127, DCA-349, column 1, Subject, "Physical Examination," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—W. L. Steffens—Answer—O. T. Olson

William L. Steffens (Ohio) raised the following question:

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"Mr. Chairman, this is quite a change. Under the present plan a man coming in On Trial or Into Full Connection must have a Doctor's certificate. The part referring, Dr. Olson, to Full Connection, is omitted. Is that intentional?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied, as follows:

"I have just been told that comes up later. This is dealing in both places—the man has to have the good-health certificate from a physician, approved by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training."

William L. Steffens (Ohio) replied, as follows:

"It does not say that."

Report No. 24 Adopted

Report No. 24 of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1295.

No. 25 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Amended—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 25 of the Committee, Calendar No. 194, DCA-422, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Questions—G. A. Dahlquist—Answers—O. T. Olson

G. Albin Dahlquist (New England Southern) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, just a matter of information, for clarification. Section 4, DCA-422, column 2, would seem to me to be a contradiction. In paragraph 2 it seems that the Committee is given authority to license, and then in paragraph 4 the Committee shall report its work to the District Conference for approval."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, we have many Districts where there is not a District Conference organized. If there is a District Conference, the Committee must report to the Conference."

G. Albin Dahlquist (New England Southern) asked the further question, as follows:

"But if the District Conference refuses to approve, does it mean the Committee then has not the authority to license?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied, as follows:

"That is right. The court of last resort in that case is the District Conference."

Amendment—A. W. Pugh—Accepted—O. T. Olson

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to amend Report No. 25 by adding at the end of the first paragraph of paragraph 1, DCA-422, column 2, the following (DB-215):

"*provided*, however, that where a District Conference exists, final action on licensing of such local preachers shall be taken by the District Conference."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, accepted the proposed amendment for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Questions—E. E. Voigt—Answers—O. T. Olson—J. R. Spann

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, Item 2 in the middle column, in the case of Seminary students who are away in Seminary, and who are eligible for orders, how can they appear before the District Licensing Committee prior to the call of the Conference? I think that there ought to be some editorial revision there, though I don't know what it is. I would call it to the attention of the Committee."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied to the question, as follows:

"I think Dr. Voigt is eminently right in that matter. I recall having met that situation in my own District."

J. Richard Spann (Southwest Texas), Director of the Commission on Ministerial Training, made the following statement:

"He can be licensed by the Interim Committee where the college exists. He does not have to appear before the one in his own home."

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) asked the further question, as follows:

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"Yes, that is right, but in the latter part of paragraph 2, there you are talking about orders and not licensing.

My point is, when he is away in Seminary, like in our spring Conference that met right at the close of the academic year, how can he appear before the Conference Licensing Committee?"

J. Richard Spann (Southwest Texas), Director of the Commission on Ministerial Training, replied to the question, as follows:

"The intention was that he could appear before one of his college locations, and they could recommend to his Annual Conference. That is the intention of it."

Question—O. D. Jackson—Answer—O. T. Olson

Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, is there not a difference between local deacon's orders and local elder's orders, and straight deacon's and elder's orders?"

This says local."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied to the question, as follows:

"Correct."

Questions—D. W. Throckmorton—Answers—O. T. Olson

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) made the following statement:

"I want us to vote intelligently on this. It is a late hour, and nobody wants to take time needlessly of this General Conference. I refer specifically to the paragraphs that have to do with the use of tobacco for the clergy."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied to the statement, as follows:

"That is not before us here."

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) made the following statement:

"That is in Calendar 194."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied to the statement, as follows:

"Yes, but you will notice it is in parenthesis, with two question

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marks after it. That will be settled when we come to the following Memorials."

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, I asked if you were dealing with that. At the bottom of the following section it says you are proposing to substitute for it, but it is left out. I don't want the Conference caught on this."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied to the question, as follows:

"In the third paragraph you will see '5. (Statement about tobacco??)'"

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) asked the following question:

Mr. Chairman, why should the Chairman of the Committee put question marks in there?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied to the question, as follows:

"Because this is a Report appearing in a series and not yet perfected. It will be perfected by your act in a few minutes."

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) replied to the statement, as follows:

"All right."

Previous Question—C. E. Lundy—Ordered

Clyde E. Lundy (Holston) moved the previous question on all before the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote of the General Conference, and the previous question was ordered.

Report No. 25 Adopted as Amended

Report No. 25 of the General Standing Committee on Ministry was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1296.

No. 26 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 26 of the Committee, Calendar No. 160, DCA-412,

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column 3, and DCA-413, column 1, Subject, "Ministers Appointed to Peace Groups," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 26 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1299.

No. 27 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 27 of the Committee, Calendar No. 161, DCA-413, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Amend Page 122 of *Discipline*, Paragraph 432 (4)," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 27 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1299.

No. 28 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Withdrawn

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 28 of the Committee, Calendar No. 162, Subject, "Assignment of Bishops," and requested unanimous common consent to withdraw Report No. 28 as the subject matter had been declared unconstitutional by the Judicial Council. See page 630.

The General Conference granted the request by unanimous common consent, and Report No. 28 was withdrawn. For Report see page 1300.

No. 29 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Amended—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 29 of the Committee, Calendar No. 163, DCA-413, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Commission on Chaplains, 1948 *Discipline*, Paragraph 1595,2" and requested unanimous common consent to amend Report No. 29 by deleting the last paragraph, DCA-413, column 3, reading:

"The Commission on Chaplains shall be composed of one Bishop, one minister, and one layman from each Jurisdiction, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops. Vacancies shall be filled by the Council of Bishops. A member Bishop shall serve as Chairman. The Commission may elect one advisory member from each Department of the Armed Forces, the Veterans Administration, and from other fields of service where Methodist Chaplains are used."

and substituting therefore, the last paragraph of "Reports on Board Membership, DCA-533, column 1, Subject, "Commission on Chaplains," and which reads as follows:

"The Commission shall be composed of six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; five ministers and five laymen, elected by the General

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Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops. Vacancies shall be filled by the Council of Bishops. A member Bishop shall serve as Chairman. The Commission may elect one advisory member from each Department of the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration, and from other fields of service where Methodist Chaplains are used."

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the proposed amendment to be made, and the amendment was made.

Amendment—C. A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Report No. 29 by adding the following (DB-216) at the end of Report No. 29:

"We request the Commission to do all in its power to change the present Chaplains' Service in the Armed Forces so that they will not be members of the Armed Forces, will not accept Commissions or financial support from the Army, but will wear a distinctive Chaplains' uniform and receive their financial support from the Church."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

D. Stewart Patterson () Spoke to Amendment*

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore), Executive Secretary of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, spoke briefly to the amendment.

Amendment Not Adopted

The amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 29 Adopted as Amended

Report No. 29 of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, was adopted, as amended, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1300.

No. 30 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 30 of the Committee, Calendar No. 154, DCA-410, column 3; DCA-411, columns 1, 2 and 3; DCA-412, column 1, Subject, "Sundry Changes in 1948 *Discipline*, Paragraphs 411, 412, 638, 640," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 30 was adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1302.

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No. 31 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 31 of the Committee, Calendar No. 181, DCA-419, column 2, Subject, "Duties of District Superintendents, *Discipline* 1948, Paragraph 362," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 31 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1307.

No. 32 Ministry—Presented—O. T. Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 32 of the Committee, Calendar No. 217, DCA-470, column 3, Subject, "A Course in Church Administration," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 32 was adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1307.

No. 25. Chairmen—Procedure for Remaining Reports of Committee on Ministry—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement and motion:

"Mr. Chairman, concerning these matters that we have all been waiting for, anticipating, and yet knowing the hour—I am convinced in my own mind that all the talking won't make me change my vote one way or the other—I would like to move, if I may, to test your feeling, that after the Reports are presented to you, we limit debate to two on each side, and take the vote."

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference.

No. 5-A Ministry—Majority Report—Presented—O. T. Olson—Amended—Not Adopted

No. 5-B Ministry—Majority Report—Presented—O. T. Olson—Not Adopted

No. 6 Ministry—Minority Report—Presented—C. E. Albertson—Amended—Substituted—Adopted—Page 781

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 5-A, a Majority Report of the Committee, Calendar No. 92-A, DCA-311, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Call to Preach (Paragraph 303), and Report No. 5-B, Majority Report of the Committee, Calendar No. 92-B, DCA-311, col-

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umns 2 and 3, and DCA-312, column 1, Subject, "Traveling Preachers—Admission," and moved their adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

No. 6 Minority Report—Presented—C. E. Albertson—Amended—Substituted—Adopted

Cyrus E. Albertson (Pacific Northwest) presented a Minority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 93, DCA-312, column 1, Subject, "Minority Report," and moved that it be substituted for the Majority Reports Nos. 5-A and 5-B.

The motion, being duly seconded, Cyrus E. Albertson (Pacific Northwest) spoke to the same.

J. M. Versteeg for Majority Reports

John M. Versteeg (Ohio) spoke for the Majority Reports.

Recess—Motion for—A. B. Singh ()—Not Adopted*

Ashok B. Singh (*) (Bengal) moved that the General Conference take a recess of ten minutes at this time. The motion, duly seconded, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted.

Parliamentary Question—A. W. Pugh—Answer—Bishop Holt

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the following parliamentary question:

"A parliamentary inquiry. Will the Chair interpret for us the motion that was made a while ago which limits this to two speakers on each side? Does that mean that two have spoken on one side?"

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt replied to the question, as follows:

"No."

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) asked a further question, as follows:

"That was in addition to the one who presented the Report, was that it?"

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt replied to the question, as follows:

"In addition to the one who presents the Report was my understanding."

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) made the following statement:

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"So that there will be no misunderstanding about it."

H. P. Shipps () for Minority Report*

Hammell P. Shipps (*) (New Jersey) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

Mrs. R. M. White () for Majority Report*

Mrs. Roscoe M. White (*) (Virginia) spoke in favor of the Majority Reports.

Amendment—N. G. Talbott

Norbert G. Talbott (Indiana) moved to amend the Majority Reports, but the motion to amend the Majority Reports was questioned.

Parliamentary Situation—J. E. Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was recognized, and made the following statement:

"Rule 23 provides the procedure for this matter, and it provides that the Majority Report shall first be completed by hearing proposals for amendments and acting on them before amendments"—

Ruling—Bishop Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt made the following ruling:

"Very well. You may proceed."

Amendment—N. G. Talbott—Adopted

Norbert G. Talbott (Indiana) moved to amend Report No. 5-A, Calendar No. 92-A, DCA-311, columns 1 and 2, by inserting the words,

"and the fact that every minister of The Methodist Church is expected to keep himself,"

following the word "life:" in line 3 of the second paragraph in the bold-face type; and inserting the words,

"such as the use of intoxicants, narcotics, tobacco and other forms of self-indulgence,"

after the words, "discount his ministry," in line four of the second paragraph of the bold-face type, so that the amended second paragraph of the bold-face type of Paragraph 303 will read (DB-217):

"The Committee shall also stress the great importance of living an exemplary life and the fact that every minister of The Methodist Church is expected to keep himself free from all harmful practices which would discount his ministry such as the use of intoxicants, nar-

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cotics, tobacco and other forms of self-indulgence, and urge that he consecrate himself to purity of life in body, mind and spirit."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Norbert G. Talbott (Indiana) spoke to the same.

Question—O. T. Olson—Answer—N.G. Talbott

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, made the following statement:

"I would like to address an inquiry to you, sir. Also, I would like to call this to the attention of the man who proposed this amendment, You have here 5-A and 5-B. I want the house merely to keep this clearly in mind, so that you get the picture. You have a young man coming up first for his license to preach. He has completed that, and has his license to preach. Now you come into the third part here, of traveling preachers. There we have the good health matter, the Paragraph that appears in the license to preach. Then over beyond you have the question that is formally placed to the man at the door of the Conference, you see.

I am asking you, sir, are you limiting yourself to 303, or are you including 321?"

Norbert G. Talbott (Indiana) replied, as follows:

"My amendment was limited to 303."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied:

"Thank you."

Question Put—Bishop Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt made the following statement:

"Now, the question is on the amendment, perfecting the Majority Report. Are you ready to vote? If you favor the amendment that has just been offered to the Majority Report, lift the hands. Down. Opposed the same sign. Well, I am afraid we are not informed sufficiently because many of you did not vote.

Brother Secretary, will you state the amendment, please."

Amendment Read—G. M. Frye

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan) Assistant Secretary of Documents, read the amendment, in the place of Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), Secretary of Documents, who had to leave the seat of the General Conference.

Vote Taken—Result Announced—Bishop Holt

The vote was taken on the amendment, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt announced that he thought the amendment was

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defeated. The announcement was called in question by the Delegates.

Question—Mrs. R. M. White ()—Answer—Bishop Holt*

Mrs. Roscoe M. White (*) (Virginia) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, some of us are confused. We don't know whether they should be asked to promise, or whether it is left for their own discretion."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt replied, as follows:

"The amendment was simply that they should be reminded of these facts. There is no request for a promise."

Vote Taken Again—Amendment—N. G. Talbott—Adopted

On being put to the vote of the General Conference, for the second time, the amendment of Norbert G. Talbott (Indiana) was adopted by the General Conference.

Point of Order—L. T. Moore—Sustained—Bishop Holt

There being no further amendments offered to the Majority Report, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt started to put the question on the Minority Report, when Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, raised a point of order and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I don't think we have had our second speaker on the Minority Report."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt ruled as follows:

"I took it that the man making the amendment to the Majority Report was a speaker for the Minority Report."

R. C. Candelaria () for Minority Report*

Ruben V. Candelaria (Philippines) spoke for the Minority Report.

Question—E. D. Landreth—Answers—Bishop Holt —O. T. Olson

Elmer D. Landreth (Northwest Texas) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, just as a matter of clarification I would like to know, some of us would like to know now, since the amendment has been placed in the Majority Report, where the liquor and narcotics are? Are we right in feeling now that the Majority Report carries with it the matter of tobacco education, as well as liquor and narcotics?"

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Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, replied, as follows:

"That was the language."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, requested permission to reply to the question just asked, and with the permission of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, replied, as follows:

"The house will recall that I asked the maker of this motion whether he limited himself to Paragraph 303 or not. He answered definitely and directly in the affirmative.

So as the situation stands at this moment, the house has adopted for Paragraph 303, which deals with people who are receiving a license to preach—it is in the process of being written so that I can have the complete text. However, it appears no where else in the Report."

Point of Order—G. M. Frye—Sustained—Bishop Holt

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan), Assistant Secretary of Documents, raised the following point of order:

"That is exactly the point of order I was raising before we took the vote on the amendment. The amendment was being made following the colon in the bold-face type, the second paragraph of the bold-face type, the third line, under 92-A, which we have already adopted, and which is not before the house."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, replied to the point of order, as follows:

"No, it has not been adopted."

Statements—O. T. Olson—G. M. Frye

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, made the following statement:

"It has not been adopted, Dr. Frye."

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan), Assistant Secretary of Documents, replied, as follows:

"Anyhow, it is the one that was not before the house, because there has been no Minority Report."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, replied, as follows:

"Yes, there is a Minority Report that covers, by understanding between the Chairmen here, the whole matter before the house, 5-A and 5-B."

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Glenn M. Frye (Michigan), Assistant Secretary of Documents, replied, as follows:

"I beg your pardon."

Questions—C. W. Haggard ()—Answers—O. T. Olson*

Carl W. Haggard (*) (Kentucky) asked the following questions:

"Mr. Chairman, page 311, 92-B, are we voting on that now since it was amended? Where did the amendment come in?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, answered, as follows:

"What will happen now will be the presentation in defense of the Minority Report. Dr. Albertson will have the floor."

Carl W. Haggard (*) (Kentucky) asked a further question, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, may I ask one further question? On No. 2, in this 92-B, are you willing to face any sacrifice that may be involved? It seems like since this other has been adopted, that would be somewhat previous?"

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, answered, as follows:

"That will be a matter for subsequent motion before the house."

Question—C. S. Kendall—Answer—Bishop Holt

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona) raised the following question:

"Mr. Chairman, may I ask Dr. Olson, if the Majority Report becomes the law of the Church, then may ministers of the Church, if they wish, from now on openly and, if their conscience is all right about it, with the blessing of the Church, smoke?"

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt ruled, as follows:

"I think the question was an argument."

Point of Order—E. E. Voigt—Sustained—Bishop Holt

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) raised a point of order, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, my point of order is that we divide the motion. We are infinitely confused because the Minority Report is for both 92-A and 92-B."

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I think I have a right to call for a division of the question, so that we deal with each one separately."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt ruled, as follows:

"I think that is correct."

Division of Question Ordered

On being put to a vote of the General Conference, the motion of Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines), duly seconded, for the division of the question, was ordered by the General Conference.

Minority Report—C. E. Albertson

Cyrus E. Albertson (Pacific Northwest) presented the facts of the Minority Report.

Point of Order—E. E. Voigt—Sustained—Bishop Holt

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the following point of order:

"Mr. Chairman, we are not now talking of 92-B. We are talking of 92-A, and there are five questions."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, ruled as follows:

"I think that is correct, under your division motion."

Statement—C. E. Albertson

Cyrus E. Albertson (Pacific Northwest) made the following statement:

"I beg your pardon. I merely wanted to remind you of the content of this fourth question. I also want to remind you that the action we take, if we take action, is not retroactive.

Every man who is a member of an Annual Conference has made his vows and pledges, and nothing we would do this afternoon would be retroactive or affect any man now in the ministry.

These are questions to be asked of men who will be coming in in the future.

"I would like to close my remarks by reading the particular part we would like to see as the fourth question to be asked of these men."

Point of Order.—E. E. Voigt—Sustained—Bishop Holt

Edwin E. Voigt (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the following point of order:

"Mr. Chairman, point of order. We are on 92-A, and the gentleman is speaking about the question of 92-B."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, ruled, as follows:

"That is right."

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Statement—O. T. Olson

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, for clarification, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to agree with Dr. Albertson.

If you settle this issue here, everything else will harmonize with whatever action you take. What we are after is not crossing T's and dotting I's. What we are after is to find what the house wants to write in its legislation.

I for one am not interested or willing to participate in jockeying. I am as anxious as you are, ladies and gentlemen, as Brother Albertson is, to get this completed.

You can raise points of order technically. Technically Dr. Voigt is right. But practically, if you listen to the Minority Report and Majority Report and adopt as you wish, as Dr. Albertson has indicated, everything else will fall into the pattern as you may direct."

Statement—D. W. Throckmorton

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I submit to you that Paragraph 303 deals with one step in the ministry; Paragraph 321 is quite another thing; it is another step in the minister's life. It is not a matter of 'jockeying.'"

Statement—Bishop Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt requested that Cyrus E. Albertson (Pacific Northwest) complete his statement concerning the Minority Report.

C. E. Albertson Speaks for Minority Report

Cyrus E. Albertson (Pacific Northwest) completed his remarks concerning the Minority Report.

O. T. Olson Closes Debate

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, closed the debate for the Committee.

Minority Report Substituted

The Minority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 93, DCA-321, column 1, Subject, "Minority Report," by the vote of the General Conference, was substituted for the Majority Reports of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 92-A, DCA-311, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "Call to Preach (Paragraph 303)," and, Calendar No. 92-B, DCA-311, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-312, column 1, Subject, "Traveling Preachers—Admission." For Reports see pages 1274-1277.

Minority Report Adopted—O. T. Olson

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, made the following statement and motion:

"What about 92-B? I move you now that these two Reports be harmonized in harmony with the action that has now been taken, and the Report adopted."

The motion duly seconded, prevailed, and the Minority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry was adopted by the vote of the General Conference, in place the two Majority Reports. For Reports see page 1277.

Question—Leland Moore—Answer—Bishop Holt

Leland Moore (South Georgia) raised the following question:

"Now that we are about to vote, I would like to ask this question: Are we to understand that any ministerial member of this General Conference who may have habitually violated his sacred pledge to abstain from the use of tobacco, is to be considered still fully qualified to vote in this issue?"

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt answered, as follows:

"Well, it is already voted that that is determined."

Statement—W. L. Steffens—Reply—O. T. Olson—Ruling—Bishop Holt

William L. Steffens (Ohio) made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: There is in the Report of the Committee on the Ministry, page 466, in the first long paragraph, a sentence which I feel that we of this Conference do not want to have continued in this record. It is on this subject.

"The sentence reads, 'It has made hypocrites or liars out of some men who may sincerely believe they were coerced.'

"I want to move that that sentence be stricken from the record as beneath the dignity of this Conference, to even admit to anybody that they have been hypocrites or liars on this issue.

"I think it should be stricken from the record."

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, made the following statement:

"This is the Report of the Commission to Study the Ministry."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt made the following statement:

"You have accepted and printed that, and it is not open to change."

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**No. 26. Chairmen—Method of Procedure for Next Report
Committee on Ministry—L. T. Moore—H. B. Watts—
Adopted**

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved that in the consideration of Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, the same conditions of speaking be applied, namely, two speakers on each side, in addition to the one presenting the Majority and the Minority Reports of the Committee. The motion was duly seconded.

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) moved as a substitute that there be one speaker on each side in addition to the Chairman of the Majority and Minority Reports of the General Standing Committee on Ministry.

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, with the consent of the seconder of his motion, accepted the substitute.

The motion, on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted, by vote of the General Conference.

**No. 1 Ministry—Majority Report—Presented—O. T. Olson
—Adopted**

No. 1 Ministry—Minority Report—J. S. Chubb—Not Substituted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 1, the Majority Report of the Committee, Calendar No. 45, DCA-220, column 1, Subject, "Clergy Rights for Women," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

James S. Chubb (Nebraska) presented the Minority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 45, DCA-220, column 1, Subject, "Minority Report," and moved that it be substituted for the Majority Report.

The motion being, duly seconded, James S. Chubb (Nebraska) spoke to the same.

C. M. Temple for Majority Report

Claude M. Temple (Illinois) spoke in favor of the Majority Report.

Louis Spilman () for Minority Report*

Louis Spilman (*) (Virginia) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

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J. S. Chubb Closes Debate for Minority Report

James S. Chubb (Nebraska) closed the debate for the Minority Report.

O. T. Olson Closed Debate for Majority Report

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, closed the debate for the Majority Report.

Minority Report Not Substituted

The motion of James S. Chubb (Nebraska) duly seconded, to substitute the Minority Report for the Majority Report of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 45, DCA-220, column 1, Subject, "Clergy Rights for Women," on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was not adopted. For Report see page 1267.

Report No. 1 Ministry—Adopted

Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 45, DCA-220, column 1, Subject, "Clergy Rights for Women," on being put to the vote of the General Conference, was adopted. For Report see page 1267.

Structure of Methodism Overseas—Report Amended by Common Consent—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, requested unanimous common consent to amend the Report, DCA-362, column 1, by inserting the words (DB-218) "prior to the time of compulsory retirement because of age," following the words, "of office expires," in line 3, first paragraph of bold-face type in Paragraph 556.

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the insertion to be made. For Report see page 1728.

No. 2 Pensions—Corrections No. 1—L. L. Roush—Approved

Lester L. Roush (Ohio), Chairman of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, requested unanimous common consent to make the following three corrections to Report No. 1 of the General Standing Committee on Pensions (DB-219):

(1) DCA-257, column 2, Paragraph 1621, delete "No. 4. No change."

(2) DCA-258, column 2, Paragraph 1630, Section 13, print in bold-face type the words, "or a child born of such marriage," in lines two and three.

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(3) Add the sentence contained in Report No. 2 of the General Standing Committee on Pensions, Calendar No. 134, DCA-355, column 3, Subject, "Federal Security for Ministers," at the close of Report No. 1 of the Committee, DCA-262, column 3, to be numbered "No. 9," and which reads as follows:

"9. In co-operation with the National Council of the Churches of Christ to study the desirability and feasibility of the inclusion of the service of Ministers, in Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance (O.A.S.I.) on a voluntary basis; *provided*, however, that in the event that legislation is presented to the Congress of the United States relative to this matter during the quadrennium, the Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, the Council of Secretaries, and the Board of Pensions shall be authorized to take such joint action as they may deem advisable."

The General Conference granted permission for the three corrections requested, by unanimous common consent. For Report No. 2 see page 1380.

No. 27. Chairmen—World Federation Methodist Women—Paragraph 2032 Changed—L. T. Moore—Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved that the wording of Paragraph 2032 which reads:

"2032. The World Federation of Methodist Women is recognized as an agency of the Church organized to unite National Units of Methodist Women in the purpose to know Christ, and to assist in establishing His Kingdom among all peoples in all areas of life."

be changed to read as follows (DB-220) :

"The World Federation of Methodist Women is recognized as an agency to unite the women of The Methodist Church around the world for fellowship in the purpose of knowing Christ, and of making Him known."

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference.

No. 28. Chairmen—L. T. Moore—Adopted—No. 6 Constitutional Amendments—Vote of Central Conference Bishops in Council of Bishops

On the motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairman, duly seconded, the General Conference of The Methodist Church, by more than the two-thirds constitutional majority vote, sent down to the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church for their consideration and action, the following Amendment to Constitution of The Methodist Church, being the first Amendment proposed and adopted by the 1952 session of the General

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Conference of The Methodist Church, and the SIXTH Amendment proposed to the Constitution of The Methodist Church since the union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church in 1939 at Kansas City, Missouri, as follows:

Amend Paragraph 20, sub-paragraph 2 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:

"2. The Bishops of the Central Conferences shall have membership in the Council of Bishops with vote limited to matters relating to their respective Central Conferences."

by deleting the words "LIMITED TO MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CENTRAL CONFERENCES" found at the close of said sub-paragraph 2, so that the Paragraph when amended will read as follows:

"2. The Bishops of the Central Conferences shall have membership in the Council of Bishops with vote."

The motion, duly seconded, being put to the General Conference was adopted by the vote of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, four hundred and sixty-six (466) for the motion, to twenty-one (21) against the motion.

No. 7—Ratio of Representation in the General, Jurisdictional and Central Conferences—L. T. Moore—Adopted

On the motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the General Conference of The Methodist Church, by more than the required two-thirds constitutional majority vote, sent down to the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church for their consideration and action the following Amendment to the Constitution of The Methodist Church, being the second Amendment proposed and adopted by the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, and the SEVENTH Amendment proposed to the Constitution of The Methodist Church, since the union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church in 1939 at Kansas City, Missouri, as follows:

Amend Paragraph 7, Article III of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:

¶ 7. *Art. III.*—The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in the General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences from the Annual Conferences, with the total ministerial membership in the Annual Conference as a basis, *provided* that each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate in the General Conference and also in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

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by inserting the words "AND THE PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES" following the words "from the Annual Conferences," found in line three; and the words "OR THE PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES" following the words "the total ministerial membership in the Annual Conference," found in lines four and five; and the words "OR PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE, EXCEPT FOR THE PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF A CENTRAL CONFERENCE, OR A PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE," after the words, "*provided* that each Annual Conference," found in line six, so that the Paragraph as amended will read as follows:

Par. 7. *Article III.* The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in the General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences from the Annual Conferences AND THE PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES, with the total ministerial membership in the Annual Conference OR THE PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE as a basis, *provided* that each Annual Conference OR THE PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE EXCEPT FOR THE PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF A CENTRAL CONFERENCE, OR A PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate in the General Conference and also in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, being put to the vote of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, was adopted by the following vote of the General Conference, four hundred and forty-four (444) for the the motion to amend; against the motion to amend, NONE (0).

No. 8—Concerning Ministerial Delegates to the General, Jurisdictional, or Central Conferences—L. T. Moore— Adopted

On the motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the General Conference of The Methodist Church, by more than the required two-thirds constitutional majority vote, sent down to the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church for their consideration and action, the following Amendment to the Constitution of The Methodist Church, being the Third Amendment proposed and adopted by the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, and the EIGHTH Amendment proposed to the Constitution of The Methodist Church, since the union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church at Kansas City, Missouri, as follows:

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Amend Paragraph 24, Article IV of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:

¶ 24. *Art. IV.*—The ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members of the Annual Conference, *provided* that such delegates shall have been traveling preachers in the constituent churches forming this union, or in The Methodist Church, for at least four years next preceding their election and are in full connection with the Annual Conference electing them when elected and at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

by inserting the words "OR THE PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE," following the words "ministerial members of the Annual Conference," found in lines three and four, and also inserting the words "OR THE PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE," following the words "and are in full connection with the Annual Conference," found in lines seven and eight, so that the Paragraph when amended will read as follows:

Par. 25. *Article IV.* The ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members of the Annual Conference OR THE PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE, *provided* that such delegates shall have been traveling preachers in the constituent churches forming this union, or in The Methodist Church, for at least four years next preceding their election and are in full connection with the Annual Conference OR THE PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE electing them when elected and at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, on being put to the vote of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, was adopted by the following vote of the General Conference of The Methodist Church: four hundred and forty-four (444) vote for the proposed Amendment and NONE (0) against the proposed Amendment.

Recognition Service—Retiring Members Judicial Council—
H. R. Van Deusen (*)—W. G. Henry—M. E. Lawson (*)

Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas) President of the Judicial Council was recognized, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the General Conference: Across the years when members of the Judicial Council retired, it has been the custom to bring them before the Conference, and have words of appreciation spoken. We had arranged, that for this occasion Bishop F. P. Corson would speak in regard to Judge Van Deusen, and Bishop Clare Purcell would speak regarding Dr. Henry. These two brethren have served long and faithfully on the Council. Both of them are retiring now because of the age limit.

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"However, because of the lateness of the hour, both Bishop Corson and Bishop Purcell will prepare their words of appreciation and file them for record. We hope they will be printed in the *Advocate*.

"One other member is retiring, who is not able to be here. That is Judge Martin E. Lawson. Our presiding Bishop this evening, who has so graciously held you in tow across these hours, will prepare the tribute for Judge Lawson.

"I present Judge Henry R. Van Deusen, who has been on the Council since 1939. (The General Conference stood in applause.)

"I present to you Dr. Waights G. Henry, who is the only living minister who was elected to the Judicial Council in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He has been on the Judicial Council since 1934. (The General Conference stood in applause.)

Tributes to Be Published in Journal—E. A. Love—Adopted

Motion of Edgar A. Love (Washington), duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference that the tributes become an official part of the Journal of the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Tribute—H. R. Van Deusen (*)—Bishop F. P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the Council of Bishops, prepared the following tribute to Henry R. Van Deusen (DB-221):

Henry R. Van Deusen

"Citation in connection with the retirement of Henry R. Van Deusen, which the General Conference directed prepared, and printed in the Journal.

"Henry R. Van Deusen is a layman whom we delight to honor. He is the Nestor of the Lay Leadership of his Conference, and the Elder Brother of all the ministers. A devoted Churchman, a wise Counsellor, a true Friend, he has won the respect and affection of his colleagues in all of his relationships with them.

"We love him for his spirit, for he is a Methodist in whom there is no guile. We are indebted to him for his service, for he has been abundant in good works.

"We respect him for his intellect, for in him is to be found the mind of Christ.

"We are influenced by his wisdom, for he is a true Judge in Methodism—'to that end born and that cause come' to the Church.

"By his decisions on the Judicial Council we have profited, for as a member of that body from its formation he has expounded the rights of the individual, and upheld the place of the layman in our ecclesiastical system.

"We salute him now that the law of the Church requires his retirement because of age, with the well-earned tribute as 'The Great Defender.'"

(Signed) FRED PIERCE CORSON

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Tribute—W. G. Henry—Bishop Purcell

Bishop Clare Purcell of the Birmingham Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, prepared the following tribute to Waights G. Henry, Sr. (DB-222):

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"Dr. Waights G. Henry, Sr.

"For more than one hundred years the family name of Henry has been prominent in Methodism in west Alabama and east Mississippi. This has been true in both Church and State.

"Dr. Waights G. Henry, Sr., has served the Church through a long ministry with conspicuous distinction. He is a native of Pickens County, Alabama. Bishops Hargrove and Murrah were also natives of this county.

"When Dr. Henry and his gracious wife came to the end of an eight year pastorate Anniston First Church, the church provided a comfortable home for them where they now reside among friends.

"Dr. Henry is now coming to the end of his service as a member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church with the gratitude of the entire Church. He has rendered outstanding service on this Council, having been one of its charter members in 1934. He therefore completes eighteen years in this relationship.

"He brought to this high judicial task a mature scholarship and a devotion to the Church. He holds degrees from seven higher institutions of learning, both earned and honorary, including a Doctorate in Philosophy from Boston University.

"We salute him today upon his earned retirement as a Student, Churchman, a tireless Pastor, and a good Minister of Christ."

(Signed) CLARE PURCELL

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Tribute—M. E. Lawson (*)—Bishop Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, prepared the following tribute to Martin E. Lawson (*) (DB-223):

Judge Martin E. Lawson

Judge Martin E. Lawson has long served The Methodist Church and has been one of its most distinguished laymen. In his local church at Liberty, Missouri, he has been Recording Steward, for thirty years the Sunday School Superintendent, and for thirty-one years the teacher of the Adult Bible Class. He has also been a Steward and a Trustee for over sixty years.

In the Missouri Annual Conference he has been a member of the Board of Education, the Board of Missions, and the Board of Church Extension. For seventeen years he was Chairman of the Board of Church Extension, and for fifteen years Lay Leader in the Missouri Annual Conference.

For twelve years he was a member of the General Board of Lay Activities, and for four years its President.

He was a delegate from the Missouri Annual Conference to the General Conference seven times, from the General Conference of 1910 to the General Conference of 1934 in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. During that time he was a member of the Committee on Appeals for twenty years, and a member of the Constitutional Commission for eight years.

When in 1934 the Judicial Council was set up he became its Chairman, and served until the unification of American Methodism in 1939. He then became a member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, and served until his retirement in 1952, thirteen years.

From 1926 to 1930 he was on the Unification Commission from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; has been a Trustee of many Methodist organizations, and for twenty-one years was a member of

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the Continuation Committee of the Ecumenical Conference of World Methodism. He was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in London in 1921, in Atlanta in 1931, in Springfield in 1947, and in Oxford in 1951, though he was too ill to attend the last.

If his periods of service in official positions were added together, counting the local church, the Annual Conference, the General Conference and the World Conference, they would total four hundred and ninety-two (492) years.

It is doubtful whether any layman in the long history of Methodism has served as many years in official position. His service as a lawyer in the Church has made him in a real sense the Creator of the Judicial Council, and he will be remembered as long a Justice in Methodism's Supreme Court.

His legal service in the Unification Movement is equally important.

In recognition of his record in the Missouri Bar Association he has received Honorary Degrees from Missouri's Methodist and Baptist Colleges, Central and William Jewell.

In the last fifty years no man in American Methodism has had more to do with shaping the policies of The Methodist Church.

Beloved and honored by all who have known him, Methodism crowns with laurel her distinguished son and recognizes him as one of God's noblemen in the service of the Church.

(Signed) IVAN LEE HOLT

**Tributes—Judicial Council—W. G. Henry—M. E. Lawson (*)
—H. R. Van Deusen (*)—Presented—C. B. Ketcham**

The Judicial Council prepared the following tributes to Waights G. Henry, Sr., Martin E. Lawson (*) and Henry R. Van Deusen (*):

W. G. Henry—M. E. Lawson (*)—H. R. Van Deusen (*)

"The Judicial Council marks with regret the passing from its membership of three more of their original group who, by the procedures they established, and by the attitudes they adopted gave shape and direction to the work of the Council as it now operates in the life of our united Methodism.

"Four years ago to two of the illustrious pioneers of our Judicial Council our beloved Church said, 'Your days are many. Your burdens have been heavy. It is enough. It is time your mantles fell on younger shoulders.' With heavy hearts and with no little concern for the future, we said goodbye to Francis R. Bayley and to the late W. Stewart French, who had been outstanding leaders among us in the quadrenniums since union.

"Today, as we stand at the threshold of a new quadrennium, we turn to bid farewell to three other veterans of the Council, whose service has been continuous since unification.

"One of these is a minister, keen in mind, rich in experience, and radiant in spirit, whose labors have been continuous and whose helpfulness has been without measure and without limit. None of us who have known him well forget Dr. Waights G. Henry, Sr., and we are sure he will not forget us.

"The other two who are retiring, Martin E. Lawson and Henry R. Van Deusen, are laymen, who, by their personal qualities and by their knowledge of the law, have put us all forever in their debt. They have been men of faith as well as of vision; of truth as well as of renown; of love as well as of firmness in the right as God has given them to see the right. Their familiarity with the whole field of civil law

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has been balanced by their knowledge of the Church; and their keen, incisive judgment has been supplemented by an earnest desire to establish truth in love for the people of God.

"They have been second to none in their respect for the clergy who have been ordained for special service in the Church of Christ, but they have never forgotten, nor permitted their brethren on the Council to forget, that ours is a double tradition, finding authority and verification in the work of laymen and clergymen alike who, following in the steps of their Master, have been called to service, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

"We find it hard to part with all three of these fellow workers who have for so long been our inspiration and our help. Others will take their places on the Council but no others will ever be able to take their places in our hearts. Together, those of us who must carry on from here, pray that these men, looking back from their retirement, may see in a new perspective the travail of their souls and be satisfied. And we resolve that, in so far as our faithfulness can make it so, their labors shall not have been in vain.

"Their days of active participation are over but their contribution is not a finished story for their works do follow them. As long as the present fabric of our Council lasts, their influence will persist and their record will speak for them.

"And now the same Church that in the beginning called them has called us. In the same spirit and with the same devotion we found in them, and in the hope and prayer that we may emulate their greatness, we rise to carry on.

CHARLES B. KETCHAM, *Secretary*

May 5, 1952, San Francisco, California.

Statements—H. C. Case—L. T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairman, was recognized, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: Dr. Harold C. Case had to leave, and handed me this paper, and asked if I would please present it for him, in his absence."

Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) left the following statements and matters in the hands of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen (DB-224):

"(1) The size of the Jurisdictional Boards is not changed by actions taken on Survey Report of the Special Committee of Six."

"(2) Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six, page 1, paragraph 2 which reads:

"2. No person who receives compensation for services rendered or commissions of any kind from a Board or other Agency, shall be eligible for membership on that Board or Agency."

"An interpretation: It is intended that this matter of compensation to members of Boards or other Agencies, should include General Conference and Annual Conference Boards or Agencies."

"(3) Move to reconsider Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, page 6, paragraph 4, to allow a simple amendment by Dr. Hughes Wagner (New England)."

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No. 29. Chairmen—No. 4 Special Committee of Six—Reconsidered—L. T. Moore—Re-Adopted

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairman, moved a reconsideration of Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, which had been adopted at the morning session of Monday, May 5, 1952. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference.

Amendment—H. H. Wagner—Referred to Co-ordinating Council With Power

H. Hughes Wagner (New England) moved to amend Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission (DB-225), and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, this is an awful time to be bringing this up, but I have tried for three days to get it before you.

"The only way to get at the Quadrennial Report was to go back through the Survey Commission's Report of the Special Committee of Six.

"In the Quadrennial Report, on page 110, in the third column, under Section IV, paragraph 753-G, in sub-section 5, it gives the date of the Week of Dedication, that it shall be observed annually during the week preceding the first Sunday in Lent: 'The first Sunday in Lent shall be designated as Dedication Sunday.'

"Now, this is a practical matter which I think every minister will appreciate, and I think it has been pretty well cleared, so there will be no objection. If there is objection I will make no further remarks, and will quit.

"This is the amendment I want to make (DB-225): Strike out the first two sentences and put in their place the following: 'The Week of Dedication shall be observed annually during the week immediately preceding the Sunday on which is set the Inter-Denominational Program known as The One Great Hour of Sharing, sponsored by the Church World Service of the National Council of Churches. Dedication Sunday shall then coincide with the One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday. In the event that this Inter-denominational Program, or its equivalent, should be abandoned or scheduled to another season, then the Week of Dedication shall be observed on the second Sunday in Lent, immediately preceded by the Week of Dedication.'

The motion was duly seconded.

Motion to Refer to Co-ordinating Council With Power—R. E. Clay—C. C. Parlin ()—Adopted*

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona) moved that the proposed amendment be referred to the Co-ordinating Council, with power to act. The motion, duly seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) was adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

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No. 4 Special Committee of Six on Report Survey Commission—Re-Adopted

Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, was re-adopted by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1713.

No. 10 World Service and Finance—C. A. Jones (*)—H. B. Loyd—Adopted

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio) Recording Secretary of the General Commission World Service and Finance, presented Report No. 10, Part V, of the Committee, DCA-533, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Report of Special Committee to the Commission on World Service and Finance Relative to the Budget of the Methodist Commission on Social and Economic Relations," and on motion of H. Brown Loyd (Central Texas), duly seconded, the Budget of \$45,000.00 for the Commission on Social and Economic Relations, was approved, by the vote of the General Conference. For Report see page 1951.

New Ratios—Presented—C. A. Jones (*)—Approved—H. B. Loyd—Adopted

On motion of H. Brown Loyd (Central Texas), duly seconded, the new ratios as set forth in column 3, DCA-533, were substituted for the ratios adopted Friday afternoon, May 2, 1952, as set forth in column 2, DCA-222, with the restriction on the total that is to go to Theological Schools, and Scarritt College. For Report see page 1952.

General Administration Fund Changes—C. A. Jones (*)—T. B. Lugg—Approved

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), Recording Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, made the following statement:

"On page 262 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, column 2, you authorized the other day (Friday evening, May 3, 1952) a request to appropriate \$3,000.00 for a Commission to make certain studies in connection with the Board of Pensions, that appropriation to be made from the General Administration Fund.

"The General Commission, as a rule does not approve the plan of supplementing apportionments from the World Service Agencies by appropriation from the General Administrative Fund.

"However, in view of the general situation here we ask your consent, or authorization to do this."

The General Conference by unanimous common consent approved the request of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, to make the \$3,000.00 appropriation to

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the Board of Pensions out of the General Administration Fund for the purposes as set forth above.

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance was recognized, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, there have been, by the action of this Conference, certain changes in the General Administration Fund as it is shown on page 225.

"First of all, No. 11, Methodist Foundation, listed at \$75,000.00 and later changed to \$65,000.00, is to be deleted.

"You have introduced the Co-ordinating Council with a request for \$10,000.00, with an assumption given to the Conference, that if it should run more than that, up to \$15,000.00 in any one year, it might be absorbed.

"You also voted \$3,000.00 for the Commission on Pensions.

"You increased the amount for General Conference Expense by \$20,000.00, or \$5,000.00 annually, in an action taken here this afternoon.

"There may be some other actions we have missed. For that reason we would like to make these subtractions and additions that have been actually voted by the General Conference, and when we have these, determine the percentage that the apportionment will be to the Annual Conferences.

"I can say this: it will be reduced from one-third of one per cent on the total giving, subtracting building and debts, to somewhere between .31 to .25. We would like to be a little more accurate than that, but we wanted to be sure to have everything included.

"If we have your unanimous consent we will make the apportionments accordingly."

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, granted the request of Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, to make the apportionments as set forth in the above statement.

Nos. 18 and 19 Credentials—Presented—H. L. Bradway—C. E. Lundy—Adopted

Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Reports Nos. 18 and 19 of the Committee, DCA-605, columns 1 and 2, and on the motion of Clyde E. Lundy (Holston), duly seconded, they were adopted without reading, by the vote of the General Conference. For Reports see pages 1052-1053.

No. 21. Courtesies and Privileges—A. K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following matters:

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(1) *Recommendations of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church—Adopted*

On the motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Secretary of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, duly seconded, the Recommendations of the Commission, published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Monday, May 5, 1952, we adopted, by the vote of the General Conference. For Recommendations see page 498.

(2) *Presented Bishop R. C. Raines for a Privileged Matter*

Bishop Richard C. Raines being recognized, made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: I know we are all very grateful for the wide and friendly coverage we have received from the newspapers around the country, part of which we owe to Mr. Stooddy and his Associates. He is the Director of the Commission on Methodist Information and Public Relations.

"I have here a very brief letter from the senior member of the Associated Press expressing to me, and to you, his appreciation for what Mr. Stooddy has done. I will read you only the first and last sentences, and ask that it be included in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and that you express your approval with applause.

"Before you head for Indianapolis, may I register my deep appreciation for the fine assistance of Messrs. Stooddy, West and Fanning. —It is heartening to find The Methodist Church so alert on so vital a matter as Press Relations."

The General Conference approved with generous applause.

(3) *Presented C. V. Adams (*) for a Privileged Matter*

Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) being recognized, moved that when the moment of adjournment comes, we join in the singing of the long meter Doxology acknowledging the goodness of God to all of us in the marvelous things that this General Conference has accomplished. The motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted by the vote of the General Conference.

(4) *Presented F. G. Holloway for a Privileged Matter—Adopted*

Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) was recognized and presented a paper relative to *The Interpreter's Bible*, and moved that it be published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, without reading (DB-226). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference. The paper is as follows:

Interpreter's Bible

"There are two significant events in the field of religious literature that merit the attention of the 1952 General Conference. The first

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is the appearance of two volumes of 'The Interpreter's Bible.' These prove that Abingdon-Cokesbury Press is publishing the most distinguished commentary ever produced in America. In conception, scholarship and pertinent treatment of the material it is without a peer. Methodists have just pride that these volumes appear under the aegis of our own Board of Publication.

"Be It Therefore Resolved, That the General Conference congratulate the Board of Publication, the Book Editor and the Publishing Agents for the intelligence, diligence, and loyalty to Protestant tradition in religious literature evidenced in the publication of 'Interpreter's Bible' and commend it to our people as an unequalled instrument for revealing the truth as contained in God's Word.

"The completion of the publication of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible which will be high-lighted by the appearance of the Old Testament on September 3, 1952, marks another important milestone for American Protestantism. Methodists have been among leaders to make available to our people and the people of the English-speaking world a version of Scripture that incorporates the highest standards of scholarship, yet brings the Word of God in such clear and simple language that the common man can read it more understandingly than ever.

"So important is this version regarded that the publication of 'The Interpreter's Bible' has been delayed so that the text of this translation would be available. Indeed, the New Testament version has been used by the Editorial Division of the Board of Education since its appearance in 1946.

"Be It Therefore Resolved, That the General Conference of The Methodist Church commends and congratulates the Committee on Revision upon this notable achievement and calls upon our ministers and churches to plan fitting celebration for this significant event."

(Signed) FRED G. HOLLOWAY (Baltimore)
HARRY ALLEN PRICE (Pittsburgh)
A. HOLLIS EDENS (*) (North Carolina-SE)
CHARLES C. PARLIN (*) (Newark)

(5) *Presented C. A. Smith (*) for a Privileged Matter*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) was recognized, and moved (DB-227) that this General Conference commend Hon. Theodore Roosevelt McKendin, Governor of the State of Maryland, for his practical adherence to the cause of Temperance and Prohibition, by refusing to serve intoxicating liquor in the Executive Mansion, and in his own home.

The motion duly seconded, prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

Amendment—H. B. Watts—Accepted—C. A. Smith

H. Bascom Watts (East Oklahoma) was recognized and stated that Governor Johnson Murray of Oklahoma stands in the same category.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, made the following statement:

"I did not see Dr. Watts until after I had put the motion. I would think there are a good many who belong in the same category.

"I shall put the motion again: Those of you who favor the Resolu-

tion of Brother Smith's lift the hand, and we include the others in the same category."

The motion prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

(6) *Presented F. T. Cartwright for a Privileged Matter—Resolution re Ralph E. Diffendorfer*

Frank T. Cartwright (Newark), Associate Secretary of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension was recognized, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman and Friends of the General Conference: A very distinguished leader and colleague has died, and tribute should be paid to him.

I recognize, and you recognize, that the finest tribute that could be paid at this hour, even to the memory of one like Ralph Diffendorfer, would be the omission of spoken tribute, and the offering of a written tribute, with the hope that this General Conference will order it included in the Journal, and a copy of it be sent to Mrs. Diffendorfer, who is now in Japan."

The written tribute to Ralph Eugene Diffendorfer (DB-228) was presented, and unanimously adopted by the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, as follows:

Dr. Ralph Eugene Diffendorfer

The ultimate tribute to Ralph Eugene Diffendorfer is not to be written in words. Instead it is engraved in great institutions around the world to whose creation he contributed greatly; it is pulsating in Methodism and Inter-Denominational movements that he inaugurated or helped to start; and it is readable today in lives which he touched with a contagion of world-mindedness and in missionaries who when young men and women, were inspired and guided by Dr. Diffendorfer. The list of such institutions, movements and persons would be long. It need not, and should not, be written because the continuing record is far more important than the catalogue.

He was well prepared for the world tasks to which he was called. Born in a small Ohio town on August 15, 1879, his early education was that of rural America. Ohio Wesleyan University, Drew Seminary and Union Theological Seminary (New York) added to his intellectual equipment and to the opening of wide vistas of interest for his life. In later years he was awarded honorary degrees by different universities and, for his efforts on behalf of higher education in China, he was given a highly regarded decoration by the Chinese government.

In the circles of our own Church and in the world outreach of Protestant Christianity it was recognized that Dr. Diffendorfer was a born administrator and religious promoter. It was just as fully recognized that experience had developed and intensified the inborn gift. Even as a student he was drawn into the organizational activities of the Epworth League. For a time his activities were those of Educational Secretary for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and for the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Later he was connected with the Church-wide promotion for major agencies working together in and from Chicago. But his

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major impact on Methodism and on Inter-National and Inter-Denominational Christianity began in 1924 with his election as a Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. He continued to fill and to expand this position until after unification of the three Methodisms when he was elected Executive Secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

During this long period of service he was a member of the General Conferences of 1928, 1932, 1936, the Uniting Conference of 1939, and the General Conferences of 1940 and 1944.

It was in this quarter century, too, that the circle of his influence widened until Protestant Christians in almost all lands knew of him and felt his leadership. He was a strong factor in the Jerusalem Conference of the International Missionary Council in 1928. At Madras, India, in 1938 he was one of the outstanding leaders, and in that same year he was an influential member of the Conference on Life and Work held at Oxford, England. During most of this period he was a member of the Executive Committee of the International Missionary Council and in later years he was similarly active in the World Council of Churches.

In addition to his concentration upon the overseas missionary work particularly related to The Methodist Church, he was tremendously interested in co-operative work abroad. He was a Trustee and at times the Chairman of the Boards of Trustees of such higher educational institutions as Santiago College (Chile), Nanking Theological Seminary (China), Ward College in Buenos Aires (Argentina) and the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, in addition to others less widely known. No land was too distant for his intelligent interest in and co-operation with its efforts to develop able and educated leadership, no such cause so discouraging that he would not bring to its proponents new zeal and inspiration.

In the Foreign Missions Conference of North America (now the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America). Dr. Diffendorfer was acknowledged as belonging in the list of truly great leaders. Probably no contribution made to the promotion of missionary interest was greater than his proposal in the mid-forties of an Inter-Denominational Program across the continent of missionary education and promotion. The idea caught fire, and it resulted in the Advance Program of Missions in the Foreign Missions Conference. It was directly from this Inter-Church united effort and at Dr. Diffendorfer's suggestion that Methodists decided at the General Conference of 1948 to continue the Crusade For Christ and His Church as a Church-wide Advance Program for the quadrennium just ended.

Even in 1949, when the hands of life's clock marked the time for retirement, he embarked upon a moral and spiritual adventure demanding in some ways the supreme effort of his life. He accepted American leadership of the efforts on behalf of the Japan International Christian University, the challenging project of Christians in the United States and in Japan to bring into being a training center for the Christian movement in Japan. It was while struggling with the almost insoluble problems of that movement, and while challenging the Boards of Missions in this country to make an outstanding success of the University, that he dropped at his post and, within a few seconds of time, his physical life ended. This was exactly as he would have desired.

This General Conference of 1952 would here pay verbal tribute to one who contributed signally to sessions of preceding Conferences, and it would thus record its sense of personal and official loss. At the same time it expresses the hope that the missionaries and members

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of the World-wide Church will continue to be the true and enduring monument to Dr. Diffendorfer, "a matchless fellowship" of those laboring for a world of peace, understanding and Christian brotherhood.

(Signed) FRANK T. CARTWRIGHT

(7) Resolution of Thanks—W. S. Boyd—Adopted by Standing Vote

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Welsh Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh) who read the Resolutions of Appreciation, in place of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona) who had to depart at an earlier hour.

The Resolution of Thanks (DB-229), read by Welsh Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh), was adopted by the closing session of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, by a standing vote, as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

"Thanks" is an easy word to say, but if one magnified the meaning of the word a million times it would not be adequate to express the profound gratitude that is in our hearts as we think of all who have contributed to the success of this Conference.

For the cordiality of the City of San Francisco;
For the countless acts of thoughtfulness of the Commission on Entertainment;
For the careful attention to all our needs by all Local Committees;

WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS

To our host Bishop and his gracious wife;
To all local congregations and their Pastors;
To all Protestant churches who have extended their hospitality to us;

WE SAY A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU"

For all courtesies rendered us by hotels, banks, and public services;
For the professional ministeries of Doctors and Nurses;
For the hearty co-operation of Radio, Television, and The Press in extending the news of the Conference to the public;

WE RECORD OUR GRATITUDE

To our able and devoted Secretaries;
To the Editors and Publishers who worked while we

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rested that the *Daily Christian Advocate* might be laid each morning on our desks;

To the unheralded typists and stenotypists who have labored long hours;

WE ARE EXCEEDINGLY GRATEFUL

For the thoughtfulness and courtesies of ushers and pages;

For the faithful and skillful work of public address technicians;

For the unnumbered services of custodians and others who made our surroundings pleasant and comfortable;

WE MAKE KNOWN OUR THANKS

To those whose creative skill gave us graphic displays and exhibits;

To all Boards, Agencies, and Commissions for their devotion to our great Church;

To the Committee of Six for a demonstration of Christian fellowship and creative democracy;

WE EXTEND A MEASURELESS GRATITUDE

For the warmth of the welcome accorded the people called Methodists by the Governor of the State of California;

For the enrichment of our lives by special speakers;

For the inspiration of great music;

For the challenge of the Episcopal Address, and the leadership of our Bishops;

WE ARE HEARTIFUL THANKFUL

For a world that challenges our noblest efforts;

For a Christ whose Spirit leads us onward;

For a God who dignifies the free spirit of man and upholds us by His Grace;

WE SING A HYMN OF PRAISE

"Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

(Signed) RAY W. RAGSDALE

For the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

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Thanks—Bishop Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, in well-chosen words thanked the General Conference for their splendid co-operation in transacting the tremendous amount of business and detail that was involved in this closing session of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church.

No. 1 Reference—Presented—Stewart Clendenin—Adopted

By Common consent, Report No. 1 of the Committee of Reference, was unanimously adopted. For Report see page 1091.

Message of Greeting—African Methodist Episcopal Church—N. W. Moore, Jr.—Adopted

Motion of Noah W. Moore, Jr. (Delaware), duly seconded, prevailed, by the vote of the General Conference, directing the Secretary to send appropriate greetings to the African Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session in Chicago, Illinois.

Thanks—Secretary

Lud H. Estes (Memphis), Secretary of the General Conference, was recognized, and made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, I want to express my personal appreciation to everyone in this group. You have had a fine General Conference, and your co-operation has made it possible.

"Your Secretary found it not only a high privilege and a great honor, but a real joy to serve each and all of you."

Closing Service—Bishop Herbert Welch

At the request of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Herbert Welch led in the devotional service of the closing session of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Hymn No. 416—J. R. Houghton (*)

Bishop Herbert Welch announced Hymn No. 416, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England), General Conference Director of Music, the General Conference stood and joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Closing Remarks—Bishop Welch

Bishop Herbert Welch addressed the General Conference briefly, as follows:

"The Bishops suggested that a few words should be said.

"This is no time for a review of this Conference, but I have been

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thinking that many of you may have come here, as I did, with some misgivings in your hearts, some fears that this might be a discordant Conference. I think as we look back over the last days, we can rejoice that our fears have proved groundless.

"This has been, as I see it, a thoroughly democratic Conference with a degree of participation by the various races and nations which make up the Conference which I have not seen before, so far as I can remember, in the several General Conferences behind us.

"It has been an independent Conference, with a sense of freedom. There has been no slightest sign of dictation. We have had leadership, but the Conference has made up its own mind, even against the recommendations of Commissions and Standing Committees, and even the venerable Council of Bishops.

"It has been a practical Conference, a Conference, as I take it, of high idealism and yet of willingness to take steps in the direction of that ideal when it could not be reached at a single bound.

"And, above all, it seems to me it has been a brotherly Conference, with a determination not to divide but a determination to find out one another and come to the common mind in the spirit of love.

"So I think, as we come to the closing moments, it is with a spirit of profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father, whose Spirit has moved upon this Conference. If we believe that all good things, every good gift, cometh down from above, from our Father of light, if we believe in the universal ministry of the Holy Spirit and of His special presence with those who have dedicated their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, we may be grateful and confident that in spite of any disappointments, of any surface disagreements, we have been guided by the Spirit of God in these deliberations and in the conclusions which have been reached.

"If we find a place in our personal experience where God is always when some frustration or loss comes to us, always preparing for us some better thing, then we may believe that in this Conference—after the freest and fullest discussion and after earnest desire for truth, and in the spirit of love—we have come, fumblingly, it may be, and not perfectly, but we have come close to the mind of God for our dear Church. And so we may, I think, use the last words of John Wesley, once more, 'The best of all is, God is with us.'"

Closing Prayer—Bishop Welch

Bishop Herbert Welch led in a closing prayer, as follows:

"Our Heavenly Father, we bow in gratitude for thy presence, for thy guidance, for thy blessing. O how we need Thee. Our little boat is so little and the sea is so wide. Our wisdom is so slight, our foresight is so short, but thou knowest the future, the needs and the trials, and in thy presence, putting our hands in thine, we step out, unafraid, into the future.

"May thy blessing go with each member of this Conference. Be with the churches to which we belong. Be with all the institutions and the agencies which thou dost use through us for the upbuilding of thy Kingdom. We trust in thy mercy and in thy love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Adjourn Sine Die—T. B. Clay ()—C. P. Hardin*

Thomas B. Clay (*) (Genesee) (DB-230) moved that the

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1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church do now adjourn *sine die*, after the benediction.

The motion, duly seconded by Cecil P. Hardin (Holston), prevailed by the vote of the General Conference.

Benediction—Bishop Holt—Adjournment *Sine Die*

The General Conference stood and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, pronounced the benediction, as follows:

"Now, may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you for evermore. Amen."

and the Fourth General Conference of The Methodist Church, adjourned *sine die* at 7:50 P.M., Tuesday, May 6, 1952.

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PRESIDING OFFICERS
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
THE METHODIST CHURCH
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Saturday	
Fifth Day, April 28, Morning Session	Paul E. Martin
Monday	
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Tuesday	
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Thursday	
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Ninth Day, May 2, Morning Session	Arthur Smith
Friday	
Afternoon Session	Paul N. Garber
Night Session	Richard C. Raines
Tenth Day, May 3, Morning Session	Harry Magee
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Afternoon Session	Paul H. Hare
Night Session	Glenn R. Phillips

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Monday

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W. Eugie Smith

Afternoon Session

Marshall R. Reed

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Paul B. Horn

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Dean S. Hall

L. H. Estes,
 Secretary

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Holy Communion

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The General Conference

THE METHODIST CHURCH

CIVIC AUDITORIUM
SAN FRANCISCO
APRIL 23, 1952

**Order for the Administration
of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Organ Prelude

MR. NEWTON PASHLEY, Mus.M.

Bishop Fred P. Corson, President of the Council of Bishops, presiding.
(While it is not possible, because of limiting conditions, to invite all those present to partake of the Holy Sacrament with the members of the General Conference, it is hoped that all will unite in the Ritual, the hymns, and the spiritual fellowship and dedication which are the heart of the Service.)

The people shall stand and join in singing the hymn, and remain standing until after the singing of the Gloria Patri.

The Processional Hymn—164

DR. JAMES H. HOUGHTON, Minister of Music
Tune: Coronation

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of All;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of All;
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of All;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of All;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all. Amen.

Bishop Tippet:

God is a Spirit. They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Glory be to God on high.

God is Light. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Glory be to God on high.

God is Power. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Glory be to God on high.

God is Love. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us.

Glory be to God on high.

The Gloria Patri (Meineke)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Here let the people be seated.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then may the minister read the Ten Commandments, and the people, still in the attitude of prayer, shall in response ask God's mercy for their transgression in times past and grace to keep the law in time to come.

Bishop Straughn: God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God:

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor his anything that is thy neighbor's.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Bishop A. F. Smith: Hear the Beatitudes of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain these blessings.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain these blessings.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Grant unto us thy Holy Spirit, O God, and enable us to obtain all these blessings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

(The people standing)

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Hymn—149

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there, that knows no measure,
Joys that thro' all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime. Amen.

Offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service

Bishop Corson

Let the people continue in the spirit of prayer while the passages of scripture are read by the bishop.

The Communion Hymn—144

(The people standing)

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess—
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross. Amen.

Then shall the people remain standing while the minister reads the invitation.

Bishop Welch: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and devoutly kneeling make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Then shall this general confession be made by the minister and people, the Minister kneeling, facing the Lord's Table, and all the people in the attitude of prayer.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these or misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the minister offer this prayer:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the minister, still kneeling and facing the Lord's Table, shall say:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Then shall be sung:

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee. O Lord most high! Amen.

Then shall the minister offer the prayer of consecration:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by the one offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, this memorial of his precious death: hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that we, receiving this bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may also be partakers of the divine nature through him, who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

Then shall the minister, kneeling before the Lord's Table, unite with the people in this prayer:

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose mercy is unfailing. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of these memorials of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may be filled with the fullness of his life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Then shall the ministers assisting first receive the elements of the Communion themselves, after which they shall proceed to deliver the same to the people.*

When all have communed, then shall the minister and people say:

* Assisting are Bishops Archer, Arvidson, Baker, Babieri, Booth, Bowen, Dawsey, Garber, Hammaker, Ledden, Lowe, Magee, Martin, P. E., Purcell, Rocky, Shaw, Short, Subhan, Valencia, Wade, Ward.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and thy whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be sung the Gloria in Excelsis, the people standing:

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty!

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Benediction

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Recessional Hymn—496

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the
skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne
arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and
Stay,

Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen
way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pesti-
lence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in
peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace di-
vine,

And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.
Amen.

Organ Postlude

[At the close of this service, a brief recess will be had before the opening Business Session]

HYMNS TO BE SUNG DURING COMMUNION

NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE

Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!	Though like the wanderer, The sun gone down, Darkness be over me, My rest a stone;	There let the way appear, Steps unto heaven; All that Thou sendest me, In mercy given;
E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me;	Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!	Angels to beckon me Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!		

Then, with my waking thoughts Bright with Thy praise, Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;	Or if, on joyful wing Cleaving the sky, Sun, moon, and stars forgot, Upward I fly,
So by my woes to be Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!	Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

MORE LOVE TO THEE

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!	Once earthly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;	Then shall my latest breath Whisper Thy praise;
Hear Thou the prayer I make On bended knee;	Now Thee alone I seek, Give what is best;	This be the parting cry My heart shall raise;
This is my earnest plea, More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee.	This all my prayer shall be, More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee,	This still its prayer shall be, More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!	More love to Thee!	More love to Thee!

NEVER FURTHER THAN THY CROSS

Never further than Thy cross,
Never higher than Thy feet;
Here earth's precious things seem dross,
Here earth's bitter things grow sweet.

Here we learn to serve and give,
And, rejoicing, self deny;
Here we gather love to live,
Here we gather faith to die.

Here, O Christ, our sins we see,
Learn Thy love while gazing thus;
Sin, which laid the cross on Thee,
Love, which bore the cross for us.

Pressing onward as we can,
Still to this our hearts must tend;
Where our earliest hopes began,
There our last aspirings end;

Till amid the hosts of light,
We in Thee redeemed, complete,
Through Thy cross made pure and white,
Cast our crowns before Thy feet.

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II. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS VOTE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS III, IV AND V

(From the records in the office of the Secretary of The General Conference, Lud H. Estes. The vote was taken on order of
The General Conference of 1948)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Amendment No. III			Amendment No. IV			Amendment No. V		
	Total Vote	Vote Aye	Vote No	Total Vote	Vote Aye	Vote No	Total Vote	Vote Aye	Vote No
1. Alabama (SE).....	163	163	..	178	178	..	171	151	20
2. Angola (OS).....	47	4	43	49	49	..	53	51	2
3. Atlanta (C).....	67	67	..	68	68	..	69	69	..
4. Baltic and Slavic (OS).....				No Report					
5. Baltimore (NE).....	243	223	20	256	256	..	278	26	252
6. Belgium (OS).....	28	28	..	28	28	..	28	28	..
7. Bengal (OS).....	33	14	19	33	33	..	33	33	..
8. Bombay (OS).....	54	21	33	60	60	..	60	60	..
9. Burma (OS).....	14	14	..	14	14	..	14	14	..
10. California-Nevada (W).....	256	256	..	256	256	..	256	226	30
11. Central Alabama (C).....	76	76	..	83	83	..	95	95	..
12. Central Congo (OS).....	79	74	5	85	85	..	85	85	..
13. Central Germany (OS).....	99	99	..	99	99	..	99	99	..
14. Central Kansas (SC).....	235	234	1	249	249	..	236	225	11
15. Central New York (NE).....	62	62	..	66	66	..	66	..	66
16. Central Pennsylvania.....	106	106	..	91	91	..	104	..	104
17. Central Provinces (OS).....	46	45	1	46	46	..	46	46	..
18. Central Texas (SC).....	263	261	2	263	263	..	263	..	263
19. Central West (C).....	102	102	..	102	102	..	102	102	..
20. Chile (OS).....	39	35	4	35	35	..	40	40	..
21. Colorado (W).....	58	58	..	60	60	..	39	6	33
22. Cuba (SE).....	52	52	..	52	52	..	49	40	9
23. Czechoslovakia (OS).....	27	27	..	30	30	..	29	29	..
24. Dakota (NC).....	77	77	..	79	79	..	86	86	..
25. Delaware (C).....	169	169	..	199	199	..	162	162	..
26. Delhi (OS).....	50	49	1	50	50	..	50	50	..
27. Denmark (OS).....	41	41	..	41	41	..	41	41	..
28. Detroit (NC).....	92	89	3	70	70	..	77	22	55
29. East China (OS).....	72	72	..	72	72	..	71	71	..
30. East Oklahoma (SC).....	112	66	46	104	104	..	121	..	121
31. East Tennessee (C).....	78	78	..	78	78	..	78	78	..
32. Erie (NE).....	104	103	1	110	110	..	113	..	113
33. Florida (SE).....	356	349	7	356	356	..	319	57	261
34. Florida (C).....	47	47	..	47	47	..	47	47	..
35. Foochow (OS).....	91	91	..	103	103	..	103	103	..
36. Genesee (NE).....	91	91	..	97	97	..	94	1	93
37. Gujarat (OS).....	65	55	10	60	60	..	72	72	..
38. Hinghwa (OS).....	103	103	..	96	96	..	102	102	..
39. Holston (SE).....	268	253	15	268	268	..	246	148	98
40. Hyderabad (OS).....	43	43	..	43	43	..	43	43	..
41. Idaho (W).....	47	47	..	46	46	..	59	5	54
42. Illinois (NC).....	235	235	..	256	256	..	240	37	203
43. Indiana (NC).....	159	159	..	179	179	..	159	9	142
44. Indus River (OS).....	24	24	..	23	23	..	24	24	..
45. Iowa-Des Moines (NC).....	188	187	1	180	180	..	166	115	51
46. Kansas (SC).....	158	158	..	166	166	..	162	157	5
47. Kentucky (SE).....	184	184	..	176	172	4	167	143	24
48. Kiangsi (OS).....				No Report					
49. Lexington (C).....	100	99	1	90	90	..	95	95	..
50. Liberia (OS).....	45	44	1	47	47	..	45	45	..
51. Little Rock (SC).....	158	139	19	148	148	..	139	..	139
52. Louisiana (SC).....	223	215	8	213	213	..	248	7	241
53. Louisiana (C).....	92	92	..	122	1	121	119	..	119
54. Louisville (SE).....	184	178	6	164	164	..	148	144	4
55. Lucknow (OS).....	31	29	2	31	31	..	31	31	..
56. Maine (NE).....	78	77	1	77	77	..	74	74	..
57. Malaya (OS).....	53	14	39	55	55	..	54	50	4
58. Malaysia Chinese (OS).....	53	9	44	48	48	..	50	50	..
59. Memphis (SE).....	207	207	..	209	209	..	152	130	22
60. Michigan (NC).....	129	129	..	129	129	..	129	129	..
61. Mid-China (OS).....	23	23	..	23	23	..	23	23	..
62. Minnesota (NC).....	134	134	..	119	119	..	131	116	15

	Amendment No. III		Amendment No. IV		Amendment No. V	
	Total Vote	Aye	Total Vote	Aye	Total Vote	Aye
ANNUAL CONFERENCE						
63. Mississippi (SE).....	191	130	1	194	194	1
64. Mississippi (C).....	135	135	..	144	34	110
65. Missouri (SC).....	131	129	2	120	120	1
66. Montana (W).....	89	89	..	88	88	60
67. Nebraska (SC).....	140	140	..	140	140	60
68. New England (NE).....	182	182	..	185	185	140
69. New England Southern (NE).....	90	90	..	91	91	104
70. New Hampshire (NE).....	60	60	..	67	67	23
71. New Jersey (NE).....	194	176	18	211	211	91
72. New Mexico (SC).....	98	98	..	111	111	64
73. New York (NE).....	93	90	3	93	93	244
74. New York East (NE).....	171	171	..	143	143	111
75. Newark (NE).....	119	119	..	114	114	93
76. North Africa (OS).....	13	6	7	13	13	91
77. North Alabama (SE).....	174	169	5	179	179	129
78. North Arkansas (SC).....	223	216	7	231	231	129
79. North Carolina (SE).....	185	183	2	194	194	124
80. North Carolina (C).....	123	123	..	92	92	7
81. North China (OS).....	97	83	14	97	83	190
82. North Dakota (NC).....	47	46	1	48	48	123
83. North Georgia (SE).....	205	204	1	194	194	83
84. North India (OS).....	97	97	..	102	102	14
85. North Indiana (NC).....	126	126	..	124	124	49
86. North Iowa (NC).....	171	171	..	152	152	158
87. North Mississippi (SE).....	125	121	4	110	110	102
88. North Texas (SC).....	142	142	..	143	143	102
89. Northeast Germany (OS).....	22	22	..	22	22	95
90. North-East Ohio (NC).....	216	212	4	204	204	129
91. Northern New York (NE).....	76	76	..	76	76	129
92. Northern Philippines (OS).....	66	66	..	65	61	92
93. Northwest Germany (OS).....	51	51	..	51	51	75
94. Northwest Indiana (NC).....	151	151	..	168	168	66
95. Northwest Philippines (OS).....	84	74	10	79	79	51
96. Northwest Texas (SC).....	222	222	..	222	222	160
97. Norway (OS).....	79	74	5	82	82	94
98. Ohio (NC).....	354	354	..	368	368	82
99. Oregon (W).....	87	73	14	86	86	335
100. Pacific Northwest (W).....	197	197	..	188	188	335
101. Peninsula (NE).....	158	158	..	112	112	101
102. Philadelphia (NE).....	106	24	82	104	104	202
103. Philippines (OS).....	79	79	..	79	79	87
104. Pittsburgh (NE).....	181	181	..	176	176	8
105. Rhodesia (OS).....	48	47	1	48	48	10
106. Rio Grande (SC).....	49	48	1	54	54	79
107. River Plate (OS).....	76	74	2	82	82	8
108. Rock River (NC).....	297	296	1	320	320	90
109. Saint Louis (SC).....	157	156	1	135	135	328
110. Savannah (C).....	47	47	..	49	49	297
111. Shantung (OS).....	35	26	9	35	26	31
112. South Carolina (SE).....	198	193	5	185	185	8
113. South Carolina (C).....	164	164	..	202	202	99
114. South Florida (C).....	30	30	..	38	38	170
115. South Georgia (SE).....	154	154	..	165	165	35
116. South Germany (OS).....	110	110	..	110	110	26
117. South India (OS).....	34	34	..	37	37	72
118. Southern California-Arizona (W).....	221	221	..	222	222	98
119. Southern Illinois (NC).....	181	181	..	194	194	196
120. Southwest (C).....	62	61	1	66	66	195
121. Southwest Germany (OS).....	67	67	..	67	67	195
122. Southwest Missouri (SC).....	159	151	8	163	163	6
123. Switzerland (OS).....	222	219	3	222	222	60
124. Sweden (OS).....	166	137	29	164	164	67
125. Tennessee (SE).....	126	119	7	119	119	100
126. Tennessee (C).....	172	153	19	170	170	189
127. Tennessee (C).....	68	68	..	70	70	162
128. Texas (SC).....	150	36	114	153	153	176
129. Texas (C).....	126	126	..	123	123	176
130. Troy (NE).....	141	141	..	137	137	133
131. Upper Mississippi (C).....	123	123	..	123	123	133
132. Virginia (SE).....	334	311	23	338	338	165
133. Washington (C).....			No Report		No Report	
134. West China (OS).....			No Report		No Report	
135. West Oklahoma (SC).....	163	129	34	190	190	8
136. West Texas (C).....	131	131	..	131	131	183
137. West Virginia (NE).....	222	213	9	184	178	4
138. West Wisconsin (NC).....	95	95	..	95	95	167
139. Western North Carolina (SE).....	217	211	6	274	274	80
						74
						171

ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Amendment No. III			Amendment No. IV			Amendment No. V		
	Total	Vote	Vote	Total	Vote	Vote	Total	Vote	Vote
	Vote	Aye	No	Vote	Aye	No	Vote	Aye	No
140. Wisconsin (NC).....	140	140	..	147	147	..	148	148	..
141. Wyoming (NE).....	174	166	8	160	160	..	134	21	113
142. Wyoming State (W).....	30	30	..	32	32	..	29	..	29
143. Yenping (OS)	No Report								

I hereby certify that of this date, March 31, 1952, the following TOTAL VOTE on the three Constitutional Amendments, as shown by the records in my office is as follows:—

AMENDMENT NO. 3—Reducing the age of Lay Delegates to the General, Jurisdictional and Central Conference from 25 to 21 years of age:—

Total votes cast.....	16,952
Voting Aye.....	16,158
Voting No.....	794

AMENDMENT No. 4—Granting Provisional Annual Conferences the right to elect delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference:—

Total votes cast.....	17,043
Voting Ay.....	16,775
Voting No.....	268

AMENDMENT NO.5—Granting the Bishops of Central Conferences the privilege of unlimited vote in the Council of Bishops:—

Total votes cast.....	16,200
Voting Aye.....	9,459
Voting No.....	6,941

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PREFACE

IN framing the Plan of Union for the three Methodist organizations existing prior to 1939, which when adopted by the Uniting Conference, became the Constitution of The Methodist Church, provision was made for a Judicial Council with powers and duties therein set forth.

The creation of a Judiciary, distinct from the Executive and Legislative branches of ecclesiastical bodies, is somewhat new in American Church law. However, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had set up such a body, and that became the model for the United Church Constitution.

Since the organization of the Council in 1939, with only the short experience of the Southern Church to guide it, it has had to set its own precedents. Fortunately, and somewhat contrary to expectation, the number of cases which have been reviewable has not been too numerous. Up to the present time it has not been necessary for the Council to hold sessions oftener, on an average, than once each year. As the membership of the Council is widely scattered, this has been fortunate.

In the matter of hearing and handing down decisions, the Council has usually been unanimous in its action, and very few dissenting opinions have been recorded. In the writing of these opinions, it has been the policy of the Council to make them as short as possible, and refrain from long legal discussions, and citations of authorities. Some of the opinions, during sessions of the General Conference, have had to be written rather hurriedly, and without the opportunity to consult authorities. It is hoped that this feature has not detracted from the understanding of the basic principles decided.

The actual work of the Council is only partially reflected by the formal opinions and decisions handed down. Almost as much time is consumed in disposing of numerous petitions, requests, and other communications asking for Judicial determination of, or sometimes simply advice upon, questions over which (at least in the manner presented) the Council has no jurisdiction. This also involves a very voluminous correspondence, not only by the Secretary, but by other members of the Council. The character of such cases is illustrated by the first Decision reported herein, but it has been thought unnecessary to include others of a similar character.

For ready reference there is included in this volume the *Rules of Practice and Procedure* adopted by the Judicial

Council. The constitutional provisions as to the Council and legislation of General Conference relating thereto, are not repeated herein, but reference is made to *Discipline 1952*, Paragraphs 901 to 918 inclusive.

The personnel of the Judicial Council as of January 1, 1954, is as follows:

(Also see page 1959)

President	Marvin A. Childers
Vice-President (**)	Walter C. Buckner
Secretary*	J. Ernest Wilkins

<i>Ministerial</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
John Taylor Alton	1956
Hawes P. Clarke	1956
Walter A. Stanbury	1956
Ralph M. Houston	1960
L. Dorsey Spaugy	1956

<i>Lay Members</i>	
Marvin A. Childers	1956
J. Ernest Wilkins	1956
Fred B. Noble	1960
Clarence M. Dannelly	1960

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<i>Ministerial</i>	
Lester A. Welliver	1960
Harold H. Hughes	1960
Edward G. Mackay	1960

<i>Lay</i>	
Marcus C. Redwine	1956
James I. Dolliver	1956
Vincent P. Clarke	1960
F. Murray Benson	1960

* Charles B. Ketcham, Secretary, died suddenly, April 2, 1953. J. Ernest Wilkins, 180 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill., was elected as Secretary. L. Dorsey Spaugy, 1956, was called to succeed Charles B. Ketcham.

** Walter C. Buckner died September 12, 1953, and Hawes P. Clarke was called to succeed him.

RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

1. *Officers.*—The officers of the Judicial Council shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary, to be elected quadrennially by a majority vote of the Council.

2. *Duties of President.*—The President shall perform all the duties incident to the office of a presiding officer of a judicial body, including the right to call the Judicial Council into session, as provided by the *Discipline*.

3. *Duties of the Vice-President.*—In case of absence or inability of the President, or at the request of the President, the Vice-President shall preside over part or all of any session of the Judicial Council and perform all duties devolving upon the presiding officer while so presiding at such session.

4. *Duties of the Secretary.*—The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the position of Secretary or Clerk of a judicial body, and such other duties as shall be requested of him by the Judicial Council, among which shall be:

a) To keep a correct and complete record of all proceedings of the Judicial Council, including discussions, opinions, and all other actions taken by the Council.

b) To keep the docket and perform the duties incident thereto, as hereinafter provided.

c) To furnish certified copy or copies of the record of the action of the Judicial Council, or any matter determined by it, to the party or parties interested and to such others as may have a right thereto.

d) To send to the Secretary of the Council of Bishops certified copies of all decisions of the Judicial Council on questions of law, as provided in ¶ 909.

e) To notify the President of the Judicial Council immediately upon the filing of any matter submitted to the Judicial Council for determination, giving him a full and complete statement of the matter involved, together with such additional data as he may deem necessary.

5. *Docket.*—All matters of whatsoever kind and character which may be brought before the Judicial Council for determination shall be filed in consecutive order by the Secretary and shall be reported fully to the Council. At the conclusion of any annual session, or General Conference session, of the Judicial Council, all papers, documents, and exhibits in all matters finally disposed of shall be sent by the Secretary for safekeeping to the library of Drew University.

6. *Proceedings Preparatory for Hearing.*—a) When any matter is appealed to the Judicial Council for determination, the document or documents and exhibits setting forth the same shall be filed with the Secretary of the Judicial Council, and entered by him upon the docket of the Council.

b) When a cause has been placed on the docket of the Judicial Council, the Secretary thereof shall, within thirty (30) days from said date, furnish to each member of the Council a copy of the document or documents and exhibits setting forth such appeal, or a careful and accurate digest thereof.

7. *Arguments.*—Interested parties may be heard in person, or by others appearing for them, or both, but not more than two on the same side shall be heard except by consent of the Council. Arguments shall be limited to one hour for each side; but upon request before the argument is begun, the Council may allow such additional time as it may deem necessary for an adequate presentation of the issues involved.

8. *Interested Persons Not Parties May Be Heard.*—Any person or persons not parties to the record, but interested in a question of law pending before the Judicial Council may, with the consent of the Council, be heard thereon before the Council in session.

9. *Decisions.*—All decisions by the Council shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by an opinion in which the reasons upon which it is based shall be stated with a citation of the pertinent authorities, and shall show whether or not all members of the Council concur in the decision, giving the names of such members as do not concur. Any member of the Council who dissents may give in writing the reasons for his dissent, which shall be entered of record.

10. *Approval and Signing of the Record.*—The record of all sessions of the Judicial Council shall be approved by the Council in session and signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

11. *No Discussions Outside Council Meetings.*—The members of the Judicial Council will not permit discussion with them on matters pending before them, or that may be referred to them for determination, save and except before the Judicial Council in session.

12. *Rules May Be Amended.*—These rules may be amended, repealed, or extended, at any session of the Judicial Council by a majority vote thereof.

1

In Re: Ruling of Bishop Lee, Philippine Annual Conference

DIGEST OF CASE

Lay Missionaries as defined in Par. 974, *Discipline* 1939, are not eligible to vote in an Annual Conference for Ministerial delegates to General Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the Philippine Conference, held in Manila, February 22-29, 1940, Bishop Edwin F. Lee made a decision of law in which he held that, under Paragraph 974, page 289, 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Lay Missionaries, designated therein as "Associate Members" of the Annual Conference, were entitled to vote in the election of Ministerial delegates to the General Conference.

In due form Bishop Lee has certified this ruling to the Judicial Council to be passed upon as provided by Section 3, Article II of the Plan of Union. (Par. 43, page 32, 1939 *Discipline*.)

Decision of the Judicial Council

In view of the fact that the Plan of Union, which is now the Constitution of The Methodist Church (Par. 24, page 27, 1939 *Discipline*), and the statutory provisions for the election of Ministerial delegates to the General Conference (Par. 514, page 161, 1939 *Discipline*), both provide that the Ministerial delegates to the General Conference shall be elected by the Ministerial members of the Annual Conference, we are unable to concur in this decision.

It is true that Par. 974 does make Lay Missionaries "Associate Members" of the Annual Conference, but that does not change their status as lay members. It is, therefore, the judgment of the Judicial Council that the presiding Bishop was in error in permitting these lay members to vote in the election of Ministerial delegates to the General Conference. April 26, 1940.

2

In Re: Appeal A. Lincoln Shute

DIGEST OF CASE

An appeal was taken from a Bishop's rulings in an Annual Conference before Unification, which appeal passed to the Judicial Council under Paragraph 1624 of the 1939 *Discipline*. This appeal involved a request for rulings asking interpretations of prior pension laws of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As the record did not show that any vested rights of the appellant were affected, the appeal was dismissed, and the Bishop's rulings affirmed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held October 5-10, 1937, Bishop Ernest G. Richardson, presiding, A. Lincoln Shute propounded certain questions numbered from one to seven inclusive, relating to pension legislation. The questions affected interests in which said A. Lincoln Shute and the Annual Conference were then interested. The rulings of the Bishop being unsatisfactory to A. Lincoln Shute, he appealed to the General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, and as such appeal was undetermined at the time of the Uniting Conference, the appeal passed to the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church under the provisions of Paragraph 1624 of the *Discipline* of 1939.

Decision of the Judicial Council

We might well dismiss this appeal because the questions at issue have now become moot through the consolidation of the Churches. New laws governing the issues presented to and passed upon by Bishop Richardson have been enacted. No vested rights of the appellant have been affected and his rights for the future are governed by the enactments of the Consolidated Church. It cannot be useful to merely determine who was right, and who was wrong, as to the rulings in question in the 1937 Annual Conference.

We have felt, however, that it might be better to indicate the questions asked and the answers given, or ruling made, by the Bishop with an occasional short comment by this tribunal.

The substance of the first question asked by A. Lincoln Shute was:

"Is not Paragraph 959, Section 1, of the *Discipline* of 1936, retroactive and therefore unconstitutional?"

The Bishop answered:

"It is retroactive but is not therefore unconstitutional."

We approve the ruling made by the Bishop as to that question. Many laws are retroactive in effect but not necessarily unconstitutional. Under the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Annual Conference was the sole judge of the annuity to be paid to a retired minister belonging to such Conference (Paragraphs 957, 958, 1936 *Discipline*), hence no vested right to a certain amount could arise, and the Paragraph 959, Section 1, did not violate the terms of the Constitution of that Church.

The second question, in substance, was: "Does the wiping out of the date line in connection with new legislation touching retroactive divided annuity responsibility under Paragraph 959, Section 1, of the 1936 *Discipline*, render the Paragraph unconstitutional?"

The Bishop answered: "Any law passed by the General Conference is constitutional. Neither a Bishop nor all of them, nor any person or group, has the right to declare a

General Conference act unconstitutional in the interim between General Conferences."

This ruling was made in 1937 and related to the 1936 *Discipline*. If the language quoted in the first sentence of the Bishop's answer is all he said, then we hold he was in error. Not all laws passed by the General Conference are constitutional. He undoubtedly meant that any law passed by a General Conference should be regarded as being constitutional until declared to be unconstitutional by the proper authority, which was then the General Conference. In any event the answer does not injuriously affect any matter in issue and is not reversible error. The second sentence of the answer is correct and we approve it.

The third question was: "We ask a ruling as to what laws are included, and what laws are excluded in the expression 'all questions of law' found in the *Discipline* of 1936, Par. 674, Sec. 11, and particularly as to whether this section puts the responsibility upon the presiding Bishop to decide the constitutionality of any law involved in proceedings pending in an Annual Conference, subject to appeal to the General Conference."

The Bishop answered: "'All questions of law' means what it says, but he must rule as the law is, regardless of his personal opinion."

We find no error in the answer of the Bishop, although he might well have declined to answer a question covering so wide a scope and presenting no concrete case or situation.

The fifth question asked was:

1. "Is it lawful for the Board of Pensions and Relief to fix an 'annuity rate' for each Annual Conference, when the *Discipline* says explicitly in Paragraph 951, Section 3, that among the duties and powers of Stewards is the 'determination of annuity rate' and in Paragraph 947, Section 3, 'The annuity rate shall be determined by the United Session, without restriction'?"

The Bishop answered:

"The Board of Pensions has been given the right to announce to each Conference the minimum annuity rate it should use."

There is no error in this answer. It was a very careful exposition as to the suggested minimum rate, and in no wise abridged the rights of the Annual Conference.

The sixth question asked was:

"Referring to Paragraph 947, Section 3, in the *Discipline* of 1936, and Paragraph 959, Section 2 (the last sentence), is it lawful for the 'clearing house' to calculate such liabilities quadrennially, when the annuity rate must be dependent on these fluctuating liabilities from year to year, and

when the *Discipline* says that the 'annuity rate' shall be determined 'annually'?"

The Bishop answered: "The minimum rate will be in effect. The Conference can fix a larger rate any time its receipts justify it."

We find no error in that ruling.

The appeal as to questions four and seven was withdrawn.

Having therefore examined each ruling presented to us, we affirm the rulings of Bishop Richardson, except as to the first sentence of the answer to the second question as above stated, and the appeal is dismissed.

April 26, 1940.

3

In Re: Appeal Willard L. Hadsell

DIGEST OF CASE

A member of an Annual Conference located under the provisions of the 1932 *Discipline* (Methodist Episcopal Church), although he may have been improperly deprived of his right to be heard when his Annual Conference was considering the report of the Conference Relations Committee on his case, but who thereafter defied the action of the Conference by continuing to preach in a charge where previously appointed, thereby forfeits his right of appeal. A member may forfeit his right of appeal by contumacious treatment of the Church and its authority.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This case involves the location under Paragraph 188, Section 2, of the 1932 *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of W. L. Hadsell of the Nebraska Conference.

By the unanimous action of the Cabinet of the Nebraska Conference on March 5, 1935, the Appellant was requested to request location. He refused.

After a hearing on September 13, 1935, before the Committee on Conference Relations, at which the Appellant was present and participated and in which he was given full opportunity to be heard, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend his location and so reported to the Nebraska Conference presided over by Bishop Frederick D. Leete.

At the time of the consideration of the Report by the Annual Conference on September 14, 1935, the presiding Bishop, for some reason not satisfactorily explained to this Court, refused to permit the Appellant to be heard in his own behalf. The Report was adopted by the Conference by a vote of 162 to 81 and the Appellant was thereby located.

On March 10, 1936, nearly six months thereafter, the following appeal was filed: "I respectfully notify the Nebraska Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church that I hereby appeal to a Judicial Conference from the actions of the Nebraska Annual Conference Executive Session held at Omaha, Nebraska, on September 14, 1935, locating me under Paragraph 188, Section 2."

Commissioners were thereafter appointed to hear certain evidence as to the conduct of the Appellant after his location. A Judicial Con-

ference was duly called and held April 6, 1937, at which the appeal of the Appellant was considered after which by a vote of 8 to 7 the Appellant's appeal was dismissed, from which dismissal the Appellant has properly appealed to this Court, it being in accordance with Paragraph 1624 of the 1939 *Discipline*, an appeal from one of the Uniting Churches which remained undetermined at the time of the Uniting Conference.

Decision of the Judicial Council

We find that the Appellant was improperly deprived of his right to be heard in his Annual Conference when the report of the Conference Relations Committee was being considered. If the case depended on that factor alone we would order the Report of the Conference Relations Committee remanded to the Nebraska Conference for further consideration.

We must, however, find that by the Appellant's own actions and by his own neglect since the time of his location, that he has forfeited any right to relief.

Paragraph 897, Section 11, of the 1936 *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church provides that in all cases of appeal the Appellant shall furnish a written statement of the grounds of his appeal, and the hearing in the Appellate Court shall be limited to the grounds set forth in such statement. The Appellant did not comply with any of the requirements of this section. He merely "appealed." This may seem technical, but judicial procedure as set forth in the *Discipline* is necessarily technical and must be complied with in order to protect both the interests of the parties involved, and the Church.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1936 adopted a report of the Judiciary Committee (Report No. 9, Appeal of A. H. Magee, found on page 459 of the General Conference Journal of 1936), in which an appeal was dismissed because the Appellant failed to furnish a written statement of the grounds of his appeal.

Of greater importance, however, than this failure to even attempt to comply with the provisions set forth in the *Discipline*, is the deliberate and open misconduct of the Appellant in directly defying the action of the Nebraska Conference in locating him and in his continuing to remain and preach at the Jamaica Charge where he had previously been appointed.

He was located September 14, 1935. A new appointment had been made to the Jamaica Charge. The Appellant, with the approval of the local church, continued to preach there. The local church refused to accept the new appointee. On September 27, 1935, the Appellant's District Superintendent notified him in writing that he was not an Accepted Supply

Pastor, that he had not been appointed to the Jamaica Charge, that he was violating the order and *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church in continuing to hold services in that church and that if he persisted in holding services he would be subject to judicial procedure. Notwithstanding this notification the Appellant openly, publicly, and defiantly continued to preach and hold services in the Jamaica Church for a period of one and a half years.

This conduct was clearly such that he has thereby forfeited his right to appeal. Paragraph 897, Section 4, of the 1936 *Discipline* provides that "in no case shall an appeal operate as a suspension of sentence." Paragraph 897, Section 1, of the 1936 *Discipline* provides that "Appeals regularly taken, shall be heard by the proper Appellate Court unless it shall appear to said Court that the Appellant has forfeited his right to appeal by misconduct, such as refusal to abide by the findings of the Committee on Investigation or of the Trial Court."

In Merrill's Digest of the Religious Law 256-257, it states: "A member may forfeit his right of appeal by contumacious treatment of the Church and its authority." "No one can use the *Discipline* of the Church, occupying the time of those charged with its administration, without at least professing to be loyal and submissive to its authority."

In Report No. 44 of the Committee on Judiciary of the Methodist Episcopal Church we find in the General Conference Journal of 1932, pages 629 and 630, the case of Guy Willis Holmes, where a Judicial Conference had voted that the Appellant had forfeited his right to appeal by his refusal to abide by the findings of the Trial Court and continuing to preach. The Committee on Judiciary ruled that that ruling was in accordance with the law of the Church, and that Report was adopted by the General Conference.

The action of the Appellant in continuing to preach after location, in defiance of the Church, is contumacious treatment of the Church and its authority and constitutes such gross and open disobedience of the action of the Annual Conference that he has thereby forfeited any right he might have had to appeal.

His appeal is therefore dismissed.

All members concur except M. A. Childers, dissenting. April 27, 1940.

Dissenting Decision of M. A. Childers

I concur with my colleagues in the following expression set forth in the opinion of the majority of the Judicial Council filed herein:

"We find that the Appellant was improperly deprived of his right to be heard in his Annual Conference when the report of the Conference Relations Committee was being considered. If the case depended on that factor alone we would order the Report of the Conference Relations Committee remanded to the Nebraska Annual Conference for further consideration."

Under my interpretation of the law the question of what disposition should be made of his appeal does depend alone upon that factor; hence I cannot concur with them in holding that, by failure to set out the grounds of his appeal in connection with his notice of appeal, and by reason of his subsequent failure to abide by the action of the Annual Conference, he forfeited his rights of appeal.

The holding set forth in the majority opinion is based upon subdivisions or sections 1 and 11 of Paragraph 322, page 273, of the 1932 *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which reads as follows:

"1. An appeal shall not be allowed in any case in which the accused has failed or refused to be present in person or by counsel at his trial. Appeals, regularly taken, shall be heard by the proper Appellate Court, unless it shall appear to the said Court that the Appellant has forfeited his right to appeal by misconduct, such as refusal to abide by the findings of the Committee of Investigation, or the Trial Court, or withdrawal from the Church, or failure to appear in person or by counsel to prosecute the appeal, or prior to the final decision on appeal from his conviction resorting to suit in the Civil Courts against the Complainant or any of the parties connected with the Ecclesiastical Court in which he was tried.

"11. In all cases of appeal the Appellant, at the time he gives notice of his appeal, shall furnish to the officer receiving such notice, and to the counsel for the Church, a written statement of the grounds of his appeal and the hearing in the Appellate Court shall be limited to the grounds set forth in such statement."

In my opinion these provisions with reference to appeals did not apply in the case of an appeal from the action of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in locating one of its Ministerial members under the "Involuntary Location" proceedings authorized by Paragraph 188 of the 1932 *Discipline*, and Paragraph 505 of the 1936 *Discipline*, for the reasons hereinafter set forth.

"Involuntary Location" takes away from a minister his right to "exercise his ministerial office," one of the most precious rights in all the relationships of the Church. Conceding that by a strict construction the above mentioned

Paragraph, under which said right may be taken away from a minister without his consent, was constitutional, reason and justice both dictate that its very provision should be strictly complied with. In this case the orderly procedure broke down at a vital point. It required action by the Annual Conference on the Report of the Committee on Conference Relations before location could become effective. Such a Report was subject to debate, for it was the action of the Annual Conference, and not that of the Committee, which deprived a minister of his right to exercise his ministerial office.

It is admitted that when this Report was before the Annual Conference a representative for the Cabinet, and another for the Committee on Conference Relations appeared, and that at least one of them "gave information" to the Conference regarding the matter on which the Cabinet and the Committee had based their actions.

It is also admitted that the Appellant sought to present his side of the matter to the Conference, but that he was denied the right to be heard, and that the Annual Conference voted upon the Committee Report without Appellant's side of the controversy ever having been presented. My colleagues concede this to be reversible error. It was such error. It was the depriving of this minister of one of the most important of all human rights, that is, the right to be heard by the tribunal that was about to deprive him of the office of minister—one of the most precious relations in the Church of God. This was not a trial as guaranteed by the Constitution. If the orderly procedure under this statute could be construed as a trial it broke down in its application in this case at the most crucial point, that is at the point where, in a trial, the accused would have the right to be heard by the tribunal trying him.

Such violation of the fundamental rights of a minister is no more to be condoned than the contumacious conduct of such minister in refusing to abide by the decision of the tribunal which had thus denied him his fundamental rights.

Third—Subdivisions of Sections 1 and 11, Paragraph 322 of the 1932 *Discipline*, hereinbefore quoted, at best were limitations upon the constitutional right of appeal. They appeared under the heading "Judicial Administration," and according to their own terms were a part of the law of the Church relating to charges, Investigating Committees, Trials, Trial Courts, etc.

"Involuntary Location," however, appeared under an entirely different heading or division of the *Discipline*, viz.: "Membership in the Annual Conference." Furthermore this "Involuntary Location" proceeding had its own provision for

appeal, and that without limitation or restriction. Section (6) of Paragraph 505, 1936 *Discipline*, reads as follows:

"6. A preacher located under the provisions of this Paragraph shall have the right to appeal to a Judicial Conference within six months after such location."

Paragraph 188 of the 1932 *Discipline* contained the following:

"He shall have the right to appeal within six months to a Judicial Conference."

Thus the right of appeal from an involuntary location was absolute, except as to the time in which it was required to be taken, and no provision was made for it to be forfeited by misconduct thereafter. Nor was there any provision designating any particular form for the appeal or requiring any particular statement of the grounds of appeal. If the General Conference had desired such limitations and restrictions to be placed upon the appeal of a minister from the action of an Annual Conference in locating him, it could have enacted such provisions and made them to so apply, subject to the Constitutional provisions guaranteeing to every Minister the right of trial and appeal. (Section 5, Paragraph 90, 1936 *Discipline*.) Apparently it did not do so. Therefore in so applying them in this appeal the Judicial Council may be doing by judicial construction that which the General Conference failed to do by specific legislation. I am unwilling to take that chance when by remanding the Report of the Committee to the Annual Conference for further consideration the Church can correct its own admitted error and relieve itself of all possible grounds for censure in this respect, without losing its right to deal with the Appellant in the light of his conduct both before and subsequent to his location. Even if there might be an inference that the General Conference intended to make such limitations apply in "involuntary location" proceedings, it is doubtful if a limitation upon a constitutional right should be given any standing by inference in the absence of specific legislation clearly and unequivocally making it so to apply.

It follows, therefore, as a logical conclusion, that Appellant's appeal should have been heard by the Judicial Conference, and that because of the denial to the Appellant of his fundamental right to be heard by the tribunal which deprived him of his ministerial office, the judgment of the Annual Conference in locating the Appellant should have been reversed, and the Report of the Committee on Conference Relations remanded to the Nebraska Annual Conference for further consideration. The Judicial Conference having failed to hear the appeal and remand the Report, such

action, in my judgment, should now be taken by the Judicial Council.

However, let it be understood that I am not condoning in the least the conduct of Appellant in refusing to abide by the action of the Annual Conference. The Church, however, is not left without protection in this respect. If it be true, as alleged, and which seems practically to have been admitted, that he has been guilty of contumacy, and has failed to abide by the action of the Annual Conference in locating him, or if he has been guilty of any other misconduct, such can, and no doubt would be made known in the reconsideration of the matter by the Annual Conference, and appropriate action taken.

If Appellant has any explanation in defense of, or in extenuation of, his conduct subsequent to the action of the Annual Conference, or in reply to the matters relied upon for his location in the first instance, he could present the same. The Annual Conference, then, could act with full knowledge in the premises, and could protect every right both of the Church and of the Appellant. Such, I believe, would be the proper course in disposing of this appeal.

April 27, 1946.

4

In Re: Tenure of Central Conference Bishops

DIGEST OF CASE

Paragraph 462, *Discipline* 1939, providing for election by Central Conferences of Bishops for a limited term, is constitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This case comes before the Judicial Council upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops, and is stated in the following form:

"Whereas, the Uniting Conference enacted Paragraph 462, to wit: "A Central Conference shall have power to fix the tenure of Bishops elected by said Central Conference; provided that such tenure shall not be for a term longer than that in force at the time for Bishops elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences.

"We submit to the Judicial Council the question as to the power of the Uniting Conference under the present Constitution, to authorize the election of a Bishop for a limited tenure."

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Plan of Union by Paragraph 43, Article II, Section 1, gives to the Judicial Council power "to determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops." The General Conference has taken action re-enacting all of the *Discipline* of 1939. (See Page 94, D. C. A., 1940.) Therefore the

section under review is an act of this General Conference and consequently the Judicial Council may assume jurisdiction.

The Second Restrictive Rule says: "The General Conference shall not change or alter any part or rule of our Government so as to do away with Episcopacy, or destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency."

The questions which must first be determined are: (1) Of what does our Episcopacy consist? (2) What is the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency?

Fortunately the same instrument which contains our Restrictive Rules contains provisions also for Bishops elected by Jurisdictional Conferences and Bishops elected by Central Conferences. (See Section IV and Section V of the Plan of Union.) These sections clearly show that there are two kinds of Bishops, those elected by Jurisdictional Conferences and those elected by Central Conferences. There are limitations on the powers of Central Conference Bishops which are not on those elected by Jurisdictional Conferences, but however much they may differ as to power, each is a part of our Episcopacy and a part of the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency.

We are here construing the Second Restrictive Rule in the light of the identical Constitution which contains it. Our Episcopacy and the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency are described in other Paragraphs of equal force and validity. So far, therefore, we can find no provisions making term tenure for Central Conference Bishops unconstitutional.

If unconstitutionality be inferred by appealing to "our historic Episcopacy" we must state that we are dealing with our present Episcopacy and our present plan of itinerant General Superintendency, and must insist that there is a distinction between General Superintendents and Central Conference Superintendents.

In the former Methodist Episcopal Church, in order to provide for Central Conference Bishops, it was decided that the Restrictive Rule with which we are dealing must be changed by constitutional process and it was accordingly amended. What was there secured by such constitutional process is now secured in other parts of the present Constitution. This has a special point here because in construing the powers of the General Conference under this amended Restrictive Rule, it was held that Central Conferences could elect Bishops for a limited term in The Methodist Episcopal Church. (Paragraph 101, Section 57, *Discipline* Methodist Episcopal Church, 1936.) Hence permission to Central Conferences to elect Bishops for a limited term became a part

of the plan of the itinerant General Superintendency of The Methodist Episcopal Church.

The pertinence of the foregoing to this decision will be seen by references to Division Three, "Episcopacy," Paragraph 34, Article 1, "There shall be an Episcopacy in The Methodist Church of like plan, powers, privileges, and duties as now exist in The Methodist Episcopal Church and The Methodist Episcopal Church, South." Therefore, since in the Methodist Episcopal Church it was a part of the plan of the Episcopacy to allow Central Conference Bishops to be elected for a limited term at the option of any Central Conference, it is now a part of the plan of the Episcopacy of The Methodist Church.

We determine therefore that the second section of Paragraph 462 is constitutional.

All members of the Council concur, and J. S. French files the following concurring opinion:

"While unable to follow the reasoning of the majority, by another line of reasoning I reach the same conclusion and concur in the opinion that Paragraph 462 is constitutional." April 30, 1940.

5

In Re: Election of Delegates to Jurisdictional Conferences by Mission Conferences

DIGEST OF CASE

That part of Paragraph 492, *Discipline* 1939, which attempts to grant to members of a Mission Conference the right to elect Delegates to Jurisdictional Conferences is unconstitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This matter comes before the Judicial Council as an appeal by one fifth of the members of the General Conference. The question as to the constitutionality of Paragraph 492 of the *Discipline* is stated in the following manner:

"WHEREAS, the Plan of Union provides that an appeal may be made to the Judicial Council regarding the constitutionality of an action of the General Conference upon the appeal of one fifth of the members of the General Conference (Paragraph 43, Section 1) and

"WHEREAS, the Plan of Union designates that the delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference shall be chosen from the Ministerial and Lay members of the Annual Conferences (Section 13) and

"WHEREAS, in the Legislation in the *Discipline*, Paragraph 492, the following statement occurs: 'A Mission Conference . . . may elect one Ministerial and one Lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference,' which seems to be in contradiction to the above mentioned statement in the Plan of Union;

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Conference request the Judicial Council to consider the constitutionality of the

statement in Paragraph 492 and report to the General Conference its Decision." (See *Daily Christian Advocate*, Page 262.)

Paragraph 13 of the *Discipline* which is a part of the Constitution reads as follows:

"The General Conference shall fix the basis of representation in the Jurisdictional Conferences, provided that the Jurisdictional Conferences shall be composed of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay delegates, the Ministerial to be elected by the Ministerial members of the Annual Conferences and the Lay delegates by the Lay members."

Paragraph 492 reads as follows: "A Mission Conference is authorized to exercise the powers of an Annual Conference . . . and its members . . . may elect one Ministerial and one Lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference."

Decision of the Judicial Council

It is the fundamental law that the Annual Conference is the basic body of the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it, inter alia, the right to vote on the election of Ministerial and Lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences. (See Paragraph 22, *Discipline* 1939.)

Reference to other Paragraphs of the Constitution confirms the conclusion that the Annual Conference only is the body to which is granted the right to elect delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

The granting to the General Conference of the power to define and fix the powers of Mission Conferences must be construed in connection with the other provisions of the Constitution, and cannot be construed to give unlimited authority to create other Conferences, whether they be called Mission Conferences, Provisional Conferences, or otherwise, which would take rank with Annual Conferences, and have equal powers and duties.

The Constitution clearly intends that the General Conference shall give only such powers to Mission Conferences as may not be in conflict with the basic law of the Church to which reference has been made.

It follows therefore that such part of Paragraph 492 of the *Discipline* which attempts to grant to "the members" of Mission Conferences the right to elect Delegates to Jurisdictional Conferences must be declared unconstitutional.
May 2, 1940.

6

In Re: Election of Delegates to Central Conferences by Mission Conferences

DIGEST OF CASE

That part of Paragraph 452, *Discipline* 1939, which attempts to grant to Mission Conferences the right to elect delegates to Central Conferences is unconstitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This matter comes before the Judicial Council as an appeal by one fifth of the members of the General Conference. The question as to the constitutionality of certain parts of Paragraph 452 of the *Discipline* is stated in the following manner:

"WHEREAS, The Plan of Union provides that an appeal may be made to the Judicial Council regarding the constitutionality of an action of the General Conference upon the request of one fifth of the members of the General Conference (Paragraph 43, Section 1) and

"WHEREAS, The Plan of Union designates that the delegates to the Conference shall be chosen from the Ministerial and Lay members of the Annual Conferences (Section 17) and

"WHEREAS, In the legislation in the *Discipline*, Paragraph 452, the following statement occurs: 'Each Annual Conference and Mission Conference shall be entitled to at least two Ministerial and two Lay Delegates (to the Central Conference),' which seems to be in contradiction to the above-mentioned statement in the Plan of Union;

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Conference request the Judicial Council to consider the constitutionality of the statement in Paragraph 452 and report to the General Conference its decision."

Decision of the Judicial Council

The principles involved in the decision of this question are very similar to the questions raised as to the constitutionality of another Paragraph of the *Discipline* as to the election of delegates to Jurisdictional Conference by Mission Conferences.

Paragraph 452 provides inter alia as follows: "The Central Conference shall be composed of Ministerial members elected by Ministers and Lay members elected by Laymen. . . . Each Annual Conference and Mission Conference shall be entitled to at least two Ministerial and two Lay Delegates."

We call attention again to the provision of Paragraph 22 of the *Discipline* which makes the Annual Conference the basic body of the Church and that it has reserved to it the right to vote on the election of Ministerial and Lay Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences. In other words the Annual Conference only is the body to which is granted the right to elect delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences as well as Central Conferences.

For the further reasons stated in the opinion already filed in the matter of the constitutionality of the election of delegates to Jurisdictional Conferences by Mission Conferences, it must be held that such provision of Paragraph 452 of the *Discipline* which attempts to grant the right to Mission Conferences to elect delegates to Central Conferences must be declared unconstitutional.

All members concur.
May 3, 1940.

7

In Re: Constitutionality of Provision Fixing Retirement Age of Ministers**DIGEST OF CASE**

The legislation enacted by the 1940 General Conference providing for automatic retirement of clerical members of Annual Conferences whose 72d birthday precedes the first day of the regular session of the Annual Conference (Paragraph 231, *Discipline* 1940), is constitutional, as it is a general principle of constitutional construction that legislation must be upheld unless it is clearly in conflict with the Constitution interpreted as a whole. The matter of uniform regulations for retirement of Ministers is a connectional matter, and as such it is a subject over which the General Conference under the Constitution has legislative power.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the General Conference held May 3, 1940, there was adopted the following:

Amend the *Discipline* of 1939 by adding another article to be known as Article 2, to Paragraph 230 at the close of Article 1 to read as follows:

Every clerical member of an Annual Conference whose 72d birthday precedes the first day of the regular session of his Annual Conference shall automatically be retired from the active ministry at said Conference session.

This action is to become effective with the Annual Conferences of 1942.

Immediately thereafter the determination of the constitutionality of this enactment was appealed to the Judicial Council by the vote of more than one fifth of the members of the General Conference.

Decision of the Judicial Council

In behalf of those contending that this act is unconstitutional, it is urged that the question is answered by Article II of Section VII of the Constitution, Paragraph 22, of the 1939 *Discipline* as follows:

The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of Ministerial and Lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers, and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the Lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations of Ministers. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine.

On the other hand, the proponents of the constitutionality refer to Article II of Section I of the Constitution, Paragraph 8 of the 1939 *Discipline* as follows:

Article IV.—The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and in the exercise of said power shall have authority as follows:

To define and fix the qualifications and duties of Elders, Deacons, Supply Preachers, Local Preachers, Exhorters, and Deaconesses.

To define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions, and of District, Quarterly and Church Conferences.

It therefore becomes necessary to construe the different sections of the Constitution, having in mind the general principle of constitutional construction that legislation enacted under any grant of power must be upheld unless it is clearly in conflict with the Constitution interpreted as a whole.

In the construction of the Constitution as a whole we must also read Article III, Division 2, Paragraph 4, of the 1939 *Discipline*, as follows:

There shall be a General Conference for the entire Church, with such powers, duties and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

It is important to bear in mind in considering what may appear to be the inconsistent wording of these different portions of the Constitution, that much of Paragraph 22 was taken from the 1932 *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, wherein the powers of the Annual Conference (which was then composed of the clerical members only) were outlined as against those of the Lay Conference composed of lay members; and therefore must be interpreted with that connotation.

The question at issue seems to be as to whether or not the fixing of the retirement age for ministers is a connectional matter. It must be conceded that the General Conference is the supreme legislative body of The Methodist Church and has been specifically empowered to legislate on all matters distinctively connectional. The Constitution specifically enumerates many items over which the General Conference shall have such authority in legislating, so as to make all such matters uniform throughout the Church.

It is unnecessary to mention all the subjects which have been so included in the legislative program of the General Conference, but it is sufficient to name only fixing of educational qualifications of ministers, location of ministers, minimum age limit for retirement, and similar matters.

What was meant by the term "connectional" put into our Constitution has another historical aspect. In each of the three Churches when a minister completed all the requirements and was admitted into the Conference, he was "admitted into full connection." That meant that while his membership was in the Conference so receiving him, his relationship was a "connectional" one and that he was eligible for transfer elsewhere into the "connection." If, therefore, joining the Conference was a "connectional" matter, surely retirement from active service is likewise a connectional matter.

It can hardly be denied that the age of a minister is a continuing qualification, and as such is the subject matter for legislation. It is inconceivable that the General Conference should have full legislative powers so that it can enact uniform legislation for the whole Church, and that at the same time each Annual Conference could also have the right to enact diverse and conflicting regulations, on the same subject.

The reservation of the right to the ministerial members of an Annual Conference to "vote on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members," is not a distinctively legislative function but is rather an administrative function. It can only mean that the Annual Conference has the right as well as the duty to pass upon and determine the facts and apply the laws in all such cases in accordance with the uniform regulations and provisions which the General Conference may enact in reference to the same. In other words, the right reserved to the ministers of an Annual Conference to pass upon the character and Conference relations of its ministers does not mean that it has the legislative right to set up standards to measure the character and Conference relations of the Ministers except insofar as such standards do not contravene or are not covered by provisions enacted for the whole Church by the General Conference.

Thus as it is held that General Conference is the only body that can legislate for the "entire Church," and has the specific authority to legislate on "all matters distinctively connectional," and since it is also held that the matter of uniform regulations for retirement of ministers is a connectional matter then it must follow that authority to enact such laws is vested in the General Conference.

Therefore by applying the well-established rule of construing an instrument as a whole, it must be held that two portions of the Constitution in question are not conflicting,

but that each applies to separate and distinct matters. It follows then that the addition to Paragraph 230 as adopted by the General Conference is constitutional, and we so hold.

All members concur except J. S. French who files herewith a dissenting opinion.

May 5, 1940.

Dissenting Decision of J. S. French

Up to the time when the delegated General Conference was established, the Annual Conferences had all power. The General Conference of that day was a mass convention of the entire ministry of the Church in full connection. There are no terms too broad or too high to express the unlimited powers which belonged to it. But upon the establishment of such a delegated body, the Annual Conferences committed to it "full powers to make rules and regulations for our Church under the following limitations and restrictions." Then follow the six Restrictive Rules. It may be said frankly and without reserve that nowhere in these Rules is there a limitation on the General Conference which would prevent it passing a retirement age for ministers, such as in Report No. 11 of the Committee on Ministry. Up to the time when what was Paragraph 63 (Annual Conferences) in the *Discipline* of 1936 of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, was passed, and to the time of the Uniting Conference in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, such legislation would have been entirely constitutional in these respective bodies.

But we are no longer governed by those Constitutions, but by the Plan of Union, which has been declared to be our Constitution and under which, by constitutional methods adhering in the respective Churches, the union of the Churches was legally effected. In this Constitution, it is plainly declared that "the Annual Conference is the basic body of the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of Ministerial and Lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all other matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its Ministerial members" (Paragraph 22, *Discipline* of 1939, a part of the Constitution), and it fixes it the more firmly in its rights in this respect by affirming that only ministers may vote on such relations, thus eliminating the possibility of a General Conference passing such legislation as is here contemplated since it is composed of laymen in equal number with ministers and no restrictions are laid upon them in their voting. In fact, this legislation was passed with laymen voting.

It has been contended that under Paragraph 8, Sections 2

and 3, the General Conference has a constitutional right to pass such an act. But this Article IV, Paragraph 8, gives to the General Conference "full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional," and only by an accommodation of language utterly foreign to any rule of interpretation can it be said that the matter of deciding Annual Conference relations is connectional. It is purely local. Sections 2 and 3 plainly deal only with connectional, not local matters—i. e., to "define and fix the qualifications and duties of Elders, Deacons," etc., which are to be the same everywhere—i. e., to lay down rules regarding educational and moral and other qualifications for these orders and classes in the Church. Section 3 affirms that the General Conference is to "define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences," etc., but in doing so it plainly cannot fly in the face of a clear affirmation that only the Annual Conference, as the "basic body of the Church," has the power to vote on the "Conference relations of its Ministerial members," and only its ministerial members vote on such a matter.

It may be argued that this matter in Paragraph 22 (which has just been quoted), was brought into the Constitution from the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church when the Lay Conference was established in order to confine ministerial Conference relations to a vote of ministers, and that a vote is all the Annual Conference has. But the right to vote inevitably carries with it, in any but a despotic government, the right to decide, and by whatever means or for whatever purpose, it was introduced into the Constitution, this right of the clerical members of an Annual Conference to determine the Conference relations of its ministerial members is in the Constitution and a vital part of the Plan of Union.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that the action of the General Conference on May 3, 1940, with relation to above stated report of the Committee on Ministry, was unconstitutional. May 5, 1940.

8

In Re: Status of Ministers of Former Methodist Protestant Church Left Permanently Without Appointment

DIGEST OF CASE

An "unstationed" minister under the provisions of the Methodist Protestant Church *Discipline* of 1936, is in the same relation to an Annual Conference as "located" Ministers under the provisions of Paragraphs 235-39, *Discipline* 1940.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In the former Methodist Protestant Church from time to time certain ordained ministers were left without appointment permanently, some by their own request, and others by action of the Conference. There were certain such former members of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church prior to the merger and the formation of the present Baltimore Conference. At the 1940 session of Baltimore Annual Conference a question was propounded by G. E. Williams for a ruling by the presiding Bishop, Edwin H. Hughes. The same was entered upon the Conference Journal and appears therein on page 69.

REQUEST FOR RULING

The Bishop is requested to rule as to the status in The Methodist Church of ordained ministers of the former Methodist Protestant Church who were members of a Conference, and who either voluntarily or involuntarily were left permanently without appointments.

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The Bishop rules that such ministers, in harmony with the general law of the former Methodist Protestant Church, would hold to The Methodist Church the relation of located preachers.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The determination of this question involves the interpretation of certain Paragraphs of the *Discipline* of the former Methodist Protestant Church as well as corresponding Paragraphs of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

The Methodist Protestant Church, *Discipline* of 1936, by Paragraphs 23 and 25 of Section 5 (pages 58 and 59) provided for "unstationed" ministers. A minister might be placed upon the "unstationed list" either voluntarily or involuntarily. After being so placed upon the unstationed list, he was no longer accountable to the Annual Conference, but was simply a member of the Quarterly Conference of the Charge where he located. See Methodist Protestant *Discipline* 1936, pages 27, 79 and 86.

A comparative examination of Paragraphs 235 to 239 inclusive of The Methodist Church *Discipline*, 1940, as to location of members of an Annual Conference discloses that the provisions of the Methodist Protestant *Discipline* above mentioned as to "unstationed" ministers, created the same relationship to the Annual Conference as the provisions of our *Discipline* concerning "located" ministers. In other words, allowing for certain minor differences not affecting the basic question, an unstationed minister of the former Methodist Protestant Church was and is to all intents and purposes a located minister of The Methodist Church.

Accordingly the ruling of the Bishop in the foregoing matter is hereby affirmed.
April 15, 1941.

9

In Re: Compensation of Retired Minister Serving as Supply Pastor

DIGEST OF CASE

A general rule by action of an Annual Conference as to retired ministers receiving a pension and also receiving pay as supply pastor is in conflict with the provisions of Paragraph 1329, *Discipline* 1940, as to disallowance of claims in whole or in part, as it denies the claimant the right to make an oral or written statement to the Board of Conference Claimants, and denies him the protection of the two-thirds vote of the Conference prescribed in said Paragraph.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The New England Conference in session at Westfield, May 17, 1940, adopted the reports of Conference Claimants of the New England Conference containing Section 8, which reads as follows:

That retired men who take supply charges in or out of the Conference, shall not receive in pension and salary more than the minimum salary of the Conference for ministers in the effective relation, and that the Board of Conference Claimants be authorized and instructed to administer pension funds accordingly.

REQUEST FOR RULING

At the same session of the Conference Rev. C. Oscar Ford requested in writing from the presiding Bishop, G. Bromley Oxnam, a ruling upon the legality of the above quoted report, and cited certain Paragraphs of the *Discipline*, particularly Paragraph 1329, Subsections (1), (2) and (3) as to the Disciplinary manner of disallowing annuities, and also part of Paragraph 1337 under the heading "Judicial Decisions," which reads as follows:

A retired minister's annuity claim is not invalidated by service as a Supply Pastor. A retired minister should have the privilege of serving as a Supply Pastor, especially when the annuity is insufficient to afford him "comfortable support."

The foregoing Request for Ruling, and the Ruling of the Bishop thereon are recorded in the minutes of the New England Conference, session 1940, page 25 et seq.

RULING OF THE BISHOP

Paragraph 1317 of the *Discipline* reads:

The Annual Conference shall be the sole judge of the admissibility and validity of annuity claims, and shall be fully competent to determine all payments, disallowances and deductions thereunder, subject to the specific regulations relating thereto contained in the *Discipline*.

There is no question relative to the right of the Annual Conference to determine disallowances of and deductions from annuity claims. The method of determining such disallowances or deductions is subject to the provisions contained in the *Discipline*.

Paragraph 1329, Section 1 of the *Discipline* reads:

Upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants, after opportunity has been given for either a written or oral statement by the Claimant, any "Annuity Claim" may be disallowed, in whole or in part, for any cause cited by the Board of Conference Claimants, provided that in case of disallowance for such cause, approval shall be given of two thirds of the members of the Annual Conference present and voting.

Paragraph 1329 defines the method. The individual claimant is entitled to present a written or oral statement relative to his claim. Note the phrase "by the Claimant." Such disallowance, namely that of the individual, must be approved by a two thirds vote of the Conference.

The rule adopted by the New England Conference is intended to operate as an automatic denial of at least a part of the claim under certain circumstances, and is intended to deny the individual claimant the right to make a written or oral statement in opposition thereto, as well as to deny him the protection that lies in the two-thirds vote of the Conference approving said denial.

The rule is therefore declared illegal because it contravenes the method of disallowing or deducting from annuity claims established by the *Discipline*.

No reference was made in the above ruling to the citation of Judicial Decision, Paragraph 1337, by the Rev. C. Oscar Ford, for two reasons. First, these Decisions are at present before the Judicial Council for consideration and may or may not be operative. Secondly, the question of the right of a retired minister to serve as a Supply Pastor is not involved in the rule of the New England Conference under consideration.

The New England Conference, by adopting this rule, expressed its judgment relative to the wisdom of allowing retired men to accept supply appointments, and from the combined income from annuity claim and salary receive a greater income than that of the minimum salary established by the Conference. It would appear that the Conference would be within its rights to adopt certain grounds for the disallowance of or deduction from annuity claims to guide its Board of Conference Claimants in determining the admissibility and validity of annuity claims. The Board, under such instructions, would no doubt deny claims the Conference desires denied. The individual claimant would then be privileged to make his written or oral statement, and the denial would come before the Conference in the individual case for approval by the necessary two-thirds vote.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The ruling in the above case being regularly before the Judicial Council for review, the Council affirms the same, and adopts as its opinion in said case the foregoing statement and Ruling of the Bishop.

Attention should be called, however, to the reference in said statement to "Judicial Decisions," Paragraph 1337 of the *Discipline*, followed by this sentence, "These Decisions are at present before the Judicial Council for consideration and may or may not be operative." The portions of the *Discipline* which appeared as Paragraphs 1337 and 1341 of the 1939 *Discipline* are interpretations of law by what were the authentic judicial bodies prior to 1939. These provisions were re-enacted by the General Conference of 1940, but with the direction that the Judicial Council review and edit the same for publication. The Council did review and edit the same and so reported as to Paragraph 1337, so that *Discipline* of 1940 contains the provisions correctly as enacted and approved. Accordingly these provisions have the force of law until and unless declared unconstitutional by the Ju-

dicial Council on appeal, or until repealed or amended by later action of the General Conference.
April 15, 1941.

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In Re: Eligibility of Member of Annual Conference Board of Lay Activities to Membership on Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance

DIGEST OF CASE

Members of an Annual Conference Board of Lay Activities, being a Board that asks for appropriations from the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, are ineligible for membership on the Commission, under the provisions of Paragraph 1224, and Paragraph 1228, *Discipline* 1944.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In the Wyoming Annual Conference at its 1941 Session nominations were presented which disclosed that a District Lay Leader had also been nominated as a member of the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance. The Conference Lay Leader then presented a Request for a Ruling by the presiding Bishop, E. G. Richardson, which Request and the Ruling thereon were entered on the Journal and appear on page 12 of the Wyoming Annual Conference Year Book 1941, which Request and Ruling are as follows:

REQUEST FOR RULING

Question—Paragraph 832 of the 1940 *Discipline* provides for the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance. As the membership on said Commission, it provides as follows: "No member or employee of any Conference or Connectional Board shall be eligible." Does this provision render the District Lay Leaders and Associate Lay Leaders ineligible for membership on the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance?

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The Bishop replied as follows: "It does not. The ineligible provision applies only to Conference or Connectional Boards."

Decision of the Judicial Council

In accordance with Paragraph 40 of the *Discipline* this Episcopal decision is now before us. The determination of the issue requires the definition and application of what is meant in Paragraph 832 of the 1940 *Discipline* by the terms "Conference Boards," and membership thereon.

Paragraph 1224 of the 1940 *Discipline* under the heading "Annual Conference Boards" provides:

There shall be in every Annual Conference a Conference Board of Lay Activities, composed of the Conference Lay Leader who shall be Chairman of the Board, the District Lay Leader and the two Associate District Lay Leaders from each District, and the District Superintendents.

Paragraph 1228 provides further as to Annual Conference Board of Lay Activities as follows:

The Board shall estimate annually the amount necessary for the support of the work and report the amount to the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance for the consideration and recommendation to the Annual Conference.

It is evident that the purpose of the restriction as to membership on the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance was to eliminate members and officers of other Boards who would be asking appropriations from the Finance Commission.

Judged by this standard, it is clear from reading of the above Paragraphs that the Board of Lay Activities set up in the Annual Conference is a "Conference Board" under the meaning of Paragraph 832, and that District Lay Leaders and Associate Lay Leaders are members thereof and as such are ineligible for membership on the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.

It necessarily follows that the presiding Bishop's decision was in error and must now be and hereby is reversed. April 28, 1942.

11

In Re: Board of Trustees, Missouri Annual Conference

DIGEST OF CASE

In view of the inhibition by the Missouri State Constitution of religious corporations except to hold title to real estate for Church edifices, parsonages, and cemeteries, the Trustees of an Annual Conference in Missouri may not be incorporated, but the Trustees duly elected as an unincorporated Board are the proper parties to recover possession of property of abandoned churches under the provisions of Paragraph 782, *Discipline* 1940.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Constitution of the State of Missouri by Section 8, Article 2, provides "that no religious corporation can be established in this State, except such as may be created under a general law for the purpose only of holding title to such real estate as may be prescribed by law for church edifices, parsonages and cemeteries."

Paragraph 791 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church provides that "there shall be an incorporated Board of Trustees of each Annual Conference," but Paragraph 803 provides as follows:

Whenever the law of the state, territory, or country in which is located any property of The Methodist Church, its agencies or subdivisions, or the provisions of an existing charter of a corporation organized and holding property for such purposes, require otherwise than in this Chapter prescribed, such law or charter shall apply and be substituted for such of the provisions of this chapter as are in conflict with such law or charter.

In view of the uncertainty, by reason of the foregoing statute and disciplinary provisions, as to the proper parties to take and hold title to the proceeds from the sale of abandoned Methodist Church property in Missouri, requests for rulings were presented to the presiding Bishop, John C. Broomfield, at the 1941 session of the Missouri Annual Conference. Additional facts are disclosed in the opinion in this case.

REQUESTS FOR RULINGS

Question No. 1—In view of the exceptions noted in Paragraph 803 of the *Discipline* of 1940, and in view of the inhibitions placed on religious corporations by the constitution and statutes of the State of Missouri, is the requirement of Paragraph 791 of the *Discipline* of 1940 providing that the Annual Conference Board of Trustees shall be incorporated to be construed as mandatory upon the Trustees of this Missouri Conference?

Question No. 2—Can the Trustees of this Missouri Annual Conference qualify to perform their duties without being incorporated?

BISHOP'S RULINGS

Answer to Question No. 1. Section 8 of Article 2 of the Missouri Constitution provides that no religious corporation can be established in this State except such as may be created for the purpose only of holding the title to such real estate as may be prescribed by law for church edifices, parsonages, and cemeteries.

The Annual Conference Board of Trustees incorporated as directed by Paragraph 791 of the 1940 *Discipline* would be a religious corporation.

In view of Paragraph 803 of the *Discipline* the requirement of Paragraph 791 thereof requiring incorporation is not mandatory. Both Paragraphs are a part of the same section, are to be construed together, and the law of Missouri is substituted for the provisions of the *Discipline*, where the law of Missouri requires otherwise than in the *Discipline* described.

Answer to Question No. 2. The Trustees of the Missouri Annual Conference, when duly elected according to the provisions of the *Discipline*, can perform their duties as a Board without being incorporated.

Decision of the Judicial Council

During the session of the Missouri Annual Conference held September 26 to 29, 1941, the foregoing questions were presented in writing to the presiding Bishop, and were answered by him as above set forth, both questions and answers being entered in the Journal of said Conference.

One of the provisions of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, embodied in the Plan of Union, and now appearing as Paragraph 40, Article 7 of the 1940 *Discipline*, provides that a Bishop presiding over a District, Annual or Jurisdictional Conference, shall decide all questions of law coming before him in the regular business of the session, provided that such questions be presented in writing, and that his decisions be recorded in the Journal of the Conference. It is also provided that each Bishop shall report in writing annually all his decisions of law, with a syllabus of the same, to the Judicial Council, which shall affirm, modify, or reverse them.

Bishop Broomfield has reported the foregoing decisions in writing, and such decisions are properly before us for our judgment thereon.

The record shows that a local church, formerly in the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, burned. It was insured and the insurance money was paid to and is held by the former Trustees of that church. The church has not been rebuilt, nor is it contemplated that a church will be built in the near future, but the local Trustees expressed the intention to hold the money on the theory that it may be rebuilt in the future. The Missouri Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, after an examination of the facts, and with the consent of the presiding Bishop and the District Superintendent, as well as the District Board of Church Location and Building within whose jurisdiction the church was located, declared each church to be discontinued and abandoned, and directed the disposition of the funds in the hands of the local board of Trustees (Conference Record Missouri Conference 1941, page 42). The local church Trustees refused to comply. Paragraph 782 of the 1940 *Discipline* provides that it shall be the duty of the local Board of Trustees to make such disposition, or if, for any reason said Trustees fail to make such disposition, then it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Annual Conference to sell or dispose of said property in accordance with the direction of the Annual Conference.

Paragraph 791 of the 1940 *Discipline* provides that "There shall be an incorporated Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference." The constitution of Missouri inhibits religious corporations, except to hold title to real estate for church edifices, parsonages and cemeteries. An Annual Conference Board of Trustees, if incorporated, would be a religious corporation.

Paragraph 803 of the 1940 *Discipline* was enacted to provide against such a situation by providing that the law of the State shall be substituted for the Disciplinary provisions. Therefore the Missouri law controls. Under the law in Missouri it is competent to create Conference Boards of Trustees without incorporation, in which event the said Trustees, and their successors in office as such Trustees, have all the authority that the proposed incorporated Board would have. The Board of Trustees so chosen then are the officers referred to in Paragraph 782 where it provides that if for any reason said (local) Trustees fail to make the disposition of property as directed by the Annual Conference, "It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Annual Conference to sell or dispose of the property in accordance with the direction of the Annual Conference." Such Annual Conference Board of

Trustees is entitled to recover possession of the property in order that it may apply the same as directed by the Annual Conference.

The rulings of Bishop Broomfield were correct, and such rulings are affirmed.

April 29, 1942.

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In Re: Authority of a Joint Distributing Committee Appointed Under the Provisions of Paragraph 1312 of the *Discipline* of 1939

DIGEST OF CASE

The decisions of a Joint Distributing Committee duly constituted under the provisions of Paragraph 1312, *Discipline* 1939, having acted in accordance with such provisions, are binding upon the several Conferences affected by merger.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Uniting Conference of 1939 defined Conference boundaries for the Kansas Conference by Paragraph 1495 and for the Central Kansas Conference by Paragraph 1492. The Central Kansas Conference, generally speaking, covered the same territory as the Northwest Kansas Conference and the Southwest Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, less certain charges in Oklahoma, but also plus three Kansas counties taken from the territory of the former Methodist Episcopal Kansas Conference, to wit, the Counties of Washington, Clay and Dickinson.

The new Kansas Conference of The Methodist Church so defined included approximately the territory of the old Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, less the three counties allocated to the Central Kansas Conference, there being also some other minor changes due to the allocation of former Methodist Protestant charges, and charges formerly of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

At the first session of the new Kansas Conference of The Methodist Church, the members being composed of those of the former Methodist Episcopal Church Kansas Conference, less the three counties; plus members of the former Methodist Protestant churches within this boundary, declared the Kansas Conference of The Methodist Church to be the ecclesiastical and lawful successor to the Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Board of Conference Claimants of the Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was incorporated under the laws of Kansas by charter dated March 18, 1917, and amended June 24, 1931, its purpose being the holding, managing and distributing funds for the Conference Claimants of said Conference. By action of the Trustees of the Board, ratified by the new Kansas Conference, this Charter was again amended by changing its name to "Conference Claimants' Funds, Inc.," said amendment being dated September 26, 1939. The character of the corporation as amended was stated to be to take and hold property in trust for the use and benefit of the Conference Claimants of the Kansas Conference of The Methodist Church.

In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1312, *Discipline* 1939, there was constituted a Joint Distributing Committee appointed

by the Conferences affected by the foregoing change of boundaries: that is, three committeemen each from the Kansas, Northwest Kansas, and Southwest Kansas Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and three from the Kansas Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. This Joint Distributing Committee, in its study of the comparative strength of the charges in the three allocated counties, agreed that it represented approximately one twelfth of the strength of the former Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Upon that basis, the Committee proceeded to allocate Conference Claimants, whose annuity years amounted to about one twelfth of the total annuity years for which the said Kansas Conference was responsible, from the Kansas Conference to the Central Kansas Conference; and, further, called upon the Kansas Conference to allocate to the Central Kansas Conference one twelfth of its permanent endowment funds.

The action of the Joint Distributing Committee was printed in the Journals of the 1940 sessions of both the Kansas Conference and the Central Kansas Conference. At a later meeting, the Distributing Committee called upon the Trustees of Conference Claimants' Funds, Inc., the corporate body holding the permanent funds of the Kansas Conference, for their decision concerning the requested allocation of funds. The Trustees carefully considered the proposal, and appointed a Special Committee to investigate and to formulate a statement. The decision, which the Trustees believed to be demanded by Charter obligations, was "We do not feel that we as a Board are empowered to make any distribution of endowment funds."

On the above statement of facts, a request for a ruling by the presiding Bishop was requested in the 1941 sessions of both the Kansas Conference and the Central Kansas Conference, which Requests and Rulings are as follows:

REQUEST FOR RULING

The question is raised: Was the duly appointed Joint Distributing Committee which adjudicated the respective pension concerns of the Kansas Conference of the former Methodist Protestant Church, the Northwest Kansas Conference, the Southwest Kansas Conference, and the Kansas Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church in connection with the reorganization of the aforesaid Annual Conferences consequent upon unification, acting within its authority under the *Discipline*, and are its decisions binding upon the Central Kansas Conference and the Kansas Conference of The Methodist Church?

RULING OF THE BISHOP

Pursuant to its powers, the Uniting Conference of 1939 reorganized the entire work in the State of Kansas in such manner as to merge the former Northwest Kansas and Southwest Kansas Conferences of the former Methodist Episcopal Church under the name of the Central Kansas Conference of The Methodist Church and enlarged the area of the new Central Kansas Conference by taking from the area of the Kansas Conference of the former Methodist Church the counties of Washington, Clay and Dickinson. This action of the Uniting Conference altered the status of the new Kansas Conference of The Methodist Church, bringing, thereby, both of the two new Conferences, namely, the Central Kansas and the Kansas, under the provisions of Paragraph 1312 of the *Discipline* of 1939.

One of the most important and delicate problems facing the Uniting Conference was the equitable readjustment of Annual Conference boundaries. It was clearly seen that such readjustment included the much more difficult attendant problems of readjusting the placement of the Conference Claimants involved and the resources hitherto provided for their support. For this reason, the Uniting Conference

enacted Paragraph 1312 of the *Discipline* of 1939 and gave final power to a Joint Committee to "allocate" Conference Claimants and such portion of the assets of a Conference involved as could be designated "distributable," that is, free from a declaration of trust, or other rigidly specified "uses," to which they are to be devoted.

It follows, therefore, that under the authority vested in it by Paragraph 1312 of the *Discipline* of 1939, the above-mentioned Joint Distributing Committee was within its Disciplinary rights and acting under the authority of the Uniting Conference when it assigned to the new Central Kansas Conference a portion of the Conference Claimants and of the assets of the Kansas Conference commensurate, in the judgment of the Joint Distributing Committee, with the transfer of the three counties of Washington, Clay and Dickinson to the new Central Kansas Conference, and the decisions of the aforesaid Committee are binding upon all Conferences concerned.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The only questions before us which are raised by the foregoing Ruling is whether the Joint Distributing Committee acted within its authority under the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, and whether its decisions are binding in the manner prescribed by the *Discipline*.

The subject matter of "Pensions and Permanent Funds" constitutes Part VIII of the *Discipline* of 1939, being the same also of the 1940 *Discipline*. Chapter II of Part VIII is entitled "Permanent Funds." Paragraph 1312 (1) and (2) which is a part of Chapter II reads as follows:

Paragraph 1312. 1. There shall be set up a Distributing Committee in each Annual Conference to be merged after Unification, to be composed of three members appointed by the Conference at its session immediately succeeding the Uniting Conference, which Committee shall act jointly with similar Committees of three members each from the other Annual Conference or Conferences having an interest in the merger of such Annual Conference; said Joint Committee to have power to allocate the Conference Claimants and the distributable assets of the Conference to be merged.

2. The Distributing Committee shall determine the number of service years rendered in the Annual Conferences which will lose their identity in the merging of Conference territory, and the findings of the Committee shall be final unless definite evidence to the contrary be discovered, and the annuity payments by the continuing Conference shall be made accordingly.

There is no question but that the Joint Distributing Committee was duly appointed in this case, and that the Conferences in question were all affected by the merger. It appears further that the Committee proceeded to act in accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline*, and made its findings as therein presented. These findings are "final unless definite evidence to the contrary shall be discovered,"

and as there is no allegation of new evidence, we must therefore hold the findings of the Committee in this case to be final.

It is to be noted that the question of what are "distributable assets," is not before the Council. This may involve the interpretation and adjudication as to the terms of specific trusts under which funds may be held, all of which questions if there be any dispute must be adjudicated by the proper tribunals.

For the foregoing reasons it is now held by the Judicial Council that the Joint Distributing Committee was duly constituted under the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church; that it acted in accordance with said provisions; and that its decisions are binding. Accordingly the Ruling of the Bishop is hereby affirmed.

April 29, 1942.

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In Re: Recommendations for Apportionments for Conference Claimants by Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants

DIGEST OF CASE

An Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants is not required to submit its askings for appropriations to the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance under the provisions of Paragraphs 832, 834, and 835, *Discipline* 1940, but reports its recommendations directly to the Annual Conference in accordance with Paragraph 1323, Article 2.

To reconcile conflicting provisions in legislative enactment, the entire legislation must be considered, and the legislative intent is to be drawn from the act as a whole.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Due to the language of Paragraphs 832, 834 and 835 of the 1940 *Discipline* quoted hereinafter, considerable doubt has been indicated in several Conferences as to what control, if any, is to be exercised by the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, over the recommendations and asking for Regular and Emergency appropriations for Conference Claimants; or whether that matter is to be left entirely to the Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants, to recommend directly to the Annual Conference. At the 1942 session of the Wyoming Annual Conference, a Ruling was requested by the Commission on World Service and Finance from the presiding Bishop, Adna W. Leonard, which request more fully states the case.

REQUEST FOR RULING

The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance requests a ruling by the presiding Bishop upon the following question, which is herewith submitted in writing:

Section IV of the *Discipline* of 1940 relating to Annual Conference

Commission on World Service and Finance provides by three different paragraphs as follows:

Paragraph 832. "... The Chairman of each Conference Board or Commission, or some person appointed by it, shall have opportunity to represent the claims of his Board or Commission before the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance."

Paragraph 834. "The Commission shall make diligent effort to secure full information regarding all Conference interests, that none may be neglected, jeopardized, or excluded, and shall recommend to the Annual Conference for its action and determination the total amount to be apportioned for each."

Paragraph 835. "The Commission shall recommend to the Annual Conference for its action the percentage of the total sum for Annual Conference interests which shall be allotted to each such interest."

Paragraph 1323, being a part of the regulations for the Illinois Corporation for the support of the Conference Claimants provides *inter alia* as follows:

"2. The apportionment to the Pastoral Charges for both regular Relief and Emergency appropriations for Conference Claimants who are in distress, because of inadequacy of the annuity to meet their needs, or because of other special circumstances, shall be recommended by the Board of Conference Claimants and approved by the Annual Conference."

Question. Whether the Conference Board of Conference Claimants shall present their recommendations for apportionments to the Pastoral Charges for Relief and Emergency appropriations to the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, to be approved by the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance and then submitted to the Annual Conference for adoption, or whether the Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants presents its recommendations directly to the Annual Conference for approval or disapproval disregarding the Commission on World Service and Finance.

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The Bishop condensed the question on which the ruling was requested, and then ruled thereon as follows:

Is the Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants required to present its recommendations for apportionments to the Pastoral Charges for Relief and Emergency appropriations to the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, to be approved by the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance and then submitted to the Annual Conference for adoption?

Answer. It is not. Paragraph 1323 *Discipline* 1940. Article 2.

Decision of the Judicial Council

This ruling of Bishop Leonard is now regularly before the Judicial Council for review.

From the history of the discussions leading up to this decision, it is evident that the inquiry was the outgrowth in an effort to reconcile the apparent conflict in the provisions of Paragraph 834 and Section or Article 2 of Paragraph 1323 of the 1940 *Discipline*, which Paragraphs are quoted in the Request for Ruling as hereinbefore stated.

It is maintained on the one hand that the *Discipline* of 1939, re-enacted in 1940, in providing for the Annual Con-

ference Commission on World Service and Finance, including many features somewhat new in Methodist financial procedure in the Annual Conference, intended to create a Commission in the Annual Conference which should have exclusive supervision over "all Conference interests" for which apportionments are requested. The proponents of this theory seem to rely chiefly on the language of Paragraphs 834 and 835 of the 1940 *Discipline*, and contend that the broad and inclusive language of these Paragraphs would require the submission of requests and estimates for Conference apportionments not only from other Conference Boards and Commissions, but also from the Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants.

It is a well-settled rule of legal construction that, in seeking to reconcile conflicting provisions in a legislative enactment, the entire legislation on the subject, or the entire act, must be considered, and that the legislative intent is to be drawn from the act as a whole and not merely from an isolated paragraph that may be in conflict with the underlying purpose and intent of the act.

When that rule is followed with respect to the question under consideration we find preponderating evidences of the intention of the General Conference to make the Board of Conference Claimants amenable to the Annual Conference alone, and not to be required to subject its askings for both regular Relief and Emergency appropriations to the approval or disapproval of any other agency of the Annual Conference.

In the first place, support for Conference Claimants is provided under the heading "Ministerial Support" (Paragraphs 804-805), and is therefore not a benevolence. Note the emphasis placed upon the same as an obligation in Paragraphs 551, 805 and 1316 of the *Discipline*:

"Assumption of the obligation of the itineracy required to be made at the time of admission into the Traveling Connection puts upon the Church the counter-obligation of providing support for the entire Ministry of the Church. In view of this, the Claim for Ministerial Support in each Pastoral Charge shall include provision for the support of Pastors, District Superintendents, Bishops and Conference Claimants."

In the next place, the *Discipline*, in Paragraph 806, fixes the basis for these apportionments for Ministerial Support, and in Subdivision 3 of Paragraph 1323 fixes a limitation upon apportionments for Conference Claimants, which limitation can be changed only by a majority vote of the members of the Annual Conference present and voting.

Furthermore, other agencies of the Annual Conference,

such as the Board of Missions (Paragraph 1038), Board of Education (Paragraph 1176), and Board of Lay Activities (Paragraph 1228) are specifically required to submit their askings to the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, but no such provision exists specifically requiring the Board of Conference Claimants to submit its askings for regular Relief and Emergency appropriations to such Commission. This is particularly significant in view of the several provisions of Paragraph 1314, and of Paragraph 1323 above quoted.

Subdivision 1 of Paragraph 1314 provides that the Board of Conference Claimants "shall have charge of the interests and work of providing for the support of Conference Claimants of the Annual Conference, except as otherwise provided for by the Board of Pensions."

Subdivision 3 of said Paragraph 1314 provides for the Board of Conference Claimants to report to the Annual Conference "the names of those who have died during the year, the names of the dependent children of deceased members of the Conference, and any other useful information, and show separately the amount paid to each by the Conference from the Annuity and necessitous fund and by the Board of Pensions." It provides further that "the appropriations to Conference Claimants shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference." It does not provide, however, that such askings shall first be submitted to the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, as other Paragraphs do with reference to the askings of other agencies of the Annual Conference. The same policy is reflected in Subdivision 2 of Paragraph 1323 in which it is specifically provided that the apportionments "for both regular relief and emergency appropriations for Conference Claimants who are in distress . . . *shall* be recommended by the Board of Conference Claimants and approved by the Annual Conference." These are subject only to the limitations placed thereon in Subdivision 3 of said Paragraph.

In the opinion of the Judicial Council, these provisions as a whole show a clear intent on the part of the General Conference to exempt the Board of Conference Claimants from having to submit its askings for both regular relief and emergency appropriations to the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, and to provide that it submit its askings for same directly to the Annual Conference.

The decision of Bishop Leonard being correct, it is hereby affirmed.

April 29, 1942.

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In Re: Appeal of Board of Missions and Church Extension on Question of Responsibility of Pension of D. W. Nichols, et al.

DIGEST OF CASE

Under the provisions of Paragraph 1330, *Discipline* 1940, no liability rests on the Annual Conference of which the claimant was a member on retirement, for the years of service of such claimant which he served in a Mission Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the June, 1943, session of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, a report was submitted by the Board of Conference Claimants and adopted by the Annual Conference, reading as follows:

Board of Conference Claimants
of the

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA CONFERENCE
THE METHODIST CHURCH**

125 East Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church be requested to exclude from its Clearinghouse procedure, beginning June 1, 1943, and charge to the Division of Foreign Missions of The Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church the following years spent in Foreign Missionary services:

D. W. Nichols from 1888 to 1904 inclusive, a total of 16 years.

Charles A. Kent from 1912 to 1915 inclusive, a total of 4 years.

Stacy A. Smith from 1890 to 1892 inclusive, a total of 3 years.

Thereafter, action was taken by the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, as follows:

REQUEST FOR RULING

*Appeal to Judicial Council by Board of Missions
and Church Extension*

It was reported that the Southern California-Arizona Conference had recently refused to continue to pay pensions for certain years of service given by Rev. D. W. Nichols under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Division of Foreign Missions is now asked to assume responsibility for those years.

It was VOTED that the Division of Foreign Missions refuse to accept responsibility for the pension of Rev. D. W. Nichols for the years he served the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church from December 26, 1887, to September 1, 1904, hitherto paid for by the Southern California-Arizona Conference, and that the Executive Secretary prepare an appeal to the Judicial Council on whether or not Paragraph 959 in the *Discipline* of 1936 is retroactive for those who had already retired and had been receiving pensions.

The Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church in session at Buck Hill Falls Inn, having adopted such appeal and made it an appeal of a General Conference Board, the matter is now properly before the Judicial Council for determination.

Decision of the Judicial Council

In the opinion of the Judicial Council, the law now in force relating to divided annuities is set forth in Paragraph 1330 of the 1940 *Discipline*, the first clause of which reads as follows:

1. The responsibility for annuity for the approved years of service of a Conference Claimant shall rest with the Annual Conference in which the service was performed, or its legal successor; etc.

It is further the opinion of the Council that such law is retroactive, and does apply to those who had already retired and had been drawing pensions when same was enacted.

Since the service rendered by D. W. Nichols from 1888 to 1904 was in a Mission Conference and not in the Southern California-Arizona Conference or its predecessor Conference in the United States, no liability rests upon the Southern California-Arizona Conference for annuity payments to D. W. Nichols on such years of service in such Mission Conference.

Walter C. Buckner, a member of the Judicial Council, being also a member of the Southern California-Arizona Conference, did not participate in the decision herein set forth. December 8, 1943.

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In Re: Constitutionality of Paragraph 231, *Discipline* 1940

DIGEST OF CASE

Action of an Annual Conference in retiring ministers on age limit, under the provisions of Paragraph 231, *Discipline* 1940, is legal, as said Paragraph has been heretofore held to be constitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the Missouri Annual Conference held September, 1943, three members of the Conference, to-wit: W. C. Franasco, H. T. McGrew and E. J. Speer were retired by action of the Conference alleged to be under the provisions of Paragraph 231 of the *Discipline* of 1940, by reason of having attained the age of 72 years. Thereupon a request for a ruling was presented to the presiding Bishop, John C. Broomfield, which is as follows:

REQUEST FOR RULING

QUESTION OF LAW

The following question of law was presented by Paul Barton for a ruling by the Bishop: The Constitution of The Methodist Church *Discipline* 1940, Paragraph 22, reserves to the Annual Conference the right to determine all rights relative to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members. Is the requirement of Paragraph 231 of the *Discipline* of 1940 that ministers having reached the age of 72 shall automatically be retired constitutional, and is it

binding upon the Annual Conference? This request for ruling appears on page 27 of the Conference Journal of the said Missouri Annual Conference.

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The presiding Bishop, John C. Broomfield, ruled as follows:
Paragraph 231 is not in conflict with the Constitution.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The foregoing ruling of Bishop Broomfield having been considered by the Judicial Council, it is held that the Judicial Council alone has the power to pass on the constitutionality of an act of the General Conference. See Paragraph 431, Article II of the Constitution.

The Judicial Council has already determined that Paragraph 231 of the *Discipline* of 1940 is constitutional. (See Judicial Council Decision 7.) Therefore the Judicial Council holds that, Bishop Broomfield in this case having properly applied the law in the light of such decision, his said ruling is hereby affirmed.

Concurring Decision

Dr. J. S. French asked leave to file a separate opinion in the above stated matter, which is as follows:

I agree with the above opinion under the ruling of the majority opinion of the Judicial Council, as recorded in Decision 7; but I am still of the opinion that Paragraph 231 of the *Discipline* of 1940 is not constitutional for the reasons set forth in the dissenting opinion appended to Decision 7. December 8, 1943.

16

In Re: Status of T. H. Osborne, North Texas Annual Conference

DIGEST OF CASE

An Annual Conference Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications may, under the provisions of Paragraphs 463 and 466, recommend for admission a Minister claiming to come from another Evangelical Church (Paragraph 311), even though such minister had previously been a member of the same Conference from which he had withdrawn; but final action thereon rests with the Annual Conference which may accept or reject the recommendations for admission submitted by the Committee.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

T. H. Osborne, a member of the North Texas Annual Conference for more than twenty years, in 1940 withdrew from the ministry and the membership of The Methodist Church, surrendered his credentials, joined the Baptist Church, and was ordained a Baptist minister. Subsequently he sought readmission in the North Texas Conference,

under Paragraph 311 of the *Discipline*, coming as a minister from the Baptist Church. The Conference Committee on ministerial qualifications recommended his acceptance, but the Conference voted against the Committee's Report. Thereupon there was presented to the presiding Bishop, Ivan Lee Holt, at the session of the Conference on October 29, 1941, a request for a ruling, which appears on page 33 of the North Texas Annual Conference Journal.

REQUEST FOR RULING

H. D. Knickerbocker presented the following written question, involving an interpretation which Bishop Holt made concerning the application of T. H. Osborne: "Can a Methodist preacher who surrenders his credentials while under complaints, join the Baptist Church and come back presenting his Baptist credentials and be recognized as a Baptist preacher, ignoring his record as a Methodist preacher, and without clearing up the aforesaid complaints, made while he was a Methodist preacher?"

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The Rev. T. H. Osborne served as a member of the North Texas Conference for more than twenty years. In the autumn of 1940 he withdrew from the ministry and membership of The Methodist Church, surrendered his credentials, joined the Baptist Church, and was ordained a Baptist minister. For some months there was illness in the family, and Brother Osborne's own illness made it necessary for him to ask and be granted relief from his charge six weeks before the Conference session. The doctor's certificate stated that he was in great pain, and that he was not in physical or mental condition to carry on the work of the pastorate.

At the Annual Conference Brother Osborne's District Superintendent made the announcement, presented his credentials to the Conference, and had for filing with the credentials a statement containing a report of rumor about financial difficulties and unpaid bills of Brother Osborne. No formal or signed complaint other than this was made.

In the fall of 1941 Brother Osborne sought reception into the North Texas Conference as a minister from the Baptist Church. The Committee on Ministerial Qualifications took the case under consideration, made due investigation, and recommended that Brother Osborne be admitted as coming from the ministry of the Baptist Church. The motion to accept and approve the Committee's recommendation was considered by the Conference for two hours. The Conference voted against the Committee's report and Brother Osborne was not admitted.

During the consideration of the case by the Conference I was asked by Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker, a member of the Conference, to answer the following question submitted in writing: "Can a Methodist preacher who surrenders his credentials while under complaints join the Baptist Church, and come back presenting his Baptist Credentials and be recognized as a Baptist preacher, and without clearing up the aforesaid complaints made while he was a Methodist preacher?" My answer was: "The case of T. H. Osborne is legally before this Conference on recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications." I have talked with several Bishops about my position and all agree that I was right, but I am required by law to submit the question and answer to the Judicial Council. In support of my position I call attention to Paragraph 311, Article 3: "Ministers from other churches may apply directly to the Annual Conference, which may recognize their credentials and receive them into full membership in the Conference, provided that in all such cases the candidates for admission into full membership must answer satisfactorily the questions set forth in

Paragraph 218." At the time of his application for admission Brother Osborne was a fully ordained minister in good standing in the Baptist Church. Paragraph 466, Article 2, Section 3, gives the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications authority to report those to be received from other Churches.

The law gives full protection to the Conference and the ministerial connection by investing it with power through its Committee on Ministerial Qualifications to get all the facts of the applicant, with the power to reject as well as accept the Committee's Report, and with the further power to try him later. The "clearing up of aforesaid complaints" or any new complaints cannot be considered so long as the applicant is a member and a minister of another Church. Brother Osborne as a Baptist preacher could not be tried by a Methodist Conference. If he had been admitted by a vote of the Conference then complaints could have been made, an investigation conducted, and a trial held if necessary.

If one wished to advance a moral as well as a legal argument he might plead the comity and fellowship among Christian denominations in recognition of the ministers of one, by another, and also our Methodist insistence on a man's right of confession and repentance in the hope of forgiveness. But the Judicial Council is concerned only with the legal arguments, and in my thinking the law is absolutely clear in sustaining me.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Judicial Council having considered the foregoing ruling of Bishop Holt, and the Paragraph of the *Discipline* applicable to the facts so presented, the Council adopts the written statement of the Bishop as its formal opinion; and the ruling of the Bishop is hereby affirmed. December 8, 1943.

17

In Re: Costs of Jurisdictional Committee of Appeals

DIGEST OF CASE

The expenses which may be paid from the General Administration Fund are strictly limited by the provisions of Paragraph 848, *Discipline* 1940, and therefore the General Commission on World Service and Finance is not thereby authorized to pay expenses incurred by a Jurisdictional Committee of Appeals acting under the provisions of Paragraph 694.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference was tried by said Conference according to charges and specifications duly submitted. The trial court having found him guilty imposed a penalty, from which decree the defendant appealed to the Committee on Appeals of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, as provided for by Paragraph 694-697 of the *Discipline* of 1940.

In connection with the hearing of the appeal by said Committee, certain expenses were incurred. No provision having been made for the payment of the same by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, the Secretary of the latter Conference forwarded a bill for the

complete amount of the expenses to the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance, on the ground that Paragraph 848 of the *Discipline* provides only that the General Administration Fund shall pay the expenses of the Judicial Council, the sessions of the General Conference, such General Conference Commissions and Committees as may be appointed, and authorized inter-church activities, but made no provision for the payment of any expenses incurred by any Jurisdictional Conference, held that such payment could not be made from the General Administration Fund.

From this action of the General Commission on World Service and Finance the College of Bishops of the Northeastern Jurisdiction have appealed.

Decision of the Judicial Council

After carefully considering the briefs presented by, and hearing oral arguments of representatives both of the Northeastern Jurisdiction and the General Commission on World Service and Finance, the Judicial Council finds as follows:

1. There is no specific law of the Church governing this case.

2. The General Conference has made no provision for the payment of the costs of appeal of this character in the budget of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Therefore, there is no authority for the General Commission on World Service and Finance to pay such expense. The appeal is accordingly not sustained.

April 27, 1944.

18

In Re: C. M. Tyndal

DIGEST OF CASE

The procedure for restoration of credentials of a traveling Deacon or Elder which have been surrendered, under Paragraph 707, *Discipline* 1940, requires that the steps therein outlined shall be strictly followed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Sometime prior to March 21, 1943, C. M. Tyndal, then a member of the North Alabama Conference, surrendered his credentials to the District Superintendent, who then forwarded the same to the presiding Bishop, J. L. Decell. Subsequently, on March 2, 1943, at the Quarterly Conference of the Hamilton Charge of the Jasper District of the North Alabama Conference, a Resolution was adopted recommending that the Annual Conference restore to C. M. Tyndal his surrendered credentials. The next session of the Annual Conference occurred in October, 1943, at which session on October 28, 1943, the following action was taken, as shown by the Journal of the Conference, page 40:

B. F. Tingle, Superintendent of the Jasper District, announced that C. M. Tyndal had surrendered his credentials under complaint, and that his credentials had been placed in the hands of the Secretary. The Conference voted to receive these surrendered credentials.

There was then presented for the consideration of the Annual

Conference the Resolution of the Hamilton Church Quarterly Conference recommending restoration of these surrendered credentials, and the presiding Bishop was requested to rule thereon.

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The main question here is: May an Annual Conference restore credentials to a person who has never been relicensed to preach? An Annual Conference in the restoration of credentials can only restore whatever rights and privileges inhered in the credentials which were bestowed by its vote. Membership in the Church and license to preach are not within the powers of an Annual Conference; therefore, it cannot restore what it never possessed.

In view of supporting law and decisions, we hold that Paragraph 707 in the 1940 *Discipline* assumes that a person receiving restoration of credentials has taken the necessary steps to qualify for reception of credentials. One who is not even a Local Preacher and holds only the relation of layman in the Church may not have his credentials restored. Therefore, "A preacher deposed and deprived of his credentials must be recommended, examined, and licensed in regular form in order to bring his case under the provision of the law for the restoration of credentials."

The petition or recommendation is estopped and the Annual Conference may not restore the credentials until the one for whom restoration is requested has begun his ministry DE NOVO.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The procedure for restoration of surrendered credentials, when surrendered under complaints, is provided by Paragraph 707 of the *Discipline* of 1940 as follows:

707. Should he later give satisfactory evidence to the Conference of his amendment or innocence, and procure a certificate of the Quarterly Conference of the Charge in which he resides, or of the Annual Conference that admitted him on trial, recommending their restoration by the Annual Conference to which he surrendered his credentials, the Conference may restore them.

This procedure must be strictly followed. In the instant case, from the record, it appears that the acceptance of surrender of the credentials was voted by the North Alabama Conference at its session on October 28, 1943. Therefore, the requisite steps specified by Paragraph 707 could only properly take place after October 28, 1943, including (a) later giving satisfactory evidence to the Conference of amendment or innocence, and (b) the procurement of a certificate of the Quarterly Conference of the Charge in which the applicant resides, or of the Annual Conference that admitted him on trial, recommending restoration of credentials.

It follows, therefore, that the ruling of the Presiding Bishop, which in effect was that no action could then be taken by the Annual Conference on the restoration of credentials, was proper, and to that extent the ruling is affirmed.

April 26, 1944.

19

In Re: Distributions from Endowment Fund for Superannuates, Held by the Missouri Corporation

DIGEST OF CASE

Under the provisions of Paragraph 1309, *Discipline* 1940, Ministers who at time of retirement may have been members of an Annual Conference within the territory assigned to the Illinois Corporation, are nevertheless entitled to annuities from the Endowment Fund for superannuates held by the Missouri Corporation, on account of the years of service formerly rendered in an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or in an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in territory assigned to the Missouri Corporation.

However, no claimant has any vested right or equity in such General Endowment Fund nor the income derived therefrom.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the 1943 Session of the California Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, the following question was propounded in writing to Bishop James C. Baker:

REQUEST FOR RULING

Are the following Conference Claimants of the California Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, who have retired since May 10, 1939, entitled, under Paragraph 1309 of the 1940 *Discipline*, to receive income from the Endowment Fund for the Superannuates held by the Missouri Corporation of the Board of Pensions, on the years of service which they rendered as members of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, prior to May 10, 1939?

			<i>Years of service prior to May 10, 1939</i>
G. C. Black	Retired 1942	43½	
A. S. Cecil	Retired 1940	32½	
S. M. Cheek	Retired 1940	33½	
Jesse Crumpton	Retired 1940	34½	
W. R. Haselden	Retired 1940	31½	
John I. Huff	Retired 1940	16½	
N. F. Johnson	Retired 1940	37	
William J. Lee	Retired 1940	38	
C. W. Long	Retired 1940	29½	
B. H. Mobley	Retired 1942	42½	
U. G. Murphy	Retired 1942	*4	
A. B. Pendleton	Retired 1942	33½	
Total			376½

To this question Bishop Baker answered in writing as follows:

RULING OF THE BISHOP

They are entitled to receive the income from the Endowment

* Balance relinquished.

Fund for Superannuates held by the Missouri Corporation of the Board of Pensions on exactly the same basis as any other member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for any and all services rendered prior to May 10, 1939.

The income from the Superannuate Endowment Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was distributed prior to May 10, 1939, to all superannuated preachers on the basis of years of service. Every member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, upon retirement had an equity in the income from this Fund, the amount of which was determined by the number of years of service he had rendered to his Church. The act of Unification on May 10, 1939, did not take away the right of any member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, upon retirement to his share of the income from this fund, based upon the years of service rendered to his Church.

The Uniting Conference decided that the Pension administration of The Methodist Church should be divided between the Illinois Corporation and the Missouri Corporation of the Board of Pensions and assigned the Northeastern, the North Central, the Western, and the Central Jurisdictional Conferences to the Illinois Corporation; and assigned the Southeastern and the South Central Jurisdictional Conferences to the Missouri Corporation.

The Uniting Conference, by adopting Paragraph 1309, terminated the further accrual of service which could be counted as a basis of participation in the income from this Fund by any member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, whose membership in The Methodist Church was assigned to an Annual Conference in the territory of the Illinois Corporation.

Since the General Conference has not "ordered otherwise" than is provided in Paragraph 1309 of the 1939 *Discipline* a Claimant of the California Annual Conference who has retired since May 10, 1939, and who rendered service as a member of an Annual Conference in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, prior to May 10, 1939, is entitled to share in the income from the Endowment held by the Missouri Corporation for such years of service.

Decision of the Judicial Council

This decision is now properly before the Judicial Council for review. After careful consideration of the question and answer, and of the briefs and arguments submitted in support of Bishop Baker's ruling and in opposition thereto, we approve such ruling in all respects except as hereinafter set out.

We find ourselves unable to agree with Bishop Baker in his statement that "every member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, upon retirement had an equity in the income from this fund." Paragraph 1316 of the 1940 *Discipline* distinctly says:

Assumption of the obligation of the Ministry required to be made at the time of his admission to membership in an Annual Conference puts upon the Church the inevitable counter-obligation of providing a comfortable support for the Minister during the period of his membership in an Annual Conference and for his widow and dependent children after his death; but such counter-obligation *with reference to an annuity* (emphasis ours) shall not be construed

as contractual unless and until provision shall have been made therefor on an actuarial reserve basis."

No one has any vested right or equity in such General Fund or the income derived therefrom. This was judicially determined recently by the United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, in the case of Rembert Gilman Smith, et al. v. The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Missouri Corporation, 54 Fed. Supp. 224. The Court said:

By brief filed, plaintiff asserts that he and other pensioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who were receiving an income from the trust at the time of union have, not only a "fixed, vested, property interest" in the fund, as "fixed" by the original articles of agreement of defendant (the Missouri Corporation), but that such "vested rights could not be affected or diverted in whole or part" without the consent of plaintiff and other pensioners. We search the pages of the original Articles of Association of the defendant in vain for language from which it could be concluded that "a fixed, vested, property interest" was created in any pensioner. It is evident that the creators of this trust retained control of this trust at all times. They determined who should be admitted to the pension rolls and could have removed pensioners from the rolls.

In this conclusion, so clearly stated by the Court in this case, we fully concur.

However, this does not affect Bishop Baker's decision as a whole. His interpretation of Paragraph 1309 to the effect that the Uniting Conference in enacting Paragraph 1309 intended thereby to make former members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who have retired since Union (May 10, 1939) in Annual Conferences outside the territorial limits of the Missouri Corporation, eligible for Annuities out of the income of the General Fund being administered by the Missouri Corporation for all their years of service rendered in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, prior to May 10, 1939, is correct. It is sustained by two well-settled principles of judicial interpretation, viz.:

First—The language of the Act itself.

Second—The interpretation given to the Act by the proponents thereof before the enacting body at the time the Act was passed.

It has been argued before the Council that Paragraph 1309 conflicts with other provisions of the regulations governing the Missouri Corporation. Be that as it may, the pertinent clause in Paragraph 1309 is not uncertain. It plainly reads as follows:

Until the General Conference shall order otherwise, the income from the Endowment Fund for Superannuates held by the Missouri Corporation, shall be distributable as annuities on account of service of Conference Claimants formerly rendered in an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South . . .

Up to this point in Paragraph 1309 there are no territorial limitations. It is only in the succeeding clause that a territorial limitation is imposed. For a traveling preacher to be eligible for a pension from this fund for service rendered in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, such Annual Conference must be located within the territory of the Missouri Corporation. Thus Bishop Baker's interpretation is sustained by the language of the Paragraph itself.

Furthermore, in interpreting the meaning of an act of a legislative body, it is a well-settled principle of civil law that the proceedings attendant upon the enactment of the act may be considered in determining the true legislative intent sought to be expressed by the act. When that rule is applied in this case, the correct interpretation of Paragraph 1309 becomes obvious. When the Report of the Committee on Superannuate Support embodying Paragraph 1309 was before the Uniting Conference on Friday, May 5, 1939, as reflected on page 247 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Saturday, May 6, 1939, Dr. B. W. Meeks requested that Dr. Thomas S. Brock, Chairman of the Committee, make explanation of same. After some discussion between Dr. Meeks and Dr. Brock, the following dialogue took place between them:

B. W. MEEKS: "... The point I would like to have cleared up is this: Will the members of the Baltimore Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the Missouri Corporation, up until the adjournment of this Uniting Conference, receive their annuity rights under the law of the Missouri Corporation as operated up to the present time? In other words, will the rights established by reason of participation in the raising of the six million dollar fund of the Missouri Corporation—of which probably one fourth belongs to the Annual Conferences, be maintained after the adoption of this legislation, or will they be discontinued and the Conference into which they come assume full liability for all the years?"

THOMAS S. BROCK: "The Missouri Corporation, at the present time, is paying \$2.13 per service year to all the annuitants for which that Board is responsible. That money was raised for the benefit of these members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The responsibility of the Annual Conference under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Board will be for the moneys that came from the churches and from the Chartered Fund and the dividends or produce of the Book Concern and such other moneys that may come into these particular Annual Conferences. Then, all those members who were originally members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (emphasis ours), for which this six million dollar fund was raised, will, in addition, receive the \$2.13 for service years as long as they continue to be annuitants of The Methodist Church."

B. W. MEEKS: "Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. That is the thing I wanted to get into the record."

With that interpretation before the Uniting Conference, and within a very few minutes after it was given, the Uniting Conference adopted the Report including Paragraph 1309.

The Uniting Conference having enacted this Paragraph with that understanding no other interpretation could or should be given thereto.

Therefore, with the exception noted above, with reference to "vested rights and equities," the ruling of Bishop Baker is approved.

April 26, 1944.

20

In Re: Pension Claim, Mrs. A. S. Gregg

DIGEST OF CASE

The widow of a former member of a Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who voluntarily located under the then provisions of the *Discipline* of that Church, may not invoke the provision of that *Discipline* applying to involuntary locations, and therefore has no claim for a pension which the deceased located minister himself did not have.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Rev. Albert Sidney Gregg, a member in good standing in the North-East Ohio Conference, was permitted to locate at his own request at the session of the Conference in September, 1927. This was a voluntary location. The *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1932, repeated as Paragraph 505 of the *Discipline* of 1936, provided the manner whereby a minister involuntarily located might retain his right to an annuity on reaching the age of 65, as follows:

"Paragraph 505—*Involuntary Location. Section 3.* If such located person remains a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church until the age of sixty-five years, he shall thereby retain the right to make an annuity claim, based upon the years of his effective ministry, and subject to the action of the Annual Conference."

A. S. Gregg died before reaching the age of sixty-five. Later his widow made application for a pension on the ground that the provision of the 1936 *Discipline* applied to voluntary as well as involuntary location, and that whatever rights he had passed on to her at his death.

REQUEST FOR RULING

"On page 629 of the Journal of the North-East Ohio Conference for 1943, the following motion appears:

"On motion of C. W. Cooper, the Conference voted to reaffirm the following action taken two years ago:

"The Conference voted to remove the name of Albert Sidney Gregg from the list of those located, place his name in the list of those granted the retired relation, and among the deceased members of the Conference, in order that Mrs. Gregg may receive the pension which is due her for the years served by Brother Gregg previous to his location (see record, page 243, 1941 Journal); and to request the presiding Bishop to make a statement on the law in the case for inclusion in the Journal for presentation to the Judicial Council."

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The Bishop restated the question involved, and thereupon ruled on the same, which question and answer are as follows:

"Question: Since the Rev. Albert S. Gregg, of the North-East Ohio Conference, who was in good standing in the Conference and located at his own request, September 11, 1927, died before he reached the age of 65, when he would have been entitled to ask for his pension for his effective years of service, does his widow have the right to ask for her pension as a preacher's widow when her husband would have been 65 had he lived?"

"Answer: The widow of Albert S. Gregg has just claim for an annuity, and the Conference has the power to grant the same."

Decision of the Judicial Council

In ruling as above the presiding Bishop in this case relied upon and followed a ruling by the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church which was made in May, 1938, in another case in the North Dakota Conference wherein the facts were seemingly similar to those in the instant case. Under the procedure of the former Methodist Episcopal Church such a ruling of the Board of Bishops would have been submitted to the next succeeding General Conference of that Church for affirmation or reversal on the Report of its Committee on the Judiciary. This ruling in the North Dakota case, however, was never so submitted as there was thereafter no General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and it therefore has no binding authority as a precedent even if the facts were similar.

It must be noted in the instant case, that even if the located minister had reached the age of 65, on the record as it stood without further action, he would not have been eligible for annuity claim, as the Paragraph of the 1936 *Discipline* which has been invoked in behalf of his widow applied only to involuntary location.

It follows, therefore, that the widow could have no right which the deceased located minister did not have at the time of his death, and as he had no claim, she has none.

The ruling of the Bishop is accordingly reversed.
May 2, 1944.

21

In Re: Election of Missionary Bishops by General Conference

DIGEST OF CASE

As the only provision in the Constitution relating to election of Bishops is that they shall be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences, it would be unconstitutional for the General Conference to elect Missionary Bishops.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On Monday, May 1, 1944, the General Conference passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That in order to provide adequate supervision for Central Conferences and Provisional Central Conferences, as need may arise, the General Conference shall elect one or more Missionary Bishops for administration in such areas."

An appeal was taken by more than the necessary number to the Judicial Council, on the question of constitutionality.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Constitution, Paragraph 35, Article II, reads as follows:

"The Bishops shall be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences, and ordained or consecrated in the historic manner of Episcopal Methodism, at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference."

There is no provision for the election of a Bishop by the General Conference.

Since the General Conference cannot go beyond the clear powers granted in the Constitution, we must declare that it would be unconstitutional for the General Conference to elect Missionary Bishops.

The Judicial Council is unanimous in this opinion.
May 1, 1944.

22

In Re: Membership of Bishops in Annual Conferences

DIGEST OF CASE

A Bishop, effective or retired, is not a member of an Annual Conference, and should not be counted in reporting total membership of the Conference for voting or other purposes.

REQUEST FOR RULING

At the 1943 session of the Central New York Conference there was presented for ruling by the presiding Bishop the following question:

"Is a Bishop a member of the Annual Conference? Should he be counted in the statistics of the Conference, and exercise the rights of Annual Conference membership?"

Note: In this case the names of Frederick G. Keeney (retired) and Charles W. Flint appeared on the Roll of the Conference.

RULING OF THE BISHOP

"A Bishop effective or retired, is not a member of an Annual Conference. He should not be counted in reporting the total membership of the Conference for statistical purposes or in computing the number of delegates."

"No provision should be made by the Annual Conference for him as a Conference Claimant; other provision has been made by the General Conference; nor is he subject to Annual Conference assessments."

"He is not eligible to election as a delegate representing the Annual Conference in the General or Jurisdictional Conferences; nor is he

entitled to vote in an Annual Conference for delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

"When elected a Bishop, if at the time a delegate, his membership in the electing Conference as an Annual Conference delegate terminates and his place is immediately filled by an elected alternate delegate.

"If he resigns from the Episcopacy he is returned, by definitely prescribed procedure, to membership in the Annual Conference of which he ceased to be member when elected Bishop."

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Judicial Council hereby affirms the ruling of Bishop Flint, and adopts as its opinion the ruling of the Bishop as aforesaid.

May 2, 1944.

23

In Re: General Pension Regulations

DIGEST OF CASE

The provisions of the *Discipline* as to Declaratory Decisions by the Judicial Council do not confer upon the Council any legislative power, and whenever there is doubt as to the meaning of any General Conference legislation, it is the duty of the General Conference itself to clarify its own enactment.

REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY DECISION

At the session of the General Conference on May 4, 1944, the following was adopted:

"Whereas, This General Conference has adopted the Pension Code, Paragraph 1318, Section 2, Subdivision (d) of which provides that years served as a member of an Annual Conference left without appointment to attend school for a period not to exceed three Conference years may be counted for annuity claim,

"Whereas, The Western North Carolina Conference, in common with other Annual Conferences in the Territory of the Missouri Corporation, has in its membership many Conference Claimants to whom such a provision has not been hitherto applicable.

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the General Conference ask the Judicial Council to render a Declaratory Decision as to whether or not the aforementioned enactment is retroactive within the Territory of the Missouri Corporation, in order that the claims of these Conference Claimants may be accurately determined."

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Judicial Council is ready at all times to render such service to the General Conference as it may within the limits of the jurisdiction conferred upon it, but we do not believe that the enactment of the legislation in regard to Declaratory Decisions was intended to put into our hands any legislative authority but that, contra, the General Conference itself, outside of matters involving constitutional questions, is the sole judge and interpreter of the meaning of any legisla-

tion passed, so long as the Conference enacting such laws is in session.

While the General Conference is in session it would appear that if there is any lack of clarity in legislation it should be clarified by the General Conference and not be left to Judicial determination.

We therefore respectfully return this request with the suggestion that the General Conference itself clarify the enactment at issue.

May 2, 1944.

24

In Re: Constitutionality of Paragraph 924 as to Lay Missionaries

DIGEST OF CASE

That part of Paragraph 924, *Discipline* 1940, which provides that outside the United States of America lay missionaries may be seated in an Annual Conference "with the right to vote on all questions not ministerial or constitutional, etc.," is unconstitutional, as Paragraph 21 of the Constitution strictly defines the composition and qualifications of the members of an Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the evening session of May 1, 1944, the General Conference passed a motion made by L. O. Hartman that an appeal to the Judicial Council to be made to determine whether Paragraph 934 of the *Discipline* 1940 is constitutional.

Paragraph 934 reads as follows, "In fields outside the United States the Annual Conference may seat regularly appointed lay missionaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the Annual Conference session and give them the privileges of the floor and the right to vote on all questions not ministerial or constitutional and they shall be eligible for election to Mission or Conference Committees."

Paragraph 21, Article I, of the Constitution defines the composition and qualifications of the members of the Annual Conference. "The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the Traveling Preachers in full connection with it, together with a Lay Member elected by each pastoral charge. The Lay Members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent churches forming this union of The Methodist Church."

Decision of the Judicial Council

From this it is clear that *only* those laymen who have been elected by pastoral charges are eligible to membership in the Annual Conference and membership alone determines the right to vote on any matter before the Annual Conference.

We must decide, therefore, that the part of Paragraph 934 which reads as follows, "The right to vote on all questions

not Ministerial or constitutional and they shall be eligible for election to Mission or Conference Committees" is *un-constitutional*.

The first part of Paragraph 934 which reads as follows, "In fields outside the United States the Annual Conference may seat regularly appointed lay missionaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the Annual Conference session and give them the privileges of the floor" is constitutional; provided the phrase "may seat" used therein is not to be construed as extending to them membership in the Annual Conference. May 2, 1944.

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In Re: Conscientious Objectors

DIGEST OF CASE

Paragraph 1716, *Discipline* 1940, under heading "Statement on Peace and War," and Paragraph 1712 under the heading "Our Social Creed," contained identical provisions as to claims for exemption from Military service by conscientious objectors who may be members of The Methodist Church, and although the Statement on Peace and War adopted by the 1944 General Conference is somewhat at variance with the "Statement on Peace and War," Paragraph 1716, yet it did not repeal Paragraph 1712; and accordingly conscientious objectors who are members of The Methodist Church still have the same protection as heretofore.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

At a session of the General Conference held May 4, 1944, after a lengthy debate on certain Resolutions on "War and Peace," the so-called Minority report was adopted which in effect modified certain portions of the "Statement on Peace and War," adopted by the 1940 General Conference, and appearing as Paragraph 1716 of the 1940 *Discipline*, particularly that portion of the Statement on page 777 et seq. The question was raised therefore whether the adoption of this revised statement (see 1944 *Discipline*, Paragraph 2016) took away the protection of the Church from conscientious objectors claiming exemption on this ground. Accordingly the matter was referred to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision, and the following Resolution was adopted:

"That there be immediately referred to the Judicial Council the question of whether members of our Church who are conscientious objectors are entitled to assert their claim to exemption under the Selective Service Act in spite of the adoption of the statement on 'The Church and War' today adopted."

Decision of the Judicial Council

Paragraph 1716 of the 1940 *Discipline*, under the heading "Statement on Peace and War," and Paragraph 1712 of the 1940 *Discipline* under the heading "Our Social Creed," seemed to be of equal standing, each being under the division of the 1940 *Discipline* known as "Resolutions, etc."

The pertinent language in these Paragraphs in protection of the rights of conscientious objectors is identical. Note the following quotations from these respective Paragraphs:

Paragraph 1716 (page 778 of the 1940 *Discipline*): "We ask and claim exemption from all forms of military preparation or service for all conscientious objectors who may be members of The Methodist Church."

Paragraph 1712 (part of sub-section 16, page 769, 1940 *Discipline*): "We ask and claim exemption from all forms of military preparation or service for all conscientious objectors who may be members of The Methodist Church."

We have not been advised of any action of the General Conference altering, changing or deleting Paragraph 1712. Assuming that Paragraph 1712 has not been repealed or altered, it would appear obvious that conscientious objectors still have the same protection under the *Discipline* that they had prior to the action of the General Conference today on the report on "The Church in Time of War."

Any action regarding Paragraph 1716 under the heading "Statement on Peace and War," could not be interpreted as affecting in anywise Paragraph 1712 under the subject "Our Social Creed."

May 4, 1944.

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In Re: Meaning of "Church Members"

DIGEST OF CASE

The determination of the meaning of the words "Church Members" as used in Paragraph 871, *Discipline* 1940, is a legislative matter within the province of the General Conference, and is not a judicial matter to be settled by the Judicial Council, unless the question arises in some case legally pending before the Council.

PETITION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION FOR DECLARATORY DECISION

On May 2, 1944, the General Conference referred to the Judicial Council the following communication with request that the Judicial Council answer the inquiry therein set forth:

To the Members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church

Brethren:

In behalf of the publishing interests of The Methodist Church, we desire to ask of the Judicial Council a "Declaratory Decision" on the following question:

Paragraph 871 of the *Discipline* of 1940 specifies:

"The Board of Publication shall be constituted by the respective Jurisdictional Conferences, with a representation of each in proportion to Church membership upon a basis of one member of the Board for each 150,000 Church members or major fraction thereof within the Jurisdictional Conference; . . ."

In order that there may be uniformity of action in each of the

respective Jurisdictions, we desire a Decision on this question: Does the 150,000 church members required as a basis for election include laymen and ministers or laymen only?

There will be in these next Jurisdictional Conference sessions some changes in the number of members elected to this Board predicated on the changes in membership and it is necessary that we be able to notify the Jurisdictions of their proper action and assure uniformity.

As the Board in charge of the Statistical Department of the Church, we desire to state that to the best of our knowledge and belief page 500 of the *Discipline* of 1940, which has on it a map of the various Jurisdictions and a statement of the membership of each Jurisdiction, was created to simply include the lay members of the Church. Therefore, if the membership of the several Jurisdictions are added to show the membership of the Church in the United States, it will not include the ministers.

Purely for the purpose of information for the Judicial Council we desire further to state that we have issued to the Statistical Department instruction that when preparing a like map for the publication in the *Discipline* of 1944 two sets of figures shall appear in each Jurisdiction, (1) the number of lay members; (2) the number of ministers.

With very great appreciation of the service being rendered to the Church by the Judicial Council, we are

Respectfully yours,

T. W. APPLEBY

Vice-Chairman, Board of Publications

B. A. WHITMORE

FRED D. STONE

Publishing Agents

Decision of the Judicial Council

After careful examination of the *Discipline* of 1939 and the *Discipline* of 1940, and of the *Journal and Daily Christian Advocate* of the Uniting Conference, and of the *Journal and Daily Christian Advocate* of the General Conference of 1940, we can report only that we are unable to find any legislative interpretation of the meaning of the words "Church members" as used in connection with this subject.

The General Conference is thoroughly competent to define such term as it may desire. Since there appears no legislation on the subject, it is our opinion that any definition given to the term "Church member" in connection with this matter should be by action of the General Conference rather than by judicial interpretation.

May 3, 1944.

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In Re: Pension Case, Mississippi Conference

DIGEST OF CASE

Under the provisions of Paragraph 1619 and Paragraph 1618 (8), *Discipline* 1944, a retired Minister of the Mississippi Conference,

formerly a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, who originally entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, but was involuntarily located and who was subsequently received into the Ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church, is entitled to have the years of service in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, included in the number of years on which his annuity claim is based.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On May 4, 1944, the General Conference of The Methodist Church in session at Kansas City, Mo., adopted the following resolution (See Proceedings of 1944 General Conference, page 190):

"Resolved, That the General Conference ask the Judicial Council to give a Declaratory Decision on the following case:

"A retired minister of the Mississippi Conference who was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church on May 10, 1939 (the date of Unification) originally entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, rendered service therein in the effective relation, was subsequently involuntarily located and thereafter he was received into the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church. Since Unification, and until the present time, his approved years of service counted for annuity claim in the Mississippi Conference have been those served as a minister in the Methodist Protestant Church.

"In this case, the adoption of a new Pension Code by this General Conference raises under Paragraph 1318, Section 2 and Paragraph 1319, last clause thereof, the question as to whether or not the years of said retired minister formerly rendered in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, should be included with the years for which annuity claim can be made."

Decision of the Judicial Council

This Resolution having been duly considered it is the decision of the Judicial Council that the effective years of service by such minister in an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, prior to his involuntary location should, under the new Pension Code, be included in the number of years on which his claim for annuity is based.

Subsection 2, subdivision (c) of Paragraph 1319, of the 1940 *Discipline* reads as follows:

"The following years of service in the effective relation may not be approved as a basis of annuity claim; . . . (c) Years served prior to the Uniting Conference in a Denomination other than the one in which membership was held on May 10, 1939."

This provision was repealed by the 1944 General Conference, and therefore is not included in the new Pension Code.

However, Paragraph 1320 of the 1940 *Discipline* was re-enacted in 1944 as Paragraph 1619, Article 6 of the 1944 *Discipline*. This article reads as follows:

"Art. 6. *Claims of a Retired Minister:*

The Annuity Claim of a retired minister shall be for an amount equivalent to the total years of his approved service multiplied by the annuity rate as defined above, *irrespective of breaks in the sequence of such service.*"

(See Paragraph 1619 of the 1944 *Discipline*.)

Furthermore the 1944 General Conference (Subdivision 8 of Paragraph 1618, 1944 *Discipline*) defined the meaning of the words "The Methodist Church" as used in connection with the years of effective service on which annuity claims may be based. Such definition reads as follows:

"8. *The Methodist Church* shall mean The Methodist Church after the Uniting Conference of 1939, also any of the Churches united in 1939, as they were constituted prior to 1939."

In the light of these specific actions of the General Conference, it appears that there can be no doubt as to the legislative intent in the premises. The minister involved is entitled to have such years included in the number of years on which his annuity claim is based.

December 4, 1944.

28

In Re: Boundaries, Baltimore and Central Pennsylvania Annual Conferences

DIGEST OF CASE

The Constitution of The Methodist Church provides that boundaries of Annual Conferences shall be determined by the respective Jurisdictional Conference, and this power may not be delegated to the Annual Conferences themselves.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the 1944 session of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference the Committee on Conference boundaries presented a report known as Report No. 3, relating to the settlement of boundaries between the Baltimore and the Central Pennsylvania Conferences. (See page 56, *Daily Christian Advocate*, *Northeastern Jurisdiction*.)

The Report was amended and adopted in the following form (See Page 103 *Daily Christian Advocate*, *Northeastern Jurisdiction*):

"Whereas the Committees on boundaries of the Baltimore and Central Pennsylvania Annual Conferences have given consideration to a change in the boundary line between said Conferences, and

"Whereas, such consideration has not progressed sufficiently to enable said Conferences to seek action on such change at this Jurisdictional Conference,

"Be It Resolved: that the Baltimore and Central Pennsylvania Annual Conferences be empowered by the Jurisdictional Conference to adjust the boundary line during the quadrennium in such manner as may be agreed upon by said Conferences."

APPEAL

Subsequently as appears from the records in the *Daily Christian Advocate* (Northeastern Jurisdiction, page 109), the following action was taken:

"NORMAN M. MOSS (Troy): There was an action taken here this afternoon delegating to the Baltimore and the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conferences the power to adjust the boundary line

during the next quadrennium. That seems to be in possible contradiction of the Constitution of our Church. Therefore I move that the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference request a ruling of the Judicial Council on the constitutionality of the action taken by this Conference this afternoon in voting to empower the Baltimore and Central Pennsylvania Annual Conferences to adjust the boundary line between them during the quadrennium in such a manner as may be agreed upon by said Conferences.

"The reference is to Report No. 3 of the Committee on Conference Boundaries as amended by the motion of Dr. Skillington."

This motion, having received more than the required vote of one fifth of the body was declared adopted and the appeal allowed.

Decision of the Judicial Council

In the Constitution (see Paragraph 15, Article V, Section 4) the power to determine the boundaries of the Annual Conferences is enumerated as one of the powers of the Jurisdictional Conferences:

"4. To determine the boundaries of their Annual Conferences, provided that there shall be no Annual Conference with a membership of fewer than fifty ministers in full connection, except by the consent of the General Conference."

With respect to the method by which this should be done, the Constitution provides (See Paragraph 29, Article IV):

"Changes in the number, names and boundaries of the Annual Conferences may be effected by the Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States of America and by the Central Conferences outside the United States of America, according to the provisions under the respective powers of the Jurisdictional and the Central Conferences."

The boundaries of the Annual Conferences in The Methodist Church were established by the Uniting Conference in 1939, and the right to make all changes in these boundaries thereafter was granted to the Jurisdictional and the Central Conferences.

When the question of a proposed change in the boundaries of the Baltimore Annual Conference and the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference was presented to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference (see page 56, *Daily Christian Advocate*, Northeastern Jurisdiction) the Committee on Boundaries voted non-concurrence on two grounds: First, because the Committee was of a divided opinion as to the right of the Jurisdictional Conference to delegate to the Annual Conferences its power to determine the boundary between them; and second, because the Jurisdictional Conference could not determine the disputed boundary wisely in the absence of definite recommendations as to the nature of the changes to be made. (See page 103, *Daily Christian Advocate*, Northeastern Jurisdiction.)

The amendment that was finally adopted by the Conference

(see page 103, *Daily Christian Advocate*, Northeastern Jurisdiction) attempted to empower the Baltimore Annual Conference and the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference to adjust the boundary line between them "during the quadrennium in such manner as may be agreed upon by said Conferences," on the ground that the case was urgent and that there was precedent for such a method of arriving at a change of boundaries affecting two Conferences in the same Jurisdiction.

It is the opinion of the Judicial Council that such power is specially committed to the Jurisdictional Conferences and cannot be thus delegated; that power was intentionally committed to the Jurisdictional Conferences in order that the final determination of the boundaries between Annual Conferences might be made by a body capable of acting wisely and impartially. The way by which the Jurisdictional Conference reaches its decision as to where a wise and just boundary can be drawn is a matter for its own decision, but the Jurisdictional Conference, and it alone, can determine by legal enactment, what the boundary shall be.

The action of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference in attempting to empower the Baltimore Annual Conference and the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference to give effect during the quadrennium to any agreement mutually reached by the two Conferences, as to the boundary between them, is therefore unconstitutional.

F. R. Bayley dissents on the ground that the power granted to the Baltimore Annual Conference and the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference was administrative and not legislative.

December 4, 1944.

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In Re: Powers of Trustees, Fourth Street First Methodist Church, Wheeling, W. Va.

DIGEST OF CASE

The Board of Trustees of a local church is not such a body as would have the right to appeal directly to the Judicial Council, so that it may petition for a Declaratory Decision under the provisions of Paragraph 914, *Discipline* 1944; but the questions of law involved in any such request for a Declaratory Decision may be acted upon by the Quarterly Conference under Paragraph 362, subsection 14, and may thus eventually become subject to review by the Judicial Council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Board of Trustees of Fourth Street First Methodist Church of Wheeling, W. Va., filed with the Judicial Council the following petition:

"Your petitioner respectfully represents that it is the duly elected Board of Trustees of Fourth Street First Methodist Church of Wheeling, W. Va.

"Your petitioner shows that under the Will of the late Mary M. Alderman, there was bequeathed to Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church (now Fourth Street First Methodist Church of Wheeling), the residue of the estate of said Mary M. Alderman pursuant to Item 20 of said will, reading as follows:

"I hereby give and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my estate, if any, unto the Trustees of the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, now located on Chapline Street, Wheeling, West Va."

"Petitioner further represents that the executor under said will is now holding for delivery to your petitioner for the benefit of said Church certain personal property, pursuant to the terms of said will.

"Your petitioner further represents that it is of the opinion that the best interests of the church will be served if the properties received under said will and any other gifts, or bequests hereafter received, are placed in trust with a corporate Trustee having either sole authority or joint authority with the Board of Trustees of the church to manage, invest and reinvest the principal and income of the fund received by reason of said bequest, and by reason of any other similar gift, devise or bequest, all for the benefit of the church.

"Your petitioner further shows that one of its members has raised the question as to the power of the petitioner under Paragraph 775 of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church to transfer to a Trustee, property received by your petitioner under said will or by reason of any other gift or bequest, and providing by a trust instrument for the sole management by said Trustee or by the joint management of said Trustee and the Board of Trustees of the church as it may be constituted from time to time, and the terms and conditions under which said property so received shall be managed even though any such trust instrument shall contain provisions that such management shall be for the sole benefit of the church.

"Petitioner, therefore, prays for a ruling under the Declaratory Decisions Act adopted by the General Conference of 1944 as to its power to establish a trust whereunder it would convey to a corporate Trustee the bequest received under aforementioned will and providing for the management of the properties so conveyed to said Trustee and any other properties which it might later receive under any future gifts or bequests, such management to be solely by such Trustee or jointly by such Trustee and the Board of Trustees of the church as it may be constituted from time to time, such trust containing such other terms as are usual and appropriate, and providing further that the use of the income and principal of any and all of such property shall at all times be for the sole benefit of the church."

Decision of the Judicial Council

The *Discipline* of 1944, Paragraph 914, provides as follows:

"Par. 914. When the General Conference shall have passed any act or legislation that appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when any Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning or application, any authority in the church affected thereby

that would have the right to appeal thereon to the Judicial Council under the law of the Church from any action of any Conference, ruling of a Bishop, or of any Board, Commission, or body of the Church, may petition the Judicial Council for a ruling in the nature of a Declaratory Decision as to the meaning, application, and effect of such act, legislation, or Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline*; and the Decision of the Judicial Council thereon shall be as binding and effectual as a Decision on Appeal under the law relating to appeals to the Judicial Council.

"But only those who could appeal from an action under such act, legislation, or laws can ask for such Declaratory Decision by the Judicial Council. Moot and hypothetical questions shall not be decided, but only those where some action is desired and some doubt or question as to the meaning or application of the act, legislation, action, or ruling is apparent. The Judicial Council shall determine from the facts in connection with each such petition whether or not it has jurisdiction to hear and determine the same."

Under the Declaratory Decision Act of 1944, the Judicial Council may not assume jurisdiction, unless jurisdiction has been clearly vested in the Council. To this extent the Declaratory Decision Act, in the same manner as the Declaratory Judgment Acts of the State Legislatures, should be strictly construed. In this case jurisdiction is vested in the Judicial Council only when the petition arises from any authority in the Church that would have the right of appeal to the Judicial Council directly.

Accordingly we are constrained to hold that the Board of Trustees of a local church is not such a body which would have the right of the appeal directly to the Judicial Council under any present law of the Church.

It may be stated that this does not mean that there is no remedy in a case of this character. The Board of Trustees of every local church is subject to the direction of the Quarterly Conference. Paragraph 362, subsection 14, makes it the duty of the District Superintendent "To decide all questions of law which may arise in the business of the Quarterly Conference, subject to an appeal to the President of the next Annual Conference." Thus a procedure is provided whereby any such question can be acted upon by the presiding Bishop of the Annual Conference, whose ruling thereon becomes subject to review by the Judicial Council.

For the reasons above stated, therefore, the Judicial Council holds that it does not now have jurisdiction to make the Declaratory Decision prayed for by the said petition. December 4, 1944.

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**In Re: Apportionment for World Service,
Holston Annual Conference****DIGEST OF CASE**

The action of the General Conference of 1944 in asking for contributions to World Service determined by a percentage in excess of contributions during a particular fiscal year is within the Constitutional powers of the General Conference as prescribed by Article IV, Section 9, even though in a particular case it may seem to result in an unfair apportionment.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the Holston Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held October 11 to 16, 1944, a request was made in writing to the presiding Bishop, Paul B. Kern, for a ruling as follows:

Question: "In order that the Commission on World Service and Finance may know how to proceed, we ask the Bishop for a ruling. Is the action of the General Conference asking for \$91,578.00 annually for World Service a legal and binding action?"

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The Bishop ruled thus: "I rule that the action of the General Conference asking for \$91,578.00 annually for World Service is legal and binding. Paul B. Kern, President."

An appeal was taken from the ruling of the Bishop.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The General Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting in Kansas City, Mo., in 1944, adopted the report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, shown on page 51 of *The Daily Advocate*, 1944, in which it is stated: "We also recommend that during the ensuing quadrennium the annual apportionment to each Annual Conference shall be a sum ten per cent in excess of its contributions to the World Service Fund during the fiscal year June 1, 1943, to May 31, 1944."

The Constitution of the Church, Paragraph 5, Article IV, Section 9, creating the powers of the General Conference, is as follows:

"9. To determine and provide for raising the funds necessary to carry on the connectional work of the Church."

Therefore the General Conference did have the power to take the action indicated. The Judicial Council can only pass upon the legality of such action. It was clearly legal and the ruling of the Bishop was correct.

The fact that in some cases, hardship and inequity might result because of the dates fixed, was a question for the General Conference, and for that body only.

The ruling of the Presiding Bishop in the foregoing case is therefore affirmed.
December 5, 1944.

31

In Re: Interpretation Paragraph 411, *Discipline* 1944

DIGEST OF CASE

Ministers coming from other evangelical churches, whether proceeding under Sections One, Two, or Three of Paragraph 411, *Discipline* 1944, are in all cases subject to the requirement of meeting "the educational standards required of Methodist Ministers."

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the North Alabama Conference held at Bessemer, Ala., October 25-29, 1944, there was submitted to the presiding Bishop, a question in writing of which the following is the record.

REQUEST FOR RULING

O. R. Burns submitted in writing the following question, asking for a ruling from the Chair: Does Item Two of Paragraph 411 of the *Discipline* of our Church specifically make a provision by which an ordained minister from another Church who cannot meet the educational standards required of Methodist ministers may be admitted on trial or into full connection in an Annual Conference and have his orders recognized by the Annual Conference?

RULING OF THE BISHOP

Item Two of Paragraph 411 of the 1944 *Discipline* does not make provision by which an ordained minister from another Church who cannot meet the educational standards required by The Methodist Church may be received on trial or into full connection by an Annual Conference. It would be unreasonable to think that the General Conference intended that a person recommended by a District or Quarterly Conference might be received on a different educational standard from that required of ministers of other churches applying directly to the Annual Conference. The words in Item Three, "Who can meet the educational standards required of Methodist Ministers," was inserted by the General Conference of 1944. Paragraph 411 is a unit, and the words above quoted apply to all ministers from other Churches who apply for admission into an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. This is the clear intent of the General Conference as witnessed by the statement of John W. Hawley, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry, 1944 General Conference, who is presenting Report No. 1 of the said Committee amending the law of the Church as to educational standards required of ministers coming from other Churches said, "At present, ministers are received from other Churches without meeting the educational requirements of our Church and without answering the questions which are asked of the men who are received on trial. This amendment makes the requirements the same in all cases." (See Proceedings Forty-first General Conference of The Methodist Church.)

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Judicial Council hereby affirms the Ruling of Bishop

Harrell in the above entitled case, and adopts his statement as the decision of the Council.
December 5, 1944.

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**In Re: Appeal of the Northeastern Jurisdictional
Conference on Its Own Action Involving a
Change in Jurisdictional Lines:
Boundaries of Delaware
Conference**

DIGEST OF CASE

Under the Constitutional provisions contained in Paragraph 8, Section 12, *Discipline* 1940, the General Conference may change boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences only by consent of the Annual Conferences in each Jurisdictional Conference involved. Accordingly the action of the 1944 General Conference granting permission to the Central Jurisdiction only to change boundaries of the Delaware Annual Conference, which proposed changes involved also changes in boundaries of certain Annual Conferences in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, did not grant any power to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference to initiate any such boundary changes.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The General Conference, on May 5, 1944, adopted Report No. 7 of its Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, entitled "Subject: Boundaries of Delaware Conference," which Report will be found on pages 154 and 155 of the General Conference *Daily Christian Advocate* of 1944. This Report recited a memorial adopted by the New York City Society of The Methodist Church April 20, 1944, petitioning for the enactment of an Enabling Act so as to effectuate a change in the boundaries of the Delaware Conference of the Central Jurisdiction. This change would, however, have the effect of including certain new Negro work within the boundaries of the New York Annual Conference, and the New York East Annual Conference, which latter Conferences are within the boundaries of the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

The Enabling Act, based upon the foregoing Memorial, which was then adopted by the General Conference is contained in the following words:

"Permission is granted under Paragraph 361, Section 12, of the *Discipline* of 1940 to the Central Jurisdiction to change the boundaries of the Delaware Conference to that Jurisdiction, when all requirements of the *Discipline* shall have been observed."

The same petition from the New York City Society was before the General Conference Committee on Conferences, and concurrence was voted as shown in its Report No. 11, pages 263-264, General Conference Proceedings. This Report, however, was later withdrawn by the Chairman of that Committee, apparently on the assumption that the Report No. 7 of the Committee on Enabling Acts was identical with it.

A careful reading of the Report No. 7, however, shows that the only power granted under the Report of that Committee is contained in the last paragraph above quoted.

On June 9, 1944, in the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference

the Committee on Conference Boundaries presented its Report No. 2, entitled "Subject: Change of Boundaries of Delaware Conference." See *Daily Christian Advocate*, Northeastern Jurisdiction, page 47. This Report recited the enactment by the General Conference of the Enabling Act above mentioned, and petitioned that:

"The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall take appropriate action approving the boundaries of the Delaware Annual Conference as above set forth; and

"Shall send said action down to all of the Annual Conferences of the Jurisdiction to be voted upon in accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline*; and

"Shall upon the approval of a majority of said Annual Conferences given due notice thereof to the Secretary of the Central Jurisdictional Conference with the understanding and agreement that when a majority of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction shall have given like approval to the same proposed change in the boundaries of said Delaware Annual Conference, and when notice thereof shall have been received by the Secretary of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference the boundaries of said Delaware Annual Conference shall be deemed to have been changed as aforesaid, and that thereafter the boundaries of said Annual Conference shall read as follows: 'Delaware Conference shall include the Negro work in Delaware, New Jersey, and New York, except that in the city of Buffalo and already included in the New York Conference in the Boroughs of the Bronx and Manhattan in the city of New York and except such new Negro work as shall be constituted by either the New York Annual Conference or by the New York East Annual Conference, or by both of them within their respective boundaries; it shall also include the Negro work in the Eastern Shore of Virginia and all Maryland and Pennsylvania not included in the Washington Conference.'"

This Report was adopted by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, as shown on page 72 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

APPEAL TO JUDICIAL COUNCIL

On Saturday, June 10, 1944, as shown on page 107, *Daily Christian Advocate* of said Jurisdictional Conference, Dr. John B. F. Yoak, Jr., moved an appeal from the said action of the Conference on the preceding day "on the ground that it is contrary to the Plan of Union." The appeal was ordered by the Conference.

The appeal was presented to the Judicial Council by Dr. John B. F. Yoak, Jr., and reply thereto was made by Dr. Frederick B. Newell.

Decision of the Judicial Council

It is apparent that the action of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference challenged in this appeal was based on the assumption that the General Conference's Enabling Act had actually authorized changes in the boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences. Such intention, however, is not borne out by the authority actually granted to the Northeastern and the Central Jurisdictional Conferences to make the proposed changes in Jurisdictional lines. The General Conference, in the only action taken by it on the subject, granted only the following authority:

"Permission is granted under Paragraph 361, Section 12,

of the *Discipline* of 1940 to the *Central Jurisdiction* to change the boundaries of the *Delaware Conference* of that Jurisdiction when all requirements of the *Discipline* shall have been observed." (Page 256, General Conference Proceedings.)

Paragraph 361, Section 12 of the 1940 *Discipline* (under General Conference powers) reads as follows:

"To change the number and the boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences in each Jurisdictional Conference involved."

For a change in the boundaries of the Delaware Conference by the Central Jurisdictional Conference, the authority quoted above is not necessary, as the power to determine Annual Conference boundaries was granted to the Jurisdictional Conferences by the Constitution; see Paragraph 15, Section 4, *Discipline* 1944. But for a change in Jurisdictional boundaries such as was asked for in the memorial and provided for in the above Paragraph 361, Section 12, the actual grant of power in the Enabling Act is insufficient. The wording of the Enabling Act is, therefore, confusing and inadequate.

It is the decision of the Judicial Council therefore, that the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference was without legal authority to take the action on which the appeal is based, and that such action is void.
December 5, 1944.

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, in Response to a Request From Hallam Richardson During the New York East Annual Conference Held at Hanson Place- Central Methodist Church, Brook- lyn, New York, September 25 and 26, 1945

DIGEST OF CASE

The provision of Paragraph 914, *Discipline* 1944, limits the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council as to Declaratory Decisions so that they do not include moot or hypothetical questions; and the same principle applies to requests for rulings by a Bishop in an Annual Conference, which requests should be based upon some action taken or proposed to be taken, wherein under the specific facts in each case some doubt may have arisen as to the legality of the action taken or proposed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the New York East Annual Conference, held at the Hanson Place-Central Methodist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.,

September 25 and 26, 1945, Mr. Hallam Richardson made the following request for a Ruling:

"REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATIVE RULES

"Last year, at the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on World Peace, and after hearing his report, the Conference called upon the Council of Bishops and other authorities of our Church to include what was referred to as a claim for the financial support of 600 of those in the CPS camps, and it is therefore desired to have a ruling as to the following questions:

"1. Has The Methodist Church any 'Cardinal Tenet of Faith' opposed to Peacetime Conscription in Preparation for War or Military Service in Wartime?

"2. Has The Methodist Church any teaching or substance of Doctrine that it is unchristian or sinful to keep and bear arms or participate in enforcing the law or overcoming law breakers by force of arms?

"3. Has The Methodist Church any teaching or substance of Doctrine that human life is sacrosanct and that killings and executions classed as 'justified,' 'excusable' and/or 'necessary' under the laws of civilized states regulating peace enforcement or war restrictions connected with curbing marauding aggressions are condemned by the law of the Church?

"4. Has The Methodist Church any teaching or substance of Doctrine to the effect that there is any scriptural authority that Christians should hold aloof from social, civic, political or judicial affairs (or any law or rule condemning those who actively endorse, support, and participate in the legislative, judicial or executive functions of local, state, national or world administration)?

"5. Was Paragraph 1716, of the 1940 *Discipline*, a teaching of our Church, or a statement tolerating a minority interpretation of a matter of personal interpretation of a citizen's duty to a state in time of crisis?

"6. Did The Methodist Church or any representatives speaking in its behalf promise financial support to members of Methodist churches going into CPS camps instead of into some branch of the armed services?

"7. Did the United States Government negotiate in any way with any Council, Board, Commission or Committee of The Methodist Church relative to placing CPS campers in the hands of the Friends, Brethren and Mennonite groups?

"8. In the light of the General Conference legislation on the subject, is there any Council, Board, Commission or Committee of The Methodist Church which has the authority to apportion any of the sums for Overseas Relief, Day of Compassion, Day of Dedication on other emergency world need offerings for CPS camp support?"

THE RULING

The *Discipline* does not give the Bishop the privilege of making Declaratory Judgments. This is a request, in effect, for such Declaratory Judgment. There is no legal question involved, since no action is cited in which it is alleged the law has been violated. These requests are really requests for information or the expression of opinion. Item 8 raises the question of the authority of an Annual Conference to take a certain action. A Bishop is not allowed to rule in anticipation of an action.

Decision of the Judicial Council

It would seem to be sufficient to affirm the ruling of the presiding Bishop in this case and adopt his statement as the

opinion of the Judicial Council. However, it seems wise to call attention to a fundamental principle which determines jurisdiction in cases of this character.

Paragraph 914 of the 1944 *Discipline* provides for Declaratory Decisions by the Judicial Council, but limits the jurisdiction as follows:

"Moot and hypothetical questions shall not be decided." We are of the opinion that this same principle should apply to requests for rulings by the Bishops in an Annual or a District Conference, and that any such request should be based upon some action taken or proposed to be taken by such Conference, wherein under the specific facts in each case some doubt may have arisen as to the legality of the action taken or proposed. It is not the duty of the presiding Bishop to rule upon any hypothetical question which may be propounded, nor to answer requests for information which involve no legal matter.

The foregoing statement of principle would seem to call for no citation of authorities. It is stated here only that all members of Annual or District Conferences may be guided in making requests for rulings which are reviewable by the Judicial Council.

For the reasons as stated, the Ruling of the Bishop in this case is hereby affirmed.
May 8, 1946.

34

In Re: Ruling of Bishop Charles C. Selecman in North Texas Annual Conference as to Cast- ing of Ballot by Secretary of a District Conference Under Paragraphs 670-673, *Discipline* 1944

DIGEST OF CASE

District Conferences may license proper persons to preach and other orders, under the provisions of Paragraph 670, et seq., *Discipline* 1944, but "all votes to license shall be by ballot"; and the casting of a ballot by the Secretary pursuant to a vote authorizing him to do so is illegal.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the last session of the North Texas Conference, which convened at Greenville, Texas, October 24-28, 1945, the presiding Bishop, Charles C. Selecman, was called upon to make a decision of law, as recorded in the Journal, page 41, as follows:

"Friday afternoon, October 26

"The Chairman read a letter from George C. French asking for the Bishop's decision on matters described in the following manner:

"To the Bishop presiding at the North Texas Conference of The Methodist Church, now in session in Greenville, Texas.

"Dear Bishop:

"Whereas, Paragraphs 670-673 specifically provide that all votes to recommend Preachers for admission on trial, for local Deacon's orders, for local Elder's orders, for readmission into the traveling connection, and for restoration of local Preacher's credentials, shall be by ballot; and also to license candidates to preach; and,

"Whereas, Paragraph 46 in Robert's Rules of Order, titled 'Voting,' in sub-paragraph titled 'Voting by Ballot,' says, 'The main object of this form of voting is secrecy,' and, 'As the usual object of the ballot is secrecy, where the by-laws (in this case the *Discipline* as cited above) require the vote to be taken by ballot, any motion is out of order which members cannot oppose without exposing their views on the question to be decided by ballot. Thus it is out of order to move that one person cast the ballot of the Assembly for a certain person when the by-laws require the vote to be by ballot'; and

"Whereas, The same Rules of Order in Paragraph 47 titled 'Votes that are Null and Void even if Unanimous,'

"NO MOTION IS IN ORDER THAT CONFLICTS WITH THE LAWS OF THE NATION AND STATE, OR WITH THE ASSEMBLY'S CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS, and if such a motion is adopted even by a unanimous vote, it is null and void'; and

"Whereas, The Journal of the 1945 session of the Dallas District Conference which met in Grace Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, on May 10, 1945, states that said District Conference instructed and permitted its Secretary to cast the ballot for the following purposes:

"(A) To license Lee Alvin Bedford, Robert Vreeland Brickell, and Fred Keller Hill to preach;

"(B) To recommend to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, Clarence Marvin Collins, Horace Neil McFarlin;

"(C) To recommend Clarence Marvin Collins and Earl Esker Harvey, Jr., for Deacon's Orders;

"Whereas, These actions, in the light of the Authorities cited above, seem to be of no force, binding power, or validity, utterly null and void;

"Therefore, As provided for in Paragraph 40 of our 1944 *Discipline*, I am herewith asking for your official ruling on the following points of Law, all of which seem clearly involved in the situation specifically set forth above.

"Respectfully submitted,

"GEORGE C. FRENCH"

RULING OF THE BISHOP

"(1) Under the circumstances cited above, can any Annual Conference legally include in its Official List of Local Preachers any man who has been recommended or licensed to preach in the manner set forth above by any District Conference? Answer—It cannot.

"(2) Under the circumstances cited above, can any Annual Conference legally admit on trial any man who has been thus recommended therefor by any District Conference? Answer—It cannot.

"(3) Can any Annual Conference legally elect to Deacon's or Elder's orders anyone who has been thus recommended therefore by any District Conference? Answer—It cannot.

"In brief: When the *Discipline* clearly requires the vote of the District Conference to be taken by ballot for the purpose of licensing one to preach, or recommending one for admission on trial into the Annual Conference, or Deacon's orders or Elder's orders, and that District Conference instructs and permits its Secretary to cast the ballot of the Conference for such purposes, is that action of said District Conference legal and valid, or is it illegal and null and void? Answer—Such action is illegal.

"(Signed) CHAS. C. SELECMAN"

Decision of the Judicial Council

At the 1945 session of the Dallas District Conference, the Secretary was instructed and permitted to cast the ballot to license certain named persons to preach, to recommend certain named persons for admission on trial, to recommend certain named persons for deacon's orders.

The matter having taken the above recorded course, comes to us under Paragraph 43-3, viz.: "To pass upon decisions of law made by Bishops in Annual or District Conferences" and we therefore take jurisdiction.

As is set forth in the preamble leading up to the questions recorded above, Paragraphs 670 and 671 of the *Discipline* clearly state that "All votes shall be by ballot." The question arises as to whether a vote by ballot is synonymous with a vote cast by some designated person for a District Conference, and in this realm of parliamentary law we follow Robert's Rules of Order, which says:

"It is out of order to move that one person cast the ballot of the Assembly for a certain person when the By-Laws (*Discipline*, in this case) require the vote to be by ballot, and no motion is in order that conflicts with the laws of the nation or state, or with the Assembly's Constitution or By-Laws, and if such a motion is adopted even by a unanimous vote, it is null and void."

We sincerely sympathize with any persons who have been put to trouble, but we must hold to the opinion that the action of the Dallas District Conference was illegal. We therefore affirm the decision of Bishop Seelman.
May 8, 1946.

35

In Re: Voting of Retired Bishops

DIGEST OF CASE

The provisions of Paragraph 437, *Discipline* 1944, in connection with retired Bishops of Jurisdictional Conferences, stating that "he may participate in the Council of Bishops, *but without vote*," is not in conflict with the Constitution, Paragraph 34, as the Constitution by Paragraph 8, Section 5, granted unto the General Conference the power to "define and fix the powers, duties and privileges of the Episcopacy."

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Paragraph 437 of the *Discipline* in connection with retired Bishops of Jurisdictional Conferences states: "He may participate in the Council of Bishops, *but without vote*."

At a meeting of the Council of Bishops the question as to the constitutionality of the particular phrase in Paragraph 436 "*but without vote*" was raised and it was then voted to request the Judicial Council for a ruling in this matter.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Constitution in Paragraph 34 states:

"There shall be an Episcopacy in The Methodist Church of like plan, powers, privileges and duties as now exist in The Methodist Episcopal Church and The Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

In Paragraph 36 of the Constitution it states:

"There shall be a Council of Bishops composed of all the Bishops of all the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences."

Paragraph 8, Article IV of the Constitution states in connection with the powers of the General Conference:

"The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and in the exercise of said powers shall have authority as follows:

"5. To define and fix the powers, duties and privileges of the Episcopacy."

It has been stated that this act of the General Conference in inserting the words of "but without vote" infringes on the historic powers of the Episcopacy as set forth in Paragraph 34. It is however a fact that a similar phrase "but without vote" was in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Episcopal Church prior to Unification.

It is clear that a retired Bishop is a member of the Council of Bishops. Ordinarily membership in an organization implies the right to vote. But that implication is not necessarily an absolute right. The Constitution has given the General Conference the power "To define and fix the powers, duties and privileges of the Episcopacy." In the exercise of that power it has provided that a retired Bishop may participate in the Council of Bishops "but without vote." The same Paragraph of the *Discipline* 437 sets out other restrictions such as not presiding over certain Conferences nor making appointments.

The Paragraph setting out the composition of the Council of Bishops and the Paragraph giving the General Conference the power to define and fix the powers, duties and privileges of the Episcopacy are each a part of the Constitution.

As against the implication of the right to vote implied by membership in the Council of Bishops, is the clear and definite restriction imposed by the General Conference in Paragraph 437.

There is no such conflict of authority in these two portions of the Constitution sufficient to justify our holding the action of the General Conference unconstitutional.

Accordingly, it is held constitutional.

Concurring Decision

M. A. Childers, J. S. French, and W. G. Henry filed a concurring opinion as follows:

The opinion of our colleagues above set forth states that there is no such conflict of authority between Paragraph 36 of the *Discipline* relating to membership in the Council of Bishops and Paragraph 8, Section 5 of the *Discipline* giving to the General Conference power to prescribe the powers, duties and privileges of the Episcopacy (each a part of the Constitution) sufficient to justify our holding unconstitutional the action of the General Conference taking from retired Bishops the right to vote in the Council of Bishops.

We believe there is a conflict between these two provisions of the Constitution and that the provision of the *Discipline* denying retired Bishops the right to vote in the Council of Bishops is of doubtful constitutionality.

However, it is a well-established rule of constitutional construction that if an act of a legislative body is not clearly unconstitutional, the judicial body reviewing same should sustain its constitutionality. On the basis of that universal rule of construction, we concur in the decision set forth above.

May 8, 1946.

36

In Re: Ruling of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, in Response to a Request from Ross A. Cobb During the New York Annual Conference Held at the St. James Methodist Church, Kingston, New York, Thursday, May 3, 1945

DIGEST OF CASE

As an Annual Conference has no quorum, a session of Conference held in wartime abbreviated to one day, and ostensibly restricted in attendance to officers and certain Committees (although it was stated that all members of the Conference were entitled to be present), although irregular, was nevertheless a legal session.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

During the New York Annual Conference held at the St. James Methodist Church at Kingston, New York, Thursday, May 3, 1945, Mr. Ross A. Cobb, a Lay Member of the Conference, made the following request for a Ruling:

"As a duly elected member of this Conference, I herewith raise the question of the legality of the calling and holding of an abbreviated or restricted Conference, whether by direct order or by strongly worded recommendation. I refer in particular to Section 7 of Article 21 of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:

"The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the traveling preachers in full connection with it, together with a lay member elected by each pastoral charge."

BISHOP'S RULING

The presiding Bishop made his ruling as follows, together with a statement of the authority for and reasoning upon which ruling is based.

The session of the New York Annual Conference held in the St. James Methodist Church at Kingston, New York, Thursday, May 3, 1945, is a legal session of the Conference.

(1) The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1912 approved the following Ruling of the Bishops:

"November, 1910. An Annual Conference is not a self-constituted organization, but is a body created for certain specific purposes and has no power to establish any definite or proportionate number as a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Conference."

(2) In "A Manual of the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Including the Decisions of the College of Bishops," originally prepared by Holland N. McTyeire, revised and enlarged by Collins Denny, Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nineteenth Edition, 1931, the following actions are recorded:

Page 41, No. 7. "Not being a delegate or strictly representative body, an Annual Conference has no quorum. Any number of its members who may meet at the time and place officially appointed may proceed to organize and to transact business."

Page 230, No. 4. "An Annual Conference has no quorum; any number of its members, met at the time and place officially appointed, are competent to organize and proceed to business. But, as a portion of its membership is elective, and these have a right to participate in the organization, the names of those present must be recognized and enrolled before the Conference organization can be completed."

(3) The Bishop, therefore, in making the above Ruling, holds that no quorum for an Annual Conference is established in the law of the Church.

(4) When an Annual Conference is in session, it may determine when it will adjourn or how long it will remain in session. No announcements by Secretaries or others indicating that the session is to be for but a single day takes from the Annual Conference the right to adjourn in less than a day or to continue in session more than a day. Consequently, the reference to the term "abbreviated" is not related to the question of the legality of the Conference that did meet.

(5) The call for this Conference distinctly stated, "All members of the Conferences (referring to all of the Conferences of the Area) are entitled to be present." It is true that in a national crisis and in an endeavor to co-operate patriotically in efforts to win the war, the Bishop and the District Superintendents, in conformity to a recommendation from the Council of Bishops, did make a certain recommendation to the ministers. This recommendation did not deny the right of any man to come, but gave advice upon which he was free to act. The fact is, many did attend in addition to the Chairmen of Committees and others whose attendance was specifically requested. The legality of the Conference session, however, is not involved in any recommendations that may be made in this connection.

(6) The New York Conference was held at the time and place as determined by the Council of Bishops. No one was denied the privilege of attending; and, since no quorum is required, those present constituted a legal session.

(Signed) G. BROMLEY OXNAM

Decision of the Judicial Council

This ruling by Bishop Oxnam is now properly before the Judicial Council for review.

From the Statement of Facts accompanying the Report of the above quoted Ruling and now before the Judicial Council, it appears that prior to the "abbreviated" session of the New York Annual Conference, Bishop Oxnam and the District Superintendents of the New York Area, sent to each member of the various Annual Conferences in the New York Area, a letter reviewing in detail the circumstances that, to them, seemed to make it imperative that only one-day sessions of the Annual Conferences in that Area should be held, and strongly urging the members not to attend. This was done solely for the purpose of preventing the attendance from exceeding the limit of fifty established by the O.D.T. for conventions to be held during the national emergency. This communication is rather lengthy and need not be produced in full here. The following paragraph is quoted because of its pertinency to the decision of the Judicial Council hereinafter set forth:

"In view of the recommendation of the Council of Bishops the District Superintendents of the Area met with the Bishop on February 16 and voted unanimously to make the policy recommended by the Council the policy of the New York Area. We will meet, therefore, in Annual Conference sessions. These sessions will be for but a single day. All members of the Conferences are entitled to be present. However, it is our thought that it would be wiser if only the Bishop, the members of the Cabinet, the Chairmen and Secretaries of important Committees were to attend. It will be possible for the Committees to meet in advance of the Annual Conference, discuss the matters which must be cared for, and then have the Chairmen and the Secretaries present the recommendations to the Conference in the single session where, in all probability, there will be fewer than fifty percent. This, of course, is but a temporary adjustment to a national emergency."

In this connection we call attention to Paragraph No. 636 of the *Discipline*, which reads as follows:

"P. 636. All members of the Annual Conference, including probationers and accepted supplies, shall attend the sessions of the Annual Conference," etc.

The procedure followed at least had a tendency to nullify the provisions of this Paragraph. Its justification is based solely on the apparent necessity growing out of an existing national emergency. That a national emergency did then exist is common knowledge to all concerned.

It will be noted that the notice of the intention to hold the "abbreviated" sessions of the Annual Conferences did contain the following sentence:

"All members of the Conferences are entitled to be present."

We are informed that many others in addition to those who were specifically invited did attend—thus indicating that no one felt that his right to attend was being denied.

Under the circumstances, the procedure followed cannot be classified as arbitrary. No claim has been made that it was prompted by ulterior motives on the part of the presiding Bishop and his Cabinet, and certainly no evidence of ulterior motives on their part has been presented to the Judicial Council.

We, therefore, approve the Ruling of Bishop Oxnam as above set forth, with the following observation:

This decision is in no wise to be regarded as a precedent, as the procedure followed was irregular and was pursued only because of the existence of a national emergency, which we hope and pray shall never again occur.
May 9, 1946.

37

In Re: Executive Sessions of an Annual Conference Excluding Lay Members

DIGEST OF CASE

The jurisdiction of the Judicial Council to pass on the constitutionality of an Act of the General Conference is limited by Paragraph 43, Section 1, *Discipline* 1944, and its jurisdiction as to Declaratory Decisions is limited by Paragraph 914, in neither one of which Paragraphs is provision made for initiating any such procedure by an Annual Conference. Accordingly the Judicial Council may not render any decision involving the constitutionality of Paragraph 646, *Discipline* 1944, on the request, petition or other action of an Annual Conference only.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In the morning session of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference on Saturday, June 23, 1945, Nathan Newby presented to the presiding Bishop, James C. Baker, a request for a ruling on the following question:

"A group of the lay members of the Southern California-Arizona Conference hereby protest against their exclusion from the Executive Session of the ministerial members of said Conference, held on Friday afternoon, June 22, 1945, and question the legality of said session, on the ground that it was held in violation of the Constitution of The Methodist Church.

"We also request the presiding Bishop to rule on the legality of said Executive Session and, if he finds it to have been illegal, to direct the Secretary of the Conference to expunge from his record all reference thereto." (P. 37 Journal of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference for the session held at Pasadena in 1945.)

In the Journal of the Conference no ruling made by the Bishop in response to this request, during the session of the Conference held at Pasadena, can be found.

At the afternoon session of the Conference on that same day, just prior to the holding of an Executive Session of the Ministerial members of the Conference, Nathan Newby moved the following Resolution which the Conference approved by a unanimous vote:

"Whereas, The following request was presented to the Southern California-Arizona Conference in open session on June 23, 1945, Bishop James C. Baker presiding:

"Whereas, Section 21 of Article One (1) of the Constitution of The Methodist Church provides that an Annual Conference shall be composed of traveling preachers in full connection and one lay member from each charge; and

"Whereas, Section 22, Article Two (2) of said Constitution provides that the lay members 'may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations of ministers'; and

"Whereas, Paragraph 646 of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church provides that an Annual Conference 'may order an Executive Session of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character and Conference relations'; and

"Whereas, The said provision, in Paragraph 646 of the *Discipline* for an Executive Session of the ministerial members is apparently in conflict with the Constitution and might render any action taken at such a session illegal; and

"Whereas, Paragraph 631 of the 1944 *Discipline* forbids an Annual Conference from making 'any rule contrary to the Constitution or to the powers granted it by the General Conference';

"Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by certain of the lay members of the Southern California-Arizona Conference that we request the said Conference to cause to be presented to the Judicial Council, pursuant to Paragraph 914 of the 1944 *Discipline*, for its decision as to the legality of that portion of Paragraph 646 of the *Discipline* that purports to authorize said Executive Session, and thereby exclude the lay members, not only from voting but from attendance upon and participation in the proceedings of a Conference of which they are constitutional members."

"Now, Therefore, in pursuance of said request the Southern California-Arizona Conference and the presiding Bishop join in submitting the said question of the legality of the Executive Sessions of this Conference held in pursuance of a rule of said Conference and Paragraph 646 of the 1944 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, to the Judicial Council as provided by Paragraph 914 of the 1944 *Discipline* for a ruling in the nature of a Declaratory Decision as to the legality of holding Executive Sessions of an Annual Conference, consisting exclusively of ministerial members." (Journal of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference for the session held at Pasadena in 1945, pp. 49, 50.)

Well-prepared briefs were submitted on behalf of those requesting the decision by Nathan Newby, Esq., and Mr. Chester A. Smith.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The matter at issue is clearly a question of constitutionality. Both in Judge Newby's request for a ruling by the Bishop, and in the request of the Conference for a Declaratory Decision the question is stated in this form only.

The authority of the Judicial Council for dealing with constitutional questions, with respect to General Conference legislation, is found in the Constitution, Paragraph 43, Article II, Section 1:

"To determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops, or one fifth of the members of the General Conference."

Even though in Paragraph 22, Article II of Section VII of the Constitution, the Annual Conference is declared to be "The basic body in the Church" no authority is given to it to request from the Judicial Council a ruling on constitutionality. Neither is there any authority in Paragraph 914 of the 1944 *Discipline* for Declaratory Decisions in response to appeals from Annual Conferences.

It is therefore the opinion of the Judicial Council that we are without jurisdiction in this case.
May 9, 1946.

38

In Re: Corporate Meetings, Central Kansas Annual Conference

DIGEST OF CASE

In a case where an Annual Conference (as permitted by the *Discipline*) has been incorporated under the provisions of the Statutes of the State of Kansas, and the corporation has adopted By-laws in statutory form, the corporate sessions must be called in the manner provided by the By-laws; but when the Conference is once in such corporate session, it may exercise all the powers it ever possessed, including the right to amend its By-laws and its Charter.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the seventh session of the Central Kansas Annual Conference of The Methodist Church held at Salina, Kansas, September 26 to 30, 1945, Bishop William C. Martin decided a question of law. The official Record, page 157, reads as follows:

"RULING ON QUESTION PRESENTED BY DR. C. A. KITCH AT THE 1944 SESSION OF THE CENTRAL KANSAS CONFERENCE

"QUESTION:

"I move that the Bishop be requested to make a ruling as to the necessity of a stockholders, so-called, meeting, in order to make such business effective. In other words, is the Conference an incorporated body, able to transact all of its business or only part of it?"

"RULING:

"The Central Kansas Conference of The Methodist Church is an incorporated body and is competent in any regular session of the Conference to transact any and all business of a legal nature that may be regularly brought before it."

Carefully prepared briefs were submitted in behalf of the President and Trustees of the Central Kansas Conference (the corporation) by Hon. Jay T. Botts, and Dr. P. L. Mawdsley, and Contra in behalf of the Special Committee of the Conference, by Dr. Chas. E. Schofield; and on hearing before the Council able oral arguments were made by these representatives.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The above quoted ruling of Bishop Martin, made before the 1945 session of the Central Kansas Annual Conference

of The Methodist Church, is now properly before the Judicial Council for review.

The ruling of Bishop Martin involves the powers of an Annual Conference, and whether or not an Annual Conference can delegate its powers, through incorporation, to a Board of Trustees so as to deprive itself of its ultimate control in the matter.

Article II of Section VII of the Constitution of The Methodist Church (Paragraph 22 of the *Discipline*), declares that The Annual Conference is the "basic" body in the Church, and that there is reserved to it, certain specified rights, "and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, etc."

The Constitution does not provide for the incorporation of Annual Conferences, nor does it prohibit such action on the part of an Annual Conference.

Paragraph 625 of the *Discipline* reads as follows:

"Paragraph 625. Annual Conferences may become several bodies incorporate, wherever practicable, under the law of the countries, states and territories within whose bounds they are located."

Under this provision of the *Discipline*, the Central Kansas Annual Conference was incorporated in 1940. The Charter of the corporation contains, among others, the following provisions:

"B. The purposes for which it is formed are . . . :

"(4) To receive, hold, manage, control and dispose of by sale and conveyance or otherwise, any and all property of every kind, money, goods, chattels, evidences of debt, things in action, lands, tenements and hereditaments and all rights thereto and interests therein, equitable as well as legal, now belonging to or hereafter acquired by said Central Kansas Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, as said Conference may direct or has directed."

"E. The number of the Trustees shall be nine."

"G. The members of this corporation are the members of the Central Kansas Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. The certificate of its Secretary shall be prima facie evidence as to who are its members."

"J. The *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, so far as applicable, shall apply to and govern in any matter not covered by this Charter or the By-laws that may be enacted by its Trustees for the management of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of this corporation, provided such provisions are not contrary to the laws of the State of Kansas."

"K. The By-laws of this corporation shall be adopted, altered or repealed by its Board of Trustees, at any regular

meeting of said Trustees, or at a special meeting thereof called for such purposes."

Counsel challenging the correctness of Bishop Martin's ruling, have furnished to us an article of the Kansas Statutes relating to the making of By-laws for a corporation. This article, as presented to us, reads as follows:

"G. S. 1943 Supp. 17-3107. By-laws.

"The articles of incorporation may provide for the manner of and authority for the adoption, alteration and repeal of By-laws. In the absence of such provision, the power to adopt the original By-laws shall be vested in the incorporators or in the stockholders and upon their failure to do so, in the Board of Directors. In the absence of provision in the articles of incorporation to the contrary, the power to amend, alter or repeal the By-laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors, subject to the power of the stockholders to amend, alter, or repeal the By-laws: *Provided, however*, that notice of any such amendment of the By-laws by the Board shall be given to each stockholder having voting rights within ten days after the date of such amendment by the Board. (L. 1939, ch. 152, paragraph 33; L. 1941, ch. 182, paragraph 7; June 30.)"

Under the Constitution of The Methodist Church, as heretofore referred to, the Annual Conference is the "basic" body in The Methodist Church, and is the reservoir of all powers not specifically delegated to the General Conference.

No authority is given in the Constitution of the Church for it to delegate its powers in such a manner as to deprive itself of that basic or ultimate power.

It is true that the Central Kansas Annual Conference, in its Charter, did delegate to its Board of Trustees, power to make By-laws. The corporation, however, is the creature of the Conference. No creature is or ought to be, greater than its creator. It follows, therefore, that by delegating to the Board of Trustees power to make By-laws, it did not deprive itself of its fundamental right to make the rules and regulations by and under which its affairs shall be administered. We do not believe this interpretation is in any wise in conflict with the Kansas Statute quoted above. In fact the Kansas Statute above referred to, recognizes the ultimate right of the stockholders (members), over By-laws made by the Trustees.

In regard to the matter of amending its Charter—a matter which seems pertinent to the ultimate decision herein—we call attention again to the fact that the ultimate "governing body" of the Central Kansas Annual Conference Incorporated, is the Central Kansas Annual Conference itself.

This is recognized in the Charter in the provision already

cited above, which provision is quoted here again for emphasis:

"The purposes for which it is formed are . . .:

"(4) To receive, hold, manage, control and dispose of by sale and conveyance or otherwise, any and all property of every kind, money, goods, chattels, evidences of debt, things of action, lands, tenements and hereditaments and all rights thereto, and interests therein, equitable as well as legal, now belonging to or hereafter acquired by said Central Kansas Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, *as said Conference may direct or has directed.*"

It is the decision of the Judicial Council, therefore, that the ultimate right of the Central Kansas Annual Conference of The Methodist Church to make and control its By-laws and to amend its Charter, still exists in said Conference.

However, since the Central Kansas Annual Conference, by its own action, delegated to its Board of Trustees power to make By-laws, and failed to exercise its right to make By-laws, it is bound, under its own action, by the By-laws now in existence as to time and manner in which its corporate sessions shall be held. Nevertheless, when the Conference is once again in session, in accordance with its By-laws, it still retains all the rights and powers it ever possessed.

We are unable, therefore, to approve the ruling of Bishop Martin in the language in which it is stated. Our decision is that the corporate sessions must be called in the manner provided by its By-laws, as they now exist, or as they may be hereafter adopted or amended, but that when once in corporate session as provided by its By-laws, said Conference can exercise all the powers it ever possessed with reference both to its By-laws and to its Charter. In such a meeting, it would be "competent to transact any and all business of a legal nature that may be regularly brought before it."

May 9, 1946.

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In Re: Request by the Council of Bishops for a Declaratory Decision as to the Legality of the Resolution Adopted by the General Conference of 1944, Relative to the Origin of The Methodist Church

DIGEST OF CASE

A. Resolution of the General Conference of 1944 "that in all official literature and pronouncements of The Methodist Church respecting the date of its origin, it shall date from 1784," does not involve a constitutional question, and accordingly the Judicial Council will not take jurisdiction; but at the same time the Council holds that under

Article V of the Declaration of Union the present organization of The Methodist Church began in 1939.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a meeting of the Council of Bishops held at Atlantic City, N. J., on February 21, 1946, the following action was taken:

"The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church hereby requests a Declaratory Decision, in accordance with the provision of Paragraph 914 of the 1944 *Discipline*.

"The question having been raised in various sections of the 'Marsh Resolution,' we request the Judicial Council to render a Declaratory Decision upon the legality of the following Resolution proposed by Daniel L. Marsh and adopted by the General Conference in 1944:

"*Whereas*, There is a growing tendency that dates The Methodist Church from the Uniting Conference in 1939, both in the General Church and in some of the Annual Conferences, as well as in certain local churches, and

"*Whereas*, The Uniting Conference specifically declared that "The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church are and shall be one United church," and

"*Whereas*, It is therefore a historical fact that The Methodist Church was organized in 1784 and that the achievement of 1939 was not the organization of a new Church but rather the healing of wounds in the Church that was organized in 1784; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That in all the official literature and pronouncements of The Methodist Church respecting the date of its origin, it shall date from 1784." (See Proceedings of the General Conference, Page 15.)

This case was reviewed by the Council at a session held May 7, 1946, and both oral arguments were heard and briefs submitted. There appeared before the Council attacking the legality of the Resolution, Bishop James H. Straughn, and Rev. O. L. Williams, of the North-East Ohio Conference; to sustain the Resolution, Dr. Daniel L. Marsh and Charles O. Loucks, Esq., of the Rock River Conference; all of whom submitted carefully prepared lengthy briefs. Also briefs were filed attacking the Resolution by Bishop John M. Moore, and Leverett J. Simpson, Esq., of the Genesee Conference.

Decision of the Judicial Council

It is clear to us that the present organization of The Methodist Church began in 1939. The Declaration of Union passed by the Uniting Conference in that year makes this fact indisputable and sets forth the relationship of The Methodist Church to the three uniting Churches. We quote from Article V of The Declaration of Union:

"The Methodist Church is the ecclesiastical and lawful successor of the three uniting Churches, in and through which the three Churches as one United Church shall continue to live and have their existence, continue their institutions, and hold and enjoy their property, exercise and perform their several trusts under and in accord with the Plan of Union and Discipline of the United Church."

It is clear also that organized Methodism in America goes back to 1784, while the Methodist Movement began years before 1784.

However, the Judicial Council is not convinced that any question of constitutionality is involved in the Resolution as passed by the General Conference which is now challenged as unconstitutional.

Therefore, the Judicial Council cannot take jurisdiction and must leave the whole matter to the next General Conference for clarification.

H. R. Van Deusen, Secretary of the Council, with the consent of the other members, filed a Concurring Opinion, which is as follows:

Concurring Decision

By requesting the Judicial Council to render a Declaratory Decision upon the legality (or constitutionality) of the Marsh Resolution of 1944, the Council is really asked for an answer to the following question: "Is *The Methodist Church* a new ecclesiastical organization created in 1939 by the union of three predecessor Church organizations, or is it a continuation, without legal or factual interruption, of the predecessor Church organizations, the oldest one of which dates from 1784?"

There is no question but that organized Methodism in America began with the formation of The Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784. This is recognized by Article III of the Declaration of Union, adopted at the Uniting Conference of 1939, as the concluding step in the Plan of Unification, which says: "The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, The Methodist Protestant Church, had their common origin in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1784."

The Declaration of Union further states in Article V, "The Methodist Church is the ecclesiastical and lawful successor of the three Uniting Churches, in and through which the three Churches as one United Church shall continue to live and have their existence, continue their institutions, and hold and enjoy their property, exercise and perform their several trusts under and in accord with the Plan of Union and the *Discipline* of the United Church."

There can now be no doubt as to the legal result of this process of unification, particularly as it applies to property rights, as we have the authority of the courts wherever this matter has been litigated:—See *Purcell vs. Summers*, 145 Fed. 2nd 979; and *Smith vs. Board of Pensions*, 54 Fed. Supp. 224. See also the following cases which have not as yet been reported in any law reports, i.e., *Ninth Street Methodist Church vs. Case*, in the Circuit Court, St. Joseph County, Michigan, and *Hickey et al. vs. Detroit Annual Conference*, Circuit Court, Saginaw County, Michigan. These

cases have all conclusively established the claim of "The Methodist Church" to all property rights, present and future, of the three constituent organizations. The foregoing cases also render unnecessary any discussion of the legal principles involved in other cases decided by various courts as to other Church unions, such as in *Hayes vs. Manning*, 263 Mo. 1, 172 S. W. 897, or cases arising as a result of the organization of the United Church of Canada, where the facts differ materially from the Methodist unification.

The courts in discussing the various phases of unification of the three Methodist Church organizations have sometimes (as in similar cases) used the words "merger" and "consolidation" interchangeably without regard to the technical distinction between the two as applied to corporations, including both profit and non-profit corporations under our modern State statutes. But that is immaterial, as in a certain sense, this coming together of the three Churches was not exactly either a merger or a consolidation, although it partakes more of the features of a consolidation. What the courts have unanimously decided is that all property rights of the three constituent organizations are now vested in *The Methodist Church* and in its various subsidiary organizations subject to its control, to be held and administered under the provisions of the newly adopted Constitution and the *Discipline* as enacted from time to time.

While there may be some doubt as to whether or not the Marsh Resolution involves a constitutional question, over which the Judicial Council has jurisdiction, yet we can say definitely that the part of the resolution which states that *The Methodist Church* was organized in 1784, and that the achievement of 1939 was "not the organization of a new church" is both factually and legally incorrect. In other words, no Resolution now adopted by a General Conference can in any way change or modify the language adopted in the "Declaration of Union," and already construed by the civil courts, and in so far as the Resolution attempts any change or modification, it is a nullity. Whatever may be done in regard to dating and numbering should be done in accord with the principles laid down in the Declaration of Union. May 9, 1946.

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In Re: Voting by Retired Bishops

DIGEST OF CASE

The Decision of the Judicial Council upholding the Constitutionality of Paragraph 437, *Discipline* 1944, as to voting by retired Bishops affirmed. (See Judicial Council Decision 35.)

STATEMENT OF FACTS

For a statement of facts in relation to this case, and the Decision previously handed down, see report of case in Judicial Council Decision 35.

A petition for a rehearing and review of this case was filed by Bishop John M. Moore. Supporting briefs were filed by Bishop A. Frank Smith and Bishop E. H. Hughes.

Bishop John M. Moore appeared before the Council in person at its session April 22, 1947, in support of the petition for a review and reconsideration of the Decision handed down at the 1946 session of the Judicial Council. He presented an able and carefully prepared brief, was fully heard, and given every opportunity to present his arguments.

Decision of the Judicial Council

After full consideration of the petition and arguments, all members being present and voting, it was voted to reaffirm without change the opinion and decision previously adopted.

J. S. French, M. A. Childers and W. G. Henry filed a separate opinion as follows:

Being still of the opinion that the expression "but without vote" in Paragraph 437 of the 1944 *Discipline* is of doubtful constitutionality, we adhere to the concurring opinion signed by us as reported in Judicial Council Decision 35, for the reasons therein set forth.
April 23, 1947.

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In Re: Footnote to Article XXIII
Articles of Religion

DIGEST OF CASE

The footnote to Article XXIII, Articles of Religion, *Discipline* 1939, held to be not a constitutional part of the Articles of Religion. It was made a footnote by legislative act only.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a session of the Uniting Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri, May 9, 1939, "the question of the legality of deleting from the new *Discipline* the footnote to the twenty-third Article of Religion" was referred to Committee on Judiciary. (See Journal of Uniting Conference 1939, P. 357.) At a subsequent session on May 10, 1939, this motion was reconsidered, and the subject matter was referred to the Council of Bishops for their study and to report to General Conference. (See Journal of Uniting Conference 1939, P. 363.)

The footnote as it appeared in the 1939 *Discipline*, P. 45, reads as follows:

"As far as it respects civil affairs we believe it the duty of Christians, and especially of all Christian Ministers, to be subject to the supreme authority of the country where they may reside, and to use all laudable means to enjoin obedience to the powers that be; and

therefore it is expected that all our Preachers and People, who may be under British or any other Government, will behave themselves as peaceable and orderly subjects."

At a meeting of the Council of Bishops in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on February 22, 1946, the following action was taken:

"Question: Is further action required concerning footnote to Articles of Religion?"

"Answer: We recommend that proper steps be taken to ask the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision.

"The question at issue is: Is said footnote to Article XXIII of the Articles of Religion a part of the Articles of Religion?"

The Council of Bishops, by more than the required majority, thereupon appealed the matter to the Judicial Council, thus taking the "proper steps."

Under Paragraph 904 of the *Discipline* of 1944, the Judicial Council is clothed with authority to "determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops," etc., and under Paragraph 914 this authority is extended to include Declaratory Decisions when legislation "appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when any Paragraph of the *Discipline* seems to be of doubtful meaning," etc. It is therefore clear that the Judicial Council has jurisdiction in this matter and it hereby assumes the same.

HISTORICAL SURVEY

(1) At the session of the General Conference of 1820, the question arose as to the relationship between the Methodist churches in Canada and those in the United States. A series of Resolutions was introduced and adopted, seemingly without much debate, among which was the following, numbered 2:

"Resolved, that the following note be inserted in the *Discipline* under the XXIII Article of our Church, viz. As far as it respects civil affairs, we believe it is the duty of Christians, and especially of all Christian ministers, to be subject to the supreme authority of the country where they may reside, and to use all laudable means to enjoin obedience to the powers that be; and therefore it is expected that all our preachers and people who may be under the British, or any other government, will behave themselves as peaceable and orderly subjects." (See Minutes of the General Conference, meeting in Baltimore, Md., May 1820, written in longhand and deposited in the library of Drew Theological Seminary.)

This footnote, appearing thus in the *Discipline* for 1820, was continued in every subsequent edition of the *Discipline* of the former Methodist Episcopal Church until the Uniting Conference in 1939.

(2) The Methodist Protestant Church never inserted such a Note.

(3) In the case of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the matter is more involved. After the separation in 1844, it did not immediately attach any "Note" to the XXIII Article of Religion. At that time it had no work outside the boundaries of the United States, and the War between the States, coming soon afterwards, precluded for some time any such undertaking of magnitude. As soon as it was thought feasible, however, this Church began sending missionaries to foreign countries and establishing churches. It was not a great while until complaints began to arise among the members of these churches regarding this XXIII Article of Religion, based on the ground that it virtually brought them to the point of declaring allegiance to foreign rulers and thus repudiating their own.

These complaints became more and more insistent, and the session of the General Conference of 1906, in Birmingham, Alabama, recommended to the Annual Conferences that they add the following "Note" to the XXIII Article:

"It is the duty of all Christians, and especially of all Christian ministers, to observe and obey the laws and commands of the governing or supreme authority of the country of which they are citizens or subjects, or in which they reside, and to use all laudable means to encourage and enjoin obedience to the powers that be."

Two things need to be noted:

First: The General Conference merely *recommended* to the Annual Conferences its adoption, a Resolution immediately prior to this recommendation having been passed inserting certain words in the Paragraph relating to amendments, which among other things, prohibited any *initiative* upon the part of the General Conference in amending the First Restrictive Rule.

Second: The matter of the insertion of the "Note" was considered a Constitutional one. For one reason or another, however, the vote in the Annual Conferences was slow in being taken, but was finally completed in the quadrennium 1918-1922, and adopted by the General Conference of 1922 after every Annual Conference had given a majority vote in its favor.

It is now necessary to notice at greater length the Resolution of 1906, above referred to, inserting a certain clause in the Paragraph relating to amendments. The General Conference of 1808 provided that the proposed delegated General Conference "shall have full powers to make rules and regulations for our Church, under the following limitations and restrictions." Then follow the six Restrictive Rules, at the close of which is the following:

"Provided, nevertheless, that upon the joint recommendation of all the Annual Conferences, then a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding shall suffice to alter any of the above restrictions."

Thus it made the *Annual Conference* the unit in voting on all contemplated constitutional changes, which meant that even *one* Annual Conference could defeat the wishes of the remainder of the Church by giving a negative vote.

By the quadrennium of 1828-1832, this had become a "grievous yoke which neither we nor our fathers were able to bear." (Bang's History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Vol. IV, p. 103.) After several false starts in the General Conference of 1828, the General Conference of 1832 finally completed the work of the preceding quadrennium so as to make the proviso read as follows:

"Provided, nevertheless, that upon the concurrent recommendation of three-fourths of all the members of the several Annual Conferences who shall be present and vote on such recommendation, then a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding shall suffice to alter any of such regulations, excepting the first article."

Notice particularly this last preceding clause: "Excepting the first article."

It then went on to say:

"And also whenever such alteration or alterations shall have first been recommended by two-thirds of the General Conference, so soon as three-fourths of the members of the Annual Conferences shall have concurred, as aforesaid, with such recommendation, such alteration or alterations shall take effect."

This language, word for word, remained in the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church until 1900, when it adopted its written Constitution, at which time "two thirds" was substituted for "three fourths" where the latter word was to be found. In every other respect, especially as regards the phrase "excepting the first article," it remained there until the Uniting Conference in 1939. In the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, it remained exactly as it was adopted in 1832 for seventy-four years.

It is perfectly plain that this eliminated the Annual Conference as a constitutional unit and substituted therefor the members of the several Annual Conferences.

But in order to insert this "Note" to the XXIII Article of Religion, a Note which it thought a Constitutional matter, the General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, meeting in 1906, passed the following Resolution:

"That the Editor of the next edition of the *Discipline* be directed to insert . . . the following: after the words, 'excepting the First Article': 'Which may be altered upon the joint recommendation of all the Annual Conferences and a majority of two-thirds of the General Conferences succeeding,' so that the Paragraph shall read as follows:

"'Provided, nevertheless, that upon the concurrent recommendation of three-fourths of all the members of the several Annual Conferences, who shall be present and vote on such recommendation, then a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding shall suffice to alter any of the above restrictions, except the first article,' (and now comes the addition) 'which may be altered upon the joint recommendation of all the Annual Conferences by a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding.'"

The provision of 1832, to which particular attention has been called in a preceding paragraph, in effect in 1906, provided no way of amending the first Restrictive Rule, and this addition was made in order to provide such a way. Thus it attempted to revert, as far as the First Article is concerned, to the rule of 1808, making the Annual Conference the constitutional unit.

Without discussing here the wisdom of such a procedure, the fact remains that this *change was never submitted* to the *Annual Conferences*—the only way in which it could have become constitutionally effective. It is perfectly clear that the matter was one involving constitutionality, since the method of amending a Constitution is an integral part of the document itself. It is equally clear that the General Conference was not acting in a judicial, but wholly in a legislative capacity, and that therefore the constitutionality of the method by which the footnote was added was not *res adjudicata*. Under the law of that Church the General Conference had no right to pass upon the constitutionality of its own acts. Strange as it may seem, that right was reserved to the administrative department—the Bishops, and remained with them until the establishment of the Judicial Council in that Church. The action itself, therefore, and all other action, or actions, taken under the misconceived idea of the legality of said action, was null and void, and was so declared by the Judicial Council of that Church in its *OPINION ON THE LEGALITY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE PLAN OF UNION*.

CONCLUSIONS

In the light of the above history it seems clear:

(1) That the General Conference of 1820 did not regard the "Note" as a Constitutional matter and that the former Methodist Episcopal Church acquiesced in this opinion for the remainder of its history as a separate organization.

(2) That though the "Note" passed through the forms demanded by the supposed amended law for Constitutional procedure in the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that amendment was itself unconstitutional and the "Note" therefore could be regarded, at the best, as only a non-constitutional pronouncement of General and Annual Conferences.

(3) If it should be contended that whatever its status prior to the vote on union, that vote made it not only a part of the Plan of Union but a Constitutional part thereof, it is only necessary to reply:

First: That the voters of the former Methodist Episcopal Church certainly regarded it as non-Constitutional.

Second: That those of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adopted it as a Constitutional matter under an unconstitutional amendment which nullified the action and left it as a mere legislative enactment.

In both cases, the vote could not, unless it had been clearly specified, have changed whatever status the "Note" legally occupied, and that status, as shown by the historical survey above taken, was one of non-Constitutionality.

Third: The Plan of Union specifically provides (Paragraph 3, 1944 *Discipline*) that: "The Articles of Religion shall be those historically held in common by the three uniting churches." The Methodist Protestant Church never having had such a footnote clearly same was not "historically held in common by the three uniting churches," and cannot be regarded as an Article of Religion of the United Church.

Decision of the Judicial Council

In answer, therefore, to the question of the Council of Bishops: "Is said footnote to Article XXIII of the Articles of Religion a part of the Articles of Religion?" we reply that it is a legislative, but not a Constitutional part of the Articles of Religion.
April 24, 1947.

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In Re: Executive Sessions of Annual Conference Excluding Lay Members; Constitutionality of Paragraph 646, *Discipline* 1944

DIGEST OF CASE

The provisions of Paragraph 646, *Discipline* 1944, permitting an Annual Conference to "order an Executive Session of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character and Conference relations," held to be Constitutional.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

For a statement of the history of this case reference is made to Judicial Council Decision 37. The case was previously sent up to the Judicial Council in the year 1946, as a petition or request by the Southern California-Arizona Conference asking for a Declaratory Decision involving the constitutionality of Paragraph 646, *Discipline* 1944. The Judicial Council then held for the reasons set out in Decision 37, that it had no jurisdiction to render Declaratory Decisions in response to appeals from an Annual Conference.

At the meeting of the Council of Bishops held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 12, 1946, the following action was taken:

"In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 43, Article 2, Section 1 of the 1944 *Discipline*, the Council, in response to the request of the Southern California-Arizona Conference as communicated in a letter from its Secretary, W. C. Botkin, dated July 18, 1946, voted to appeal to the Judicial Council to determine the constitutionality of Paragraph 646 of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church which provides that an Annual Conference 'may order an Executive Session

of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations,' in the light of the following Resolution adopted by the Southern California-Arizona Conference, and appearing on Pages 49 and 50 of the 1945 Journal of that Conference:"

Then follows the identical Resolution formerly presented to us by the Southern California-Arizona Conference.

The manner in which it is now presented is according to one of the legal methods, and we therefore assume jurisdiction.

SOME STATEMENTS, AND AN EXAMINATION OF THE PARAGRAPH IN QUESTION

(1) The language of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, Section VII, Paragraph 21, Article I, seems to make clear beyond a reasonable doubt that the membership of an Annual Conference consists of the ministers in full connection thereof, together with one layman from each pastoral charge of said Conference, provided he meets certain specified requirements. The matter of meeting these requirements is not in controversy in this case.

(2) We cannot be sure what meaning the General Conference attached to the phrase, "Executive Session," in Paragraph 646. Neither in "Robert's Rules of Order," nor in the rules governing procedure of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, is any reference made to such a session. In Webster's "New International Dictionary" an "Executive Session" is defined as that "of an executive council, as of the United States Senate, when considering appointments or the ratification of treaties," and an executive council is defined, by the same authority, as "a body of men constituted to give advice to, or exercise some control over, the executive." It may be that some other authority gives some other, or additional, definition, but if so, we have been unable to find it. If the General Conference meant this, the language in Paragraph 646 is very inadequate and greatly needs clarification.

But there has grown up a commonly accepted definition, just how and by what authority we do not know, that an "Executive Session" is one from which all but its own membership is excluded, and the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference has interpreted the phrase, "an Executive Session of the ministerial members," to mean that its lay members are not only not to have a vote on "questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations" (a constitutional provision according to Paragraph 22 of the 1944 *Discipline*), but that they are to have no voice on such "questions," and not even to be present when such a Session is held.

Does this infringe upon the constitutional rights of the laymen of that Conference—or any other where such procedure may be in vogue? In other words, is that part of Paragraph 646 which reads as follows: "Provided that the Conference may order an Executive Session of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations," contrary to Paragraph 21, a part of the Constitution, which says that "an Annual Conference shall be composed of all the traveling preachers in full connection with it, together with a lay member elected by each pastoral charge"? Is such a session of its ministerial members illegal and its actions null and void?

(3) Let us examine rather closely the 646th Paragraph in its entirety.

"Inquiries shall be made in the open Conference as to whether all the ministerial members of the Conference are blameless in their life and official administration." We call attention to the fact that if the Conference chooses the "open session" method, it is obligatory (the

word used is "shall," not may) to make these inquiries "in the open Conference." The Paragraph then goes on to point out two methods by which the open Conference may arrive at a decision: (a) "The District Superintendent may answer for all the preachers in his District in one answer, if it be desired to call the name of each and every preacher in open session," or (b) "The Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications may make inquiry of each District Superintendent about each man in his District and make one report to the Bishop and the Conference in open session." It is the province of the Annual Conference, *and of it alone*, to choose which of these methods shall be used to reach the desired end, and it may make its choice either through a motion at each annual session, or by making whichever method it chooses a paragraph of its standing rules, which, of course, are subject to revision at any annual session. Either of these methods is to be carried out "in open session."

Then the Paragraph goes on to provide for a *closed* session, through which the "ordination, character, and Conference relations" of its ministerial members may be determined, the said session confined to its ministerial membership—if the word "Executive" is to be defined as excluding all others, as it has been by the Conference from which this appeal originated.

This method of "considering questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations" does not, however, seem to be on the same level as the "open session" method. Instead of the word "or," which is used between the two methods of an open session, and might be logically expected here if a new sentence were not to be introduced, we have the word "provided"—"Provided that the Conference may order an Executive Session of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations." The general trend of the Paragraph as a whole would indicate that the closed session is to be used only in unusual circumstances. But the wording is so cloudy, not to say obscure, that such an inference cannot be pronounced implicit, and in practice has not been so understood and followed.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The above brings us to a consideration of:

(A) The right of an Annual Conference to choose the medium through which it will "consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations" of its ministerial members.

(1) No one questions its right to an *open* session wherein "inquiries shall be made as to whether all the ministerial members of the Conference are blameless in their life and official administration," nor does any one question its right to choose between the two methods outlined in the first part of Paragraph 646, by means of which that end may be attained.

(2) Does it have a right to choose such a *closed* session as is provided for in the latter part of Paragraph 646? We think it does, and for the following reasons:

(a) It is a choice of the entire membership, laymen as well as ministers. It is not an arbitrary rule imposed by a particular bloc of the membership, but the result of the adoption of a motion which is subject to debate and upon

which all members who choose to do so, may vote. Even if it has been made a Standing Rule, it may be revised at any annual session. If parliamentary rules should obstruct a motion to reconsider or amend, one to rescind, repeal or annul can be offered, motions which bring up the entire matter, are debatable, yield to all privileged and incidental motions, and to which all the subsidiary motions may apply. (See Robert's Rules of Order.) This would seem to give the Conference as a whole ample opportunity to express its desire.

It has been objected that the ministers in an Annual Conference outnumber the laymen and can thus impose their will upon the latter:

First, we doubt whether that assertion can be universally supported. It may be true of some Conferences, the Southern California-Arizona, as far as we can determine by the General Minutes, being one in evidence. But neither the preachers on trial, nor local preachers acting as supplies have a vote, and in many Annual Conferences they, taken together, will outnumber the retired preachers (many of whom do not attend), members of General Boards, etc., etc., so that if there be present a duly elected layman from each pastoral charge, the laymen will have approximately equal voting strength with the ministers—sometimes greater strength. Of course, if a great number of them neglect to attend the session to which they have been accredited, some things may be done of which they do not approve, but under such circumstances a plea that their constitutional rights have been invaded cannot be sustained.

Second, this objection rests on the supposition that all the preachers will vote alike and all the laymen alike. That is a pretty far-fetched supposition. We have never seen "rugged individualism" more rampant, upon the part of both ministry and laity, than in an Annual Conference. Methodist polity may not be as independent as that of Baptist, but Methodist people are about as independent in their thinking and acting as anybody we know, and have a confirmed habit of sooner or later breaking up blocs, whether of ministers or laymen, with complete ruthlessness and happy abandon.

Third, if worse comes to worst, there is always the vote by orders, which equalizes any discrepancy in numbers.

We cannot see that the rights of either ministers or laymen are jeopardized if the Conference orders such a closed session as is set out in the latter part of Paragraph 646.

(B) The Annual Conference is competent to designate, if it so chooses, a particular group of its membership to perform for it a specific item of business. That is exactly what

it does when it chooses to order an Executive, i.e., a closed session, composed of its ministerial members only. That group then occupies a position equivalent to an Executive Committee to which has been referred a matter with power to act. This power to act is, in this case, enhanced and made imperative by the Constitution of the Church which says: "Lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations of ministers." (Paragraph 22 of the *Discipline*.) The Conference, voting as a whole, ministers and laymen, has chosen to perform this part of its business through those designated and without either the presence or voice of any outside this group. That it should designate this part of its membership to act for it, is wholly a matter of its own choice. It could have chosen the open session. It chose the closed one, with all implications involved clearly before it.

It goes without saying that if this group goes beyond the bounds specifically assigned it, viz., "to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations," its actions are null and void. It would thereby exceed the authority committed to it by the choice of the Conference. But as long as it confines itself to a consideration of, and action upon, the matters set forth, its session is as legal as any other of the daily sessions of the Annual Conference. It is the Conference in action through a method which it has chosen, and which method is not in conflict with either the Constitution or the Laws of the General Conference.

Moreover: in the final analysis, the question of whether or not lay members of the Annual Conference have a constitutional right to be present and participate in the discussions in the Annual Conference relating "to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers" even though they have no right to vote on such matters, may be and perhaps should be determined solely from the language and implications of Article II, Section VII of the Constitution (Paragraph 22, 1944 *Discipline*)—the only article in the Constitution relating to the subject under consideration.

It appears significant that the only right sought to be protected by that Article with reference to several matters is the right to *vote*. Note the language of the Article:

"The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote . . ."

To vote on what?

First, to vote on "all constitutional amendments."

Second, to vote "on the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences."

Third, to vote "on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers."

Thus the Constitution does not specifically provide that either ministerial members or lay members shall have the right to be present and participate in the discussions relating to any of these matters on which the right to vote is reserved to the Annual Conference.

It is argued, and is here conceded, that the right to vote carries with it an inherent right to be present and participate in the discussions leading up to such vote. On the other hand, and by the same token, the specific denial to a group of the right to vote on a given question negatives any presumption of an inherent right in the members of that group to be present and participate in the discussions leading up to such vote.

The same Article of the Constitution (Paragraph 22, 1944 *Discipline*) specifically denies to the lay members of the Annual Conference the right to vote on "matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members and on ordination of ministers." We believe that this Constitutional denial of the right to vote on these matters precludes any inference that the lay members of the Annual Conference have an inherent or Constitutional right to be present and participate in the discussions relating to such matters.

This same article reserves to the Annual Conference "such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution." That appears to be sufficient Constitutional authority for the Annual Conference, the basic body of the Church, to adopt its own method of procedure in voting upon a matter specifically reserved to the Annual Conference. At least there is no such clearly defined Constitutional right given to the lay members of the Annual Conference in relation to such matters as would justify the striking down as unconstitutional an Act of the General Conference granting to the Annual Conference, the basic body of the Church, the right to regulate its procedure in connection with a matter on which the lay members of the Annual Conference are, by the Constitution itself, specifically denied the right to vote.

We cannot refrain from saying that in our judgment Paragraph 646, as at present framed, is ambiguous and ought to be rewritten, but we can find no logical ground for declaring it unconstitutional. We therefore give it as our opinion that it is Constitutional, and that sessions of an An-

nual Conference held under its provisions are legal sessions. April 23, 1947.

Dissenting Decision by H. R. Van Deusen

The majority opinion—a very scholarly and able document—makes a careful analysis of Paragraph 646, pointing out the different procedures that may be followed by an Annual Conference in the performance of the powers reserved to it by the Constitution (Paragraph 22, *Discipline* 1944) “on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members, and on ordination of ministers.”

It is pointed out that one of the alternate procedures which Paragraph 646 seems to provide is found in the last clause which reads “provided that the Conference may order an Executive Session of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character and Conference relations,” and this is interpreted to mean that such an Executive Session may be called only by a vote of the entire Annual Conference including both lay and ministerial members. Thus, it is argued, the lay members are not deprived of any rights they may have as members of the Annual Conference, if the Conference by a majority of the body including both lay and ministerial members votes to adopt this method.

The basic fallacy of this argument seems to be that this procedure assumes that the Annual Conference can delegate the exercise of one of its most important rights and duties to an Executive Committee, or an Executive Session, or some other segment of its membership. This right is one of the most important rights reserved to the Annual Conference, and when action is taken, after the report of Committees or otherwise, irrespective of the voting rights, the action must be by the Annual Conference as a body, and not by a segment thereof.

Therefore, the lay members being an integral part of the Annual Conference, as such Constitutional members they may not be prevented from being present and participating in every session of the Conference, including participating in a discussion of matters affecting the ordination, character and Conference relations of ministers.

It, therefore, should be held that the General Conference had no power to enact the provision contained in the last paragraph of Paragraph 646, and that the same is unconstitutional.

Dr. G. W. Henry joins in the foregoing dissent.
April 24, 1947.

Re: Bishop Costen J. Harrell's Decision at North Alabama Annual Conference on Whether or Not the Annual Conference May Exclude Retired Members From Service on Boards, Commissions and Committees

DIGEST OF CASE

A Standing Rule of an Annual Conference adopted according to Paragraph 631, *Discipline* 1944, which provides that "a retired minister may not serve on a Quadrennial Board or Commission," is not contrary to the Constitution.

BISHOP'S RULING

On October 26, 1946, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, presiding over the North Alabama Conference, in response to a request made by W. F. Price and others, rendered the following Episcopal ruling:

Under the provisions of Paragraph 631, 1944 *Discipline*, an Annual Conference may adopt Standing Rules for its procedure that are not contrary to or in violation of the Constitution and legislation of the Church. In the exercise of the rights granted under the said Paragraph the North Alabama Conference had duly adopted certain Standing Rules which are published on pages 3 and 4 of the Journal of the Conference (1945). Among them is the following: "A retired minister may not serve on a Quadrennial Board or Commission." Rule 11, Art. (2).

In open session of the said Conference a request for an Episcopal decision, signed by seven members of the Conference, was presented as follows:

"First, What rights, privileges and powers are taken from a Traveling Preacher when he is given the retired relation,

"Second, Since the General Conference prescribes the conditions for becoming an Elder, can an Annual Conference deprive a retired minister of his legal *right* to serve on Boards, Commissions, and Committees?

"(This last question deals only with a legal right and not the question of expediency.)"

Paragraph 367, 1944 *Discipline*, defines the status of a retired minister as follows: "A *retired minister* is one who, at his own request, or by action of the Annual Conference, upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, has been placed in the retired relation." Paragraph 368 states that when a member of an Annual Conference is duly granted a retired relation by his Conference he is "retired from the active ministry." By these provisions we conclude that a retired minister is relieved of active duty and responsibility in the exercise of his ministerial office. Service on a Quadrennial Board or Commission is an active duty and responsibility. The status of a retired minister is clearly established in the law and practice of the Church. The Conference and the duly constituted appointing powers of the Church cannot require a retired minister to serve a church or pastoral charge. He may with his consent be appointed as a Retired Supply (Paragraph 370), in which case he serves as a Supply Pastor and the rule governing his appointment is as in Paragraph 316. Neither can a retired minister demand of the Conference and the duly constituted appointing powers a church or pastoral charge, else his retirement would have no meaning. The Chair rules that since service on a

Quadrennial Board or Commission is, as the pastorate, an active duty and responsibility, the same rule applies, and a retired minister cannot demand of the Conference appointment on the said Boards or Commissions. The law of the Church grants to the Annual Conference the privilege and responsibility of naming the members of its Boards and Commission, with certain directions and restrictions (Paragraphs 778, 1282, 1441, 1471, 1558, 1581, etc.), and it may decline to name any or all of its retired ministers on the said Boards or Commissions.

Therefore, it is ruled that Rule 11, Art. (2) as quoted above is not contrary to the Constitution or legislation of the Church nor to its procedure and intent; that it is in harmony with the rights granted the Annual Conference by the *Discipline*; and that the said Rule 11, Art. (2) is properly a part of the Standing Rules of the North Alabama Conference.

s/d Costen J. Harrell

October 26, 1946

(Page 48, Journal of the North Alabama Conference of The Methodist Church, 1946.)

Decision of the Judicial Council

This ruling has been properly certified to the Judicial Council and is now regularly before the Council for review.

Without adopting as a whole the language used in the decision, but passing solely upon the conclusion expressed by Bishop Harrell in his ruling, the Judicial Council hereby affirms said ruling.

Attention is called to the fact that question "Second," reading as follows:

"Second: Since the General Conference prescribes the conditions to become an Elder, can an Annual Conference deprive a retired minister of his legal *right* to serve on Boards, Commissions and Committees? (This last question deals only with a legal right and not the question of expediency)" assumes that retired ministers have a legal right to serve on Boards, Commissions and Committees. With this assumption we cannot agree. They may so serve provided the Annual Conference so directs. Paragraph 631 of the 1944 *Discipline* provides that an Annual Conference may make rules to govern its own procedure "provided that no Annual Conference shall make any rule contrary to the Constitution or to the powers granted it by the General Conference."

We find no constitutional prohibition against an Annual Conference adopting a method of procedure, by rule or otherwise, under which only members in the effective relationship may serve on Boards, Commissions and Committees. Article II, Section VII of the Constitution (Paragraph 22, 1944 *Discipline*) provides that "It" (the Annual Conference) "shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine." The General Conference, as set out in Paragraph 631 of the 1944 *Discipline*, and quoted above, has given to the Annual Conference specific authority and power to make rules for its

own procedure, and the Conference Rule No. 11 quoted in Bishop Harrell's opinion is in harmony with that authority.

Dr. W. G. Henry voted a dissent to the foregoing decision. April 23, 1947.

Concurring Decision

The procedure of the North Alabama Annual Conference in setting up Rule 11, Article (2) among its Standing Rules, the questions propounded to the presiding Bishop of the session of said Conference in 1946, and his answer, raise some questions as follows:

(1) From what is a preacher retired?

Bishop Harrell quotes Paragraph 367 verbatim:

"A retired minister is one who, at his own request, or by action of the Annual Conference, upon recommendation by the Committee on Conference Relations, has been placed in the retired relation."

This, as is readily seen, gives no concrete definition of what the "retired relation" consists. He then paraphrases Paragraph 368 as follows:

"Paragraph 368 states that when a member of an Annual Conference is duly granted a retired relation by his Conference, he is 'retired from the active ministry.'"

The fact is that a preacher falling into the category covered by this paragraph is not "granted a retired relation *by his Conference*." According to this Paragraph his Conference has neither voice nor vote in the matter. He is "automatically retired" by a law passed by the General Conference of 1940 and adjudged Constitutional by an 8 to 1 vote of the Judicial Council of that year. (See Judicial Council Decision 7.)

The Bishop seems to base his argument largely on the phrase, "retired from the active ministry." The fact is that such a phrase is used only in the Paragraph which provides for an automatic retirement by age-limit, and would not necessarily apply to the preceding Paragraph under which by far the larger number of ministers retire.

Nevertheless, I think we may take the Bishop's conclusion, viz., that a "retired minister is relieved of active duty and responsibility in the exercise of his ministerial office," as approximately correct as respects both those retired "by action of the Annual Conference upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations" and those "automatically" retired. That is to say, a preacher is retired from the itinerancy; he is retired from the obligation to move from place to place according to the appointing power of a Bishop; he is retired from any and all positions to which otherwise a Bishop might have a right to appoint him, i. e.,

the pastorate, a professorship in a school, etc., etc. (See Paragraph 432). In a word, a retired preacher is one who has suffered a change in the ministerial relation he bears to his Conference, in that he has been removed from the "effective" list and placed on that of Superannuates. It follows as a natural corollary that he is relieved of the "duties and responsibilities" of the position from which he is removed. It is a matter which has to do solely and entirely with his relation *as a minister*.

This brings us to another question:

(2) What does a retired preacher retain?

It goes without saying that he retains his license to preach and his orders (deacon and/or elder). But he also retains his membership in the Conference. An Annual Conference has a right to terminate the membership of any one of its members by: (a) Conviction of immoral conduct. (b) Voluntary location. (c) Involuntary location. (d) Surrender of ministerial office. (e) Withdrawal. No one of these processes is carried out in the superannuation of one of its members. The retired minister remains responsible to the Conference for his conduct, and must submit annually to the passage of his character, just as the effective one. While he has been relieved of the duties and responsibilities of his former *ministerial* relation, he has retained all the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of his *Conference membership*.

It is just here that confusion seems to arise. Ministerial relationship is one thing; Conference membership is another. With this in mind, the question seems to be:

(3) Whether an Annual Conference has a right to set up a Standing Rule which excludes from service on its Quadrennial Boards and Commissions those of its members who fall within a given ministerial relationship?

I am compelled to concur in the answer of the majority of this Judicial Council. Neither a retired preacher, nor one in any other ministerial relationship, has an inherent right to serve on some Board or Commission. No one has such a right. As Bishop Harrell so aptly says: "The law of the Church grants to the Annual Conference the privilege and responsibility of naming the members of its Boards and Commissions, with certain directions and restrictions." It is not under necessity to name, in whole or in part, the members who fall under any group of ministerial relations, but may exclude any bloc which it thinks either incompetent or deserving of relief from the active duties of both the ministry and membership.

I think the "Standing Rule," referred to above, is legal, but I am equally sure that it is of doubtful propriety. The

entire spirit of Methodism leads it to deal with its ministers as individuals, rather than as blocs or groups. An applicant is licensed to preach as an individual; he is received on trial into the traveling connection as an individual; he is received into full connection as an individual; he is ordained a deacon and/or an elder as an individual; he is granted a sabbatical leave as an individual; he is granted a supernumerary relation as an individual; he is granted a superannuate relation (except in the case of those falling under Paragraph 368) as an individual; he must annually pass an examination of character as an individual. For an Annual Conference to set up legislation whereby it deals with its ministerial members as groups or blocs, seems to me to lean toward bureaucratic, rather than democratic, procedure.

I join with the majority of the members of the Judicial Council in affirming the decision of Bishop Harrell, but I do so regretfully, remembering a saying of St. Paul's: "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient."

J. S. FRENCH.

April 23, 1947.

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In Re: Annual Recommendations for District Superintendents' Support, Paragraph 788

DIGEST OF CASE

In Annual Conferences which provide for support of District Superintendents according to Paragraph 788 of the 1944 *Discipline*, the amount of such support (including salary and allowances) and the apportionments thereof, must be recommended annually by the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, and may not be regulated by a Standing Rule of the Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Acting under the provisions of Paragraph 631, 1944 *Discipline*, by which an Annual Conference may make Standing Rules for its procedure, provided they are not contrary to the Constitution and legislation of the Church, the North Alabama Conference did, in regular session assembled, October 26, 1945, on motion duly made, seconded, and carried, amend Rule 9 of its Standing Rules to read, as finally agreed upon, as follows:

"9. *District Superintendents' Support.* (1) The maximum salary of the District Superintendents of the North Alabama Conference shall be \$5,000 annually.

"(2) A sum equal to 8-1/3 per cent of the pastors' salaries shall be apportioned, collected as for pastors, and sent to the Conference Treasurer, who shall pay to each District Superintendent \$350 monthly, for eleven months, borrowing if necessary; for the twelfth month the Conference Treasurer shall pay to each District Superintendent the balance of his salary.

"(3) District Stewards shall provide District Parsonages and their upkeep." (Journal of North Alabama Conference, 1945, pages 3, 49, 51.)"

At the same session of the North Alabama Conference (1945) the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance made no recommendation concerning District Superintendents' support. The Chairman of the Commission has asked for a ruling on the following point: Is the support of District Superintendents provided for from year to year under Rule 9 for the North Alabama Conference, or shall the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance make recommendations to the Conference each year for the action and determination of the said Conference?

The *Discipline* provides two methods by either of which provision may be made for a "sufficient and equitable support for the District Superintendents":

(1) A common fund, raised throughout the Conference, and out of which all the District Superintendents of the Conference severally receive their support. (Paragraph 788); (2) A fund raised and administered "in each of the several Districts" "through the Board of District Stewards." (Paragraph 789.) The North Alabama Conference has elected to follow the plan first above mentioned, and therefore our method and procedure in the matter of District Superintendents' support must be in harmony with Paragraph 788, which is as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, unless otherwise provided (Par. 789) to estimate the total amount necessary to furnish a sufficient and equitable support for the District Superintendents of the Conference, including salary and suitable provision for dwelling, travel, and office expense. The Commission shall recommend to the Annual Conference for its action and determination the amount estimated, including the salary and other allowances specified above, for each of the several District Superintendents. The Commission shall also recommend to the Annual Conference for its action and determination the basis and method by which the total amount shall be apportioned to the Districts or charges in harmony with Paragraph 802. The Conference Treasurer shall, as far as practicable, remit monthly to the several District Superintendents the amounts due them, respectively, and with the approval of the Conference the Commission on World Service and Finance, or the Treasurer, as the Conference may determine, may borrow the funds necessary to make this possible."

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The presiding Bishop, Costen J. Harrell, ruled as follows: Rule 9 violates Paragraph 788 in the following particulars:

1. It is the intent and purpose of Paragraph 788 that the salary of the District Superintendents shall be estimated and recommended *annually*. The words "at each session of the Annual Conference" (Paragraph 786) are applicable to Paragraphs 787 and 788. The current funds of the Church are estimated and apportioned on an annual basis. (Paragraphs 738, 782, 786, 787, 785, 784.) The support of District Superintendents, by every interpretation of our Church law, is, as other current funds of the Church, to be estimated annually, otherwise great injury might be done the Superintendents.

2. Paragraph 788 further provides that the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall in its annual report estimate and recommend to the Conference a definite salary for each District Superintendent. Rule 9 does not indicate a definite salary, but only a maximum salary.

3. The procedure by which the support of District Superintendents is to be considered by the Annual Conference is clearly stated in Paragraph 788. This question of their support is not properly before the Conference for its action until the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance has made its recommendations. It is the

clear intent of the law that the Commission shall be a body of review to consider all the financial obligations assumed by the Conference and to make its recommendations, in order that the Conference may act intelligently and justly with reference to all the causes appealing for support, whether regular causes or extraordinary causes. (Paragraphs 780-788 and Paragraph 795.)

4. Paragraph 788 provides that "the Conference Treasurer shall, as far as practicable, remit monthly to the several District Superintendents the amounts due them, respectively." Rule 9 on the contrary limits monthly payments made to the District Superintendents whether the funds are available or not.

For these reasons it is ruled that Rule 9, Articles 1 and 2 are contrary to Paragraph 788, 1944 *Discipline*, and therefore are deleted from the Standing Rules of the North Alabama Conference. The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance is required by the provisions of the *Discipline* to make recommendations annually concerning District Superintendents' support for the action and determination of the Conference.

Article 3 of the said Rule 9, to wit: "District Stewards shall provide District parsonages and their upkeep" is in harmony with the law of the Church and powers granted unto the Annual Conferences, and therefore is not deleted from the Standing Rules.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The foregoing ruling of the presiding Bishop in the North Alabama Conference is hereby affirmed.
April 23, 1947.

45

Re: The Decision of Bishop Magee in the Illinois Annual Conference, on the Right of Annual Conference to Make Appropriations Out of Its Benevolence Funds to Organizations on the Governing Boards of which the Annual Conference Has No Representation

DIGEST OF CASE

An Annual Conference may by proper action make appropriations from Conference Funds to institutions or organizations on the governing Boards of which the Annual Conference is not represented by Trustees, Directors or other officials.

REQUEST FOR RULING

The following request was presented at the Illinois Conference which met at Jacksonville, Illinois. It was presented at the morning session Saturday, June 15, 1946. It reads as follows:

"In view of the action which has just been taken placing the Student Foundation at St. Paul's Church, Chicago, and the student work at Northwestern University on the list of Conference benevolences of the Illinois Conference, an action with the spirit of which we are in complete accord, the Board of Education desires to ask a ruling from the Bishop as to the right of the Annual Conference to make such

appropriations from Conference benevolence funds, in view of the fact that the Illinois Conference is not represented on the Governing Board of either of these organizations. (Paragraph 780 refers only to 'Conference causes' in speaking of the 'Conference benevolence budget.') (Paragraph 782 says that the Commission shall combine the 'World Service apportionment' with the 'Conference Benevolence Budget.')

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The reply which the presiding Bishop J. Ralph Magee made is as follows:

"In accordance with the request for a ruling on the above referring to Paragraphs 780 and 782 it is my judgment that these Paragraphs do not require Conference representation in all Boards of Agencies to which Conference benevolences are contributed."

Decision of the Judicial Council

This ruling has been properly certified to the Judicial Council and is now regularly before the Council for review. The ruling, having been given careful consideration by the Judicial Council, is hereby affirmed.
April 23, 1947.

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop Titus Lowe in Indiana Annual Conference as to Fractional Years of Service Under Pension Regulations Interpreting Paragraph 1618 *Discipline 1944*

DIGEST OF CASE

The provision of Paragraph 1618, *Discipline 1944*, subsection (i) as to calculating years of service of a Conference claimant, covers "all cases" and refers to all service of retired ministers, irrespective of whether before or after the year 1944.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

During the Indiana Annual Conference held in the Summer of 1946, A. M. Brown, Chairman of the Board of Conference Claimants, presented the following Resolution which was adopted. (See Indiana Annual Conference Year Book 1946, pp. 442-443.)

"Forasmuch as there is much complaint and dissatisfaction in the Indiana Conference relative to only three-fourths annuity year being allowed for the short nine-months year served in 1941-42 when the Conference session was changed from Fall to Spring;

"Forasmuch as there is nothing in the *Discipline* to indicate what constitutes a legal year of service, the time between sessions of an Annual Conference, or the 12 months year, as allowed by the Board of Pensions in Chicago;

"Forasmuch as we have a Judicial Decision, Par. 1337, page 477 of the 1940 *Discipline*, which allows a full year to one who entered a Spring Conference and retired in the Fall, a seven-month period;

"Forasmuch as men who were in the course of study and on trial were allowed a full year for their work;

"Forasmuch as no man in the Indiana Conference who was serving at the time of the nine-months year and who retired in the said Conference can ever work out a full calendar year, as the law will not permit a man to be retired between sessions of the Annual Conference;

"We request our Bishop to make a formal interpretation at this 1946 session of the Annual Conference of Paragraph 1618, Article 5, Section 1 of the 1944 *Discipline*. The question is: "Is a 'year of approved service' to be interpreted as meaning full-time service rendered under appointment between sessions of an Annual Conference, even if that time should be more or less than 12 calendar months?" An interpretation is likewise requested of Paragraph 1618, Section 2, subsection (h). The question is, "Is the legislation of this section retroactive?"

INTERPRETATION OF BISHOP TITUS LOWE

Question 1, "Is a 'year of approved service' to be interpreted as meaning full-time service rendered under appointment between sessions of an Annual Conference, even if that time should be more or less than 12 calendar months?"

Bishop Lowe's answer to Question No. 1, "It is."

Question No. 2, "Is the legislation of this section retroactive?"

Bishop Lowe's answer to Question No. 2, "It is not."

Decision of the Judicial Council

The above quoted interpretations by Bishop Lowe are properly before the Judicial Council for review under Paragraph 43, Section 3, "To pass upon decisions of law by Bishops in Annual or District Conferences."

Paragraph 1618, Article 5, of the *Discipline* 1944, reads in part as follows:

"1. The term 'years of approved service' shall mean full-time service rendered in and to any appointment mentioned in Section 2 of this Article. Part-time service cannot be counted for Annuity claim except by a three-fourths vote of the Annual Conference upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants.

"2. The following years of approved service in the effective relation in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, as defined in Section 8 of this Article, may be counted for the purpose of determining both the annuity claims and the annuities payable thereon.

.....

"(i) In calculating fractional years of service of a Conference Claimant, the following formula shall be used in all cases including those involved in clearinghouse operations: Any period up to one month and fourteen days shall not be counted; one month and fifteen days to four months and fourteen days shall be counted as one-quarter of a year; four months and fifteen days to seven months and fourteen days shall be counted as one-half of a year; seven months and fifteen days to ten months and fourteen days shall be counted as three-quarters of a year; ten months and fifteen days to

eleven months and twenty-nine days shall be counted as one year. Each of the above-mentioned periods shall be inclusive of all days therein."

In 1944 a general pension code was established effective in both the Illinois and Missouri Corporation territories and thus universally applicable within the Church.

After the General Conference of 1944, records of ministerial service for the two territories were changed in accordance with the above-mentioned regulations regarding "fractional years."

Without this rule ministers serving for example a seven-months year (in cases in which this was a change from a Fall to a Spring Conference) would receive credit for twelve months. If this kind of situation were to occur in an individual case more than once, on account of transfer to another Conference, the minister could finish with more years of service to his credit than he could possibly have served counting on an actual calendar year basis, which would naturally be inequitable.

The Judicial Decision referred to in the resolution as Paragraph 1337 of the 1940 *Discipline* on Page 477 is no longer in effect. Some of the Judicial Decisions quoted in Paragraph 1337 of the 1940 *Discipline* were retained in the 1944 *Discipline* under Paragraph 1630 under the caption of "General Regulations" and were enacted as part of the legislation rather than as decisions. This particular decision above referred to was dropped by the General Conference of 1944 in view of the distinct conflict with the legislation contained in Paragraph 1618, Section 2 (i) of the 1944 *Discipline*.

The words "in all cases" as used in Paragraph 1618, Section 2 (i) show clearly the scope intended by the General Conference and are determinative of the questions at issue. Those words are specific and must refer to all service of retired ministers, irrespective of whether before or after 1944.

From the foregoing it necessarily follows that both of the rulings of the Bishop were in error and must now be and hereby are reversed.

April 24, 1947.

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In Re: Appeal of Edwin L. Morgan From Judgment of Committee on Appeals, Southeastern Jurisdiction

DIGEST OF CASE

A minister tried in the year 1941, in accordance with the provisions of the 1940 *Discipline*, and the judgment of the trial court affirmed by the Jurisdictional Committee of Appeals in 1942, which

judgment became final under the provisions of the *Discipline*, may not appeal to the Judicial Council to review the case for alleged errors of law under the provisions of Paragraphs 1033 and 1045, *Discipline* 1944, which legislation was enacted in 1944 to cover cases decided after said Paragraph became effective; and therefore such an attempted appeal was dismissed.

History of the Case

Edwin L. Morgan, then a member of the Memphis Conference, was brought to trial in October, 1941, according to the procedure prescribed by the 1940 *Discipline*. The trial was presided over by the late Bishop J. L. Decell. The charge was immoral conduct on specifications alleging issuance and cashing of a number of worthless checks.

At the conclusion of the trial, the defendant was found guilty as charged and the penalty fixed was deposition from the ministry. The verdict of the Trial Committee was unanimous.

An appeal was then taken to the Committee on Appeals of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, under the provisions of Paragraphs 694-97, *Discipline*, 1940. This appeal was heard on April 13, 1942, and the judgment of the trial court was affirmed.

No further action was taken by the Appellant until March, 1947, when the transcript of the record of the trial before the Conference Trial Court was filed with the Secretary of the Judicial Council and exceptions thereto filed by Counsel for the Appellant.

It is to be particularly noted that the Defendant was tried and found guilty in the year 1941, and that the decision of the Jurisdictional Committee of Appeals was rendered in the year 1942. The *Discipline* of 1940, Paragraph 694, provided that decisions of Jurisdictional Committees on Appeals should be final, and no right of appeal to the Judicial Council then existed, except in cases of conflict of decisions between two Jurisdictions.

In 1944, the General Conference enacted new legislation, and provided for an appeal as to matters of law in cases of this character from the Jurisdictional Court of Appeals (see Paragraphs 1033 and 1045, *Discipline* 1944); provided the procedural steps therein set forth be complied with by the appellant. As there was no right of appeal when the Committee of Appeals affirmed the Judgment of the Trial Committee in this case, and it became final, the subsequent enactment of laws allowing such appeals afforded this defendant no right to appeal the decision rendered in 1942. Laws are always to be regarded as prospective in their operation, and never retroactive unless they are clearly and explicitly made retroactive by the terms of the act.

The appellate features of Paragraphs 1033 and 1045 are all prospective and provide for appeals in cases decided after said paragraphs became effective.

Decision of the Judicial Council

It is apparent that we have no jurisdiction of this attempted appeal, and we are under the necessity of dismissing the appeal.

It is accordingly dismissed.
April 24, 1947.

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In Re: Petition of Bishops of Western Jurisdiction as to Assignment of a Bishop to Supervision of Missions

DIGEST OF CASE

A Jurisdictional Conference has the right under Paragraph 440, *Discipline* 1944, to assign a Bishop to the supervision of Mission Conferences and Provisional Annual Conferences, even though the geographical territory covered by such Mission and Provisional Conferences may overlap the geographical territory assigned to other Bishops, as there is nothing in the *Discipline* that would limit the phrase "Episcopal Area" as used in Paragraph 440, to a geographical definition.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Bishops James C. Baker, Wilbur E. Hammaker and Bruce R. Baxter, being all the Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction, presented to the Judicial Council a petition for a Declaratory Decision, with respect to the right of the Jurisdictional Conference, under the authority granted to the Jurisdiction and to the Bishops in The Constitution, Paragraph 37, Article IV, and in Paragraph 440 of the 1944 *Discipline*, to "legally assign a Bishop to the supervision of The Missions and The Provisional Annual Conferences within the territory of the United States, when the territory that is covered by these groups would overlap the territory of another Bishop."

Paragraph 914, *Discipline* 1944 provides: "When the General Conference shall have passed any act or legislation that appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when any Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning or application, any authority in the Church affected thereby that would have the right to appeal thereon to the Judicial Council under the law of the Church from any action of any Conference, ruling of a Bishop or any Board, Commission or body of the Church, may petition the Judicial Council for a ruling in the nature of a Declaratory Decision as to the meaning, application, and effect of such act, legislation, or Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline*."

The petition submitted by the unanimous action of the Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction for a Declaratory Decision is in harmony with the provisions of this Paragraph 914 since the Bishops of a Jurisdiction are an authority in the Church that would be affected by a Decision with respect to the meaning of these Paragraphs and they have the right of appeal. Their petition is therefore properly before the Judicial Council for consideration and decision.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Constitution, Paragraph 37, Article IV, states:

"The Bishops of each Jurisdictional and Central Conference shall arrange the plan of Episcopal Supervision of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences and Missions within their respective territories."

Paragraph 440 of the 1944 *Discipline* reads:

"Each Jurisdictional Conference may fix the Episcopal residences within its Jurisdiction and assign the Bishops to the same. The Bishops of the Jurisdiction shall fix the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas."

In their petition for a Declaratory Decision with respect to the rights and powers of the Jurisdictional Conference under these Paragraphs the Bishops set forth these facts:

1. The Western Jurisdiction, by act of the Uniting Conference was authorized to elect four Bishops.

2. Up to the present moment only three Bishops have been elected by the Western Jurisdiction to serve in that territory.

3. Since, in the Western Jurisdiction there are the Hawaii Mission, the Oriental Provisional Annual Conference, the Latin-American Provisional Annual Conference, the Japanese Provisional Annual Conference, the Alaska Mission, and the Utah Mission, in addition to the Annual Conferences, there is enough work of supervision to occupy fully the time and effort of a fourth Bishop.

4. There has been discussion of the possibility of electing a fourth Bishop to take over the Mission work and the Provisional Annual Conferences, but doubt as to the legality of assigning a Bishop to such supervision in cases where the territory covered by these groups overlaps territory assigned to the other Bishops.

After a careful study of the unqualified form in which power is granted in Paragraph 440 to the Jurisdictional Conference to fix the Episcopal residences within its Jurisdiction, and to the Bishops to fix the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas and to arrange the plan of Episcopal supervision, the Judicial Council can find no valid reason for denying to a Jurisdictional Conference the right to assign a Bishop to the supervision of the Mission Conferences and the Provisional Annual Conferences, if it desires to do that, even though the territory covered by these Missions and Provisional Annual Conferences would overlap the territory assigned to the other Bishops. It is further the judgment of the Judicial Council that there is nothing in these Paragraphs that would limit the phrase "Episcopal Areas" as used in Paragraph 440, to a geographical definition. A functional definition of Episcopal supervision, where such is desired, is quite within the rights of the Jurisdictional Conference.

It is therefore the opinion of the Judicial Council that such an assignment of Episcopal supervision would be legal and not in violation of the Constitution of The Methodist Church. April 24, 1947.

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**In Re: Ruling of Bishop Arthur F. Wesley in the
River Plate Annual Conference as to Time
Requirements for Preachers on Trial Be-
fore Admission into Full Connection
Interpreting Paragraph 341
Discipline 1944**

DIGEST OF CASE

The proviso in Paragraph 341, *Discipline* 1944, as to admission into full connection in the Annual Conference of one who while a student has been regularly appointed as pastor, does not eliminate the two-year trial period as required by the first part of this Paragraph.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

During the session of the River Plate Annual Conference held January 18, 1948, at Buenos Aires, Argentina, Bishop Arthur F. Wesley decided, on the basis of the latter portion of Paragraph 341 of the 1944 *Discipline*, that the reception into full membership of the Conference of several seminary students who had spent "the proper length of time" (two years) under the regular appointment in a circuit, was in order. These students were received on trial at the same Conference session at which they were later received into full connection. Bishop Wesley, who was the presiding Bishop, considered that they had fulfilled the time period requirement of service.

The Conference voted that this ruling should be referred to the Judicial Council for their decision.

Decision of the Judicial Council

This ruling is properly before the Judicial Council for review both as an appeal from a Bishop's decision under Paragraph 43, Section 2 and as passing upon a decision of law made by a Bishop at an Annual Conference under Paragraph 43, Section 2.

Paragraph 341 of the 1944 *Discipline* reads as follows:
Admission into Full Connection

"Paragraph 341. A preacher on trial who has been appointed in the regular itinerant work on circuits or stations, or as an instructor in one of our institutions of learning, for two successive years from the time he was received on trial, may be admitted into full connection in the Annual Conference after he has given satisfactory evidence of his knowledge of the subjects covered in the first two years of the Conference course of study, and after the examination be-

fore the Conference prescribed in Paragraph 343 of this Chapter; provided this shall not be so construed as to prevent the admission into full connection of one who, while a student in any college or theological seminary of The Methodist Church approved by the authorized standardizing agency, or other evangelical theological seminary of equal rank, has been for the proper length of time regularly appointed as pastor in a circuit or station under the appointment of the District Superintendent."

Both from a historical viewpoint and from a reading of the above Paragraph it is clear that before a preacher may be admitted into full connection in the Annual Conference he must first have been received on trial, and have remained on trial for at least two successive years prior to the date of his admission into full connection.

The proviso in this Paragraph does not eliminate the time requirement but simply provides that being a student does not prevent him from at the same time serving his two-year trial period as a pastor under appointment of the District Superintendent.

It is therefore the decision of the Judicial Council that the decision of the Bishop was not in accord with the provisions of the *Discipline* and it is hereby reversed.
May 3, 1948.

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop C. C. Seceman in the North Texas Annual Conference Relating to Assessment of the Conference for Conference Claimants, Under Pars. 1618, 1623, and 1624 of the *Discipline*

DIGEST OF CASE

None of the provisions of the Pension Code, with particular reference to Paragraphs 1618, 1623 and 1624, *Discipline* 1944, limit an Annual Conference, in making an apportionment for Conference Claimants, to an amount exactly necessary to meet the disbursements for that particular year; but under the provisions of Paragraph 1613 any excess amount raised by such an apportionment may be used to create a reserve fund for future years.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Journal of the North Texas Annual Conference held at Dallas, Texas, June 4 to 8, 1947, Page 49, contains the following:

A letter was read by the Bishop which had been given to him by George C. French, relative to an Episcopal decision is as follows:

Dear Bishop Seceman:

As provided for in our 1944 *Discipline*, Paragraph 40, I am herewith asking for your official ruling on a matter growing out of the

action taken by the North Texas Annual Conference (over which you are presiding) in this session Saturday afternoon, June 7, 1947.

The following provisions are found in our 1944 *Discipline*:

Paragraph 1618, Article 5, Section 5—"The annuity rate shall mean the sum determined annually by the Annual Conference, payable as an annuity, for each approved service year of a retired minister, rendered in The Methodist Church. The annuity rate shall be determined by the Annual Conference without restriction. . . ."

Paragraph 1623, Article 10, Section 1—"After the annuity rate payable has been determined by the Annual Conference on recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants, the said Board shall compute the amount necessary to meet the prospective annuity, according to the annuity rate determined, and said amount shall be apportioned to the pastoral charges, either as a percentage of the pastor's cash salary or on the basis of a graduate scale, to be determined by the Conference."

Paragraph 1624, Article 11, Section 1—"The amount payable by any pastoral charge, on the apportionment for Conference Claimants shall be directly proportionate to the amount of cash received by the pastor or pastors, on his salary. The apportionment for Conference Claimants being stated as a percentage on the pastor's salary, an amount equivalent to the percentage shall be paid to the Board of Conference Claimants on the basis of the payments made to the pastors." And from Section 2—"The amount apportioned to each pastoral charge for the support of Conference Claimants shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer monthly or quarterly, and the Conference Treasurer shall remit monthly to the treasurer of the Board of Conference Claimants all amounts received from the pastoral charge for the support of conference claimants."

The North Texas Annual Conference by its actions yesterday did the following:

1. It fixed the annuity rate at sixteen dollars.
2. It ordered that sums be apportioned to the pastoral charges and to be paid by them during the conference year 1947-48 for the support of Conference Claimants to the amount of 12½% of the amount paid on the pastors' salaries.
3. It also ordered that none of the increased incomes resulting from the payment of that 12½% shall be used for the benefit of any Conference Claimant during the Conference year 1947-48, but shall be held for the benefit of such Claimants during the Conference year 1948-49.

I claim that the provisions in the *Discipline* as cited above clearly require that such increases of income for the Board of Conference Claimants resulting from the payment by pastoral charges on the basis of 12½% of the pastor's salary when so apportioned, and so paid to the Annual Conference Claimants, should be used by that Board for the benefit of Conference Claimants during the Conference year 1947-48, and not held for the support of Conference Claimants during the Conference year 1948-49.

I am asking your official ruling on this point; when payments are made by pastoral charges on apportionments for the support of the Conference Claimants as above cited and provided for by the Annual Conference result in an increased amount being paid for the support of the Claimants, has the Annual Conference the right to deprive the Conference Claimants of the year 1947-48 the benefit of such an increase, and order that it be held for the benefit of the Conference Claimants of the Conference year 1948-49.

Signed,
GEO. C. FRENCH.

RULING OF THE BISHOP

"The North Texas Annual Conference acted within its rights as defined in the *Discipline* in this instance."

Signed,

CHARLES C. SELECMAN.

The decision of Bishop Selecman, as therein set forth, is properly before the Judicial Council for review.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The report of the Board of Conference Claimants, as set out on pages 86 and 87 of the Journal, contains the following provisions:

1. That the annuity rate for the ensuing Conference year, beginning July 1, 1947, be set at \$16.00 per service year for the retired preachers and a proportionate amount for the widows.

2. That the Churches be assessed an amount equal to 12½% of the salary of the pastor and his assistant pastors in the hope that at the next Annual Conference we may be able to set the annuity rate at \$20.00 per service year.

The report was adopted by the Annual Conference.

Paragraph 1616 of the 1944 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church reads as follows:

"Paragraph 1616, Article 3, Approval of Claim. The Annual Conference shall be the sole judge of the admissibility and validity of the annuity claims and shall be fully competent to determine all payments, disallowances, and deductions thereunder, subject to the specific regulations relating thereto contained in the *Discipline*."

We find no specific regulation in the *Discipline* prohibiting the Annual Conference from making an assessment in excess of the apportionments for the pending year. The claim of each retired minister is not based on the assessment. It is based on a specific formula set out in Par. 1619 of the *Discipline*, namely:

"The annuity claim of a retired minister shall be for an amount equivalent to the total years of approved service multiplied by the annuity rate as defined above," etc.

Paragraph 1623, Article 10, requires that an apportionment be made to the pastoral charges in "the amount necessary to meet the prospective annuity disbursement according to the annuity rate determined."

It is true that this particular provision does not specifically authorize an apportionment in excess of the amount necessary to meet the prospective annuity disbursement for that particular year. On the other hand it does not specifically prohibit such excess apportionment.

However, under the provisions of sub-division 10, of Paragraph 1613, the Conference Board of Claimants and the An-

nual Conference had ample authority for doing what they did in this instance. That provision reads as follows:

"Paragraph 1613, Article 10. When it is deemed expedient, the Board of Conference Claimants may build up a reserve fund from the income for Conference Claimants in order to stabilize the annuity rate payable in the Conference. Such reserve fund should be, at least, the equivalent of twenty-five per cent of the annual income of the Board of Conference Claimants for all purposes for the five years immediately preceding. Such reserve fund shall be held as the Annual Conference shall direct."

This reserve is to be built up "from the income from Conference Claimants." The payments made by charges on the apportionments for Conference Claimants constitute the major portion of the "income for Conference Claimants." How could a surplus be built up from such income unless the apportionments are made to exceed the prospective annuity disbursements of a particular year?

It appears in this instance that the Board of Conference Claimants and the North Texas Annual Conference were undertaking to stabilize the annuity rate on a higher level than that previously existing in that Conference and were wholly within their rights in taking an action now under consideration.

The ruling of Bishop Selecman, as set forth, is hereby affirmed.

May 3, 1948.

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop William C. Martin at 1947 Session of Nebraska Annual Conference Relat- ing to Payment of Pastors' Expenses as Affected by Provisions of Par. 1624, Art. 11, Sec. 4 of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church in the Year 1944

DIGEST OF CASE

An allowance for "travel expenses" to pastors is not to be regarded as supplementary compensation tending to defeat proportional payment under the terms of Paragraph 1624, *Discipline* 1944; provided always that such item represents an actual expense for the purpose stated, and is not a cover-up for additional salary paid to the Pastor.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At its 1946 session the Nebraska Conference adopted the following Resolution:

"Whereas Paragraph 1624, Article 11, Section 4 of the *Discipline* of 1944, does not specify or define the meaning of 'supplementary compensation tending to defeat proportional payment.'

"And, whereas the Nebraska Annual Conference has adopted a Resolution which states: 'All Churches in the Nebraska Annual Conference be permitted to allow an expense account for the pastor's automobile. This account shall not be counted as salary nor be subject to "pro rata" apportionment.'

"And, whereas, it is currently reported that Churches in the Nebraska Conference are making payments to pastors in addition to reported cash salaries and are designating such payments as 'Expense Allowance' or by some similar nomenclature and are not making proportional payments of such sums paid to pastors as provided in Paragraph 803 of the *Discipline* of 1944.

"And, whereas, it is desirable and necessary to determine the legality of the Resolution adopted by the Nebraska Annual Conference permitting an expense account for the pastor's automobile which shall not be counted as salary, nor be subject to 'pro rata' apportionment and also to determine if such payments under those conditions and/or the receiving of money by pastors under 'Expense Accounts' render a pastor liable to the responsibilities and penalty provided in Paragraph 1624, Article 11, Sections 3 and 4, and Paragraph 1630, Article 17, Section 2, all of the *Discipline* of 1944.

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Nebraska Annual Conference request Bishop William C. Martin to secure through the Council of Bishops and/or the Judicial Council, or in whatever may be the legal and appropriate manner, a ruling on the points covered above and to transmit the same to the Annual Conference of 1947."

The question submitted is whether or not the allowance for travel expense to pastors which was authorized by the Nebraska Conference at its 1946 session is to be regarded as "supplementary compensation tending to defeat proportional payment."

RULING OF THE BISHOP

Thereupon the Bishop ruled as follows:

"Such allowance for Expense to Pastors is not to be regarded as supplementary compensation tending to defeat proportional payment."

This interpretation is based largely upon the following statement which was made to the General Conference by Dr. Thomas A. Stafford, Secretary of the Board of Pensions, Illinois Corporation, in explanation of the legislation which was then under consideration:

"I think it should be understood clearly what is meant by the word 'bonus.' It does not have any reference to a man's expense account at all. It is an additional payment on salary that is concealed through some conspiracy or arrangement between the people on the local charge and the minister so that he receives more salary than he reports, the idea being to keep down the apportionment for Conference Claimants. That is all that is involved. It doesn't involve expense accounts or anything of that kind." (Proceedings of the Forty-first General Conference of The Methodist Church, 1944, page 118, column 1.)

Decision of the Judicial Council

On the facts set forth in this case, the Judicial Council affirms the ruling as aforesaid. It should be said, however, that in the legislation on this subject matter in the 1944 *Discipline*, as well as any probable future legislation relating to

the same, it should be borne in mind that every case must be decided on its facts, and that the rule to be applied is whether or not any "expense" item, no matter what the same includes, must not be a cover-up for additional salary or compensation paid the pastor.

With this understanding, the ruling of the Bishop is affirmed.

May 4, 1948.

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In Re: Appeal by Quarterly Conference of First Methodist Church of North Little Rock, Ark., As to Advancements from the Board of Church Extension

DIGEST OF CASE

The Quarterly Conference of a local Church may not appeal to the Judicial Council, nor petition for a Declaratory Decision, as it is not an "Authority in the Church that would have the right of appeal," under the provisions of Paragraph 914, *Discipline* 1944.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

From time to time from 1913 to 1919 the Board of Church Extension (M. E. Church, South) advanced certain sums for the building and improvement of a church in North Little Rock, Ark. As evidence of these advancements the local church executed three instruments which were recorded in the Public Recorder's Office of Pulaski County, Ark., referring to these advancements as "conditional donations," the church agreeing to repay same if the property ceased to be used for church purposes. In 1947 the local church purchased a more desirable site for a new church, and proposed to sell the old church property. The Board of Church Extension was requested to transfer the liens from the old church to the new church property, but refused to do so in the manner requested. Thereupon the Quarterly Conference of said First Church of North Little Rock, Ark., appealed to the Judicial Council.

Decision of the Judicial Council

This appeal is an attempt by a Quarterly Conference of a local church to secure a Declaratory Decision under the provisions of Paragraph 914 of the *Discipline* 1944. The right of appeal is granted therein to "Any authority in the Church affected thereby that would have the right to appeal thereon to the Judicial Council."

Following the precedent in other cases, particularly, In Re: Powers of Trustees Fourth Street First Methodist Church, Wheeling, West Va., reported in Judicial Council Decision 29, the Judicial Council holds that the Quarterly Conference is not such a body as may appeal, and accordingly the case is dismissed for want of jurisdiction.
May 5, 1948.

53

**In Re: Right of Central Conference Bishop to Vote
In the Council of Bishops**

DIGEST OF CASE

The provisions of Paragraph 555, *Discipline* 1944, giving a Central Conference Bishop the right to vote in the Council of Bishops "whenever the interest of his Central Conference, or the interests common to all Central Conferences are involved," is Constitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a session held May 6, 1948, the General Conference by proper action under the provisions of Paragraph 43, *Discipline* 1944, requested the Judicial Council to determine the Constitutionality of the last phrase of Paragraph 555, *Discipline* 1944, which reads as follows: "A Bishop elected by a Central Conference shall have a membership in the Council of Bishops, and shall have the privilege of full participation with vote in the meeting of the Council whenever the interest of his Central Conference or the interests common to all Central Conferences are involved."

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Constitution, Paragraph 20, Section 2, provides as follows: "The Bishops of the Central Conferences shall have membership in the Council of Bishops with vote limited to matters relating to their respective Central Conferences."

Since the interests common to all are important and are related to each, it is the decision of the Judicial Council that the phrase quoted from Paragraph 555 is Constitutional. May 6, 1948.

54

**In Re: Re-enactment of Enabling Acts Adopted
By General Conference of 1940 and 1944**

DIGEST OF CASE

Enabling Acts, adopted in 1940, and in 1944, as to continuing the corporate life or operation of various Corporations, Boards and other Agencies of the Church, where the incomplete status still continues, do not need to be re-enacted in 1948, as this legislation, unless specifically limited as to time, is in effect until repealed or amended.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the General Conference, May 6, 1948, the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms moved that Judicial Council be asked for a Declaratory Decision as to whether or not certain Enabling Acts adopted by the General Conference of 1940 and re-enacted by the General Conference of 1944, should again be re-enacted by the General Conference of 1948. These Enabling Acts appear as Paragraphs 1634, 1635, 1636, 1639, 1641, 1643, 1646, 1648, 1649, 1650 and 1651 of the 1940 *Discipline*. The General Conference so ordered.

Generally speaking these Enabling Acts provided that various Corporations, Boards, and other Agencies of the three Uniting Churches of 1939 should continue to operate under existing charters and until all property held should be transferred to their successors and other corporate purposes fully completed. Just what are the facts as to each and all of these various Corporations and Agencies does not appear of record, but it is assumed that the incomplete status still continues.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The legislation of the General Conference of 1940 and 1944, unless specifically limited as to time, is in effect until repealed or amended. This principle applies to these Enabling Acts. Wherefore, based upon the foregoing statement, the decision of the Judicial Council is that it is not now necessary to re-enact the foregoing Enabling Acts at the 1948 session of the General Conference.
May 6, 1948.

55

In Re: Constitutionality of Report No. 6 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 115, General Conference 1948, As to Change of Jurisdictional Boundaries

DIGEST OF CASE

When the procedure provided by the Constitution for making changes in Jurisdictional Conference boundaries has been complied with, the enactment of legislation by the General Conference making such boundary changes is Constitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Conferences (Calendar No. 115) was adopted by the General Conference this afternoon, May 6, 1948, and was immediately referred by the proper vote of the General Conference to the Judicial Council for determination of its constitutionality.

The memorial adopted by the General Conference reads as follows:

"We hereby memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church to be held in 1948 to change the boundaries of the Central Jurisdictional Conference and the boundaries of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference so that the New York and New York East Annual Conferences shall have the authority to organize and promote new Negro work, which work, when organized, shall be within the geographical boundaries of the Conference in which it is organized, and shall be constituent churches thereof, said boundary change to be effected without infringement of the rights or opportunity of the Delaware Conference to organize and promote Negro work anywhere within its boundaries."

Decision of the Judicial Council

Changes in the boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences, under the Constitution, can be made by the General Confer-

ence only upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences of each of the Jurisdictional Conferences involved. (Paragraph 28, Article III, the *Discipline*.)

The Secretary of the General Conference has furnished to the Judicial Council Certificates from a majority of the Annual Conferences of these two Jurisdictions showing that this proposed change in boundaries has received the approval of these Annual Conferences in both the Central Jurisdiction and the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Since the procedure provided in the Constitution for the making of changes in the boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences has been fully complied with, it is the decision of the Judicial Council that the above quoted action of the General Conference changing the boundaries of the Central Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church is constitutional.

May 6, 1948.

56

In Re: Change of West Texas Annual Conference Boundaries, Constitutionality of Report No. 4 Committee on Conferences, General Conference 1948

DIGEST OF CASE

Under the Constitutional provisions contained in Paragraph 8, Section 12, *Discipline* 1944, the General Conference may change the boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences only by consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences in each Jurisdiction as therein prescribed. Accordingly any legislation attempted by General Conference without complying with these provisions is invalid.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the General Conference of May 6, 1948, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Conferences, Serial Number 74, *Daily Christian Advocate*, Page 193, was adopted, and immediately thereafter was referred by the proper vote to the Judicial Council to determine its constitutionality.

The report so adopted was as follows:

"Amend Part IX, Chapter II, Section III, Paragraph 1784 of the 1944 *Discipline*, deleting the last two words which are 'and Arizona' so that Paragraph 1784 amended shall read:

"West Texas Conference shall embrace the Negro work in that part of Texas which is not included in the Texas Conference of this Jurisdiction, and shall include any Negro mission work that may be established in New Mexico."

Decision of the Judicial Council

The legal effect of this proposal would be to change Annual Conference and Jurisdictional Conference boundaries by allocating to the territory of the Southern California-Ari-

zona Conference of the Western Jurisdiction, a Negro church or churches heretofore included in the West Texas Conference of the Central Jurisdiction.

The definite provisions which must be fully complied with in order to change boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences are found in the Constitution of The Methodist Church. See Paragraph 8, Article IV, Section 12, and Paragraph 28, Article III. These provisions distinctly provide that no such change may be effected without the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences of each Jurisdiction involved.

As this present procedure represented by Committee on Conferences Report No. 4, does not comply with the foregoing Constitutional provisions, the decision of the Judicial Council is that this legislation is invalid.
May 6, 1948.

57

In Re: Fixing Boundaries of Episcopal Areas, Constitutionality of Provision Requiring Consent of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy

DIGEST OF CASE

An amendment to Paragraph 440, *Discipline* 1944 which would require the consent of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy for fixing boundaries of Episcopal areas, is unconstitutional, as this power is reserved to the Bishops as a part of Episcopal administration under the Constitution.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the evening session of the General Conference on May 5, 1948, the Conference adopted Serial Report No. 51, being Report No. 4 of the Committee on Ministry, which is as follows:

"Part III, Section VI, Paragraph 440 shall have added, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH, AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY and shall be amended to read as follows:

"Paragraph 440. Each Jurisdictional Conference may fix the Episcopal residences within its Jurisdiction and assign the Bishops of the same. The Bishops of the Jurisdiction shall fix the boundaries of the Episcopal areas, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH, AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY."

Following the adoption of this Report the question of its constitutionality was raised, and by vote of the required number of the General Conference, was referred to the Judicial Council for a determination of its constitutionality. It is therefore properly before the Judicial Council for consideration.

Decision of the Judicial Council

Division Three of the Constitution deals with Episcopacy. Article I of that Division (Paragraph 34 of the *Discipline* of 1944) says:

"Article I. There shall be an Episcopacy in the Methodist Church of like plan, powers, privileges, and duties as now exist in the Methodist Episcopal Church and The Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

In The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, both law and practice committed to the Bishops of the Church the responsibility for planning and carrying out the Episcopal supervision of the Annual Conferences. In the *Discipline* of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for 1934, under Section I of Article Three, Question 5 reads: "What are the duties of a Bishop?" Answer 8, being Paragraph 131 of that issue of the *Discipline*, reads in part as follows:

"To provide, as far as possible, a uniform policy of administration, so as to secure true Church leadership."

No authority was granted to any other group or individual to plan this Episcopal administration.

In the *Discipline* of The Methodist Episcopal Church for 1936, Chapter V of the Appendix is entitled Episcopal Supervision. Paragraph 1531 says in part:

"Presidential Supervision is entirely in the control of the Bishops." Section 5 of this same Paragraph speaks of the assigning of Bishops to residences by the Committee on Episcopacy of the General Conference, but no other limitation is placed on the power of the Bishops to plan and to control the Area system of Episcopal Supervision.

Thus it would seem that the historic definition of the powers of Episcopacy includes the right to plan Area Boundaries and thus to provide for adequate Presidential Supervision of the Annual Conferences.

Article IV of Division Three of the Constitution of The Methodist Church (Paragraph 37 of the *Discipline* of 1944) provides:

"The Bishops of each Jurisdictional and Central Conference shall arrange the plan of Episcopal Supervision of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions within their respective territories."

The meaning of this Paragraph becomes clear when we ask what activities the words, "arrange the plan of Episcopal Supervision," include. It does not include the fixing of boundaries, for the boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conferences are fixed by the General Conference Par. 8, Art. IV, Section 12), with the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences in each Jurisdictional Conference involved; and the boundaries of the Annual Conferences are fixed by the Jurisdictional Conference (Par. 15, Art. V, Section 4). The Jurisdictional Conference and the Annual Conferences are fixed units with which the Bishops must deal in arranging a plan for Episcopal Supervision. The maximum number

of Bishops in a Jurisdiction is determined by the General Conference (Par. 439). Therefore the plan referred to must be the plan for grouping the Annual Conferences and arranging for their Residential and Presidential Supervision by the number of Bishops available.

In implementing the plan of Episcopal Supervision arranged by the Bishops of a Jurisdiction, a Jurisdictional Conference may assign the individual Bishops of the Jurisdiction to residences, but no power is conferred by the Constitution upon a Jurisdictional Conference to modify the plan that the Bishops may devise for Episcopal Supervision. The authority conferred on the Jurisdictional Conference by Par. 15, Art. V, Sec. 5, "To make rules and regulations for the administration of the work of the Church within the Jurisdiction, subject to such powers as have been or shall be vested in the General Conferences," cannot abrogate the power clearly conferred on the Bishops by Article IV of Division Three, Paragraph 37, *Discipline* 1948.

It is within the right of the General Conference to request the Bishops to consult with the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy regarding the formation of Episcopal areas or to consider the recommendations of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, as has been done in Par. 532 of the *Discipline* of 1944, but it may not abrogate the powers of the Bishops at this point.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Ministry, amending Par. 440 of the *Discipline* of 1944, so as to require the consent of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy for the fixing of the boundaries of the Episcopal areas, is therefore unconstitutional.

May 6, 1948.

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In Re: Special Act of General Conference Concerning Ordination of Elders in Germany Central Conference

DIGEST OF CASE

Under the Constitution, the General Conference has unlimited authority, *inter alia*, to define and fix the qualifications of elders and deacons, and accordingly a special act of the General Conference prescribing that in the Germany Central Conference the ordination of an elder may take the place of ordination as a deacon, and that the ordination as a deacon may be omitted, is constitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a session of the General Conference on May 7, 1948, there was adopted, on a memorial presented by the Germany Central Conference, Report No. 21, Committee on Ministry, Serial No. 157, *Daily*

Christian Advocate, page 271, which amended Paragraph 579, *Discipline* 1944, relating to the ordination of ministers in a Central Conference by adding thereto the following: "or that the ordination of an elder may take the place of the ordination as deacon, and the ordination as deacon be omitted." The Report was amended so that it applies only to Germany Central Conference, and not to all Central Conferences. See *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages 418, 419. It was therefore enacted as special legislation only for Germany Central Conference.

The General Conference immediately after the adoption of the report, by the proper vote, referred this action to the Judicial Council to determine its constitutionality.

Decision of the Judicial Council

According to Par. 8, Art. IV, Sec. 2 of the Constitution, the General Conference has authority "To define and fix the qualifications and duties of elders, deacons, supply preachers, local preachers, exhorters, and deaconesses."

Section 14 of Par. 8, Art. IV provides that the General Conference has the authority "To enact such other legislation as may be necessary subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the Church."

Since there is no constitutional limitation on the power of the General Conference in this matter, this act, therefore, is constitutional.

Dissenting Opinion

J. Stewart French dissents on the ground that The Methodist Church recognizes two orders in the ministry, deacons and elders, and neither may be omitted, nor one substituted for the other without doing violence to the historic position of The Methodist Church regarding ministerial orders. H. R. Van Deusen joins in this dissent. May 6, 1948.

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In Re: Constitutionality of Affirmations of Faith

DIGEST OF DECISION

The Judicial Council has no jurisdiction to determine constitutionality of Affirmations of Faith.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a session of the General Conference May 6, 1948, on motion of Chester A. Smith, a Resolution was adopted as follows: "Resolved that there be submitted to the Judicial Council the following question: Was the action of the General Conference of 1944 in approving the second and third Affirmations of Faith as part of the Orders of Worship a violation of the constitution?" See *Discipline* 1944, pages 420 and 421.

The argument of the proponent as found on page 364, *Daily Christian Advocate* 1948, was that these Affirmations of Faith contravene the Articles of Religion which are a part of the Constitution.

Decision of the Judicial Council

It is the opinion of the Judicial Council that the Judicial Council was not set up as an interpreter of doctrine but as an interpreter of law from the strictly legal standpoint. Therefore we cannot see that any question of constitutionality is involved in the foregoing resolution and we accordingly hold that the Council has no jurisdiction over the subject matter therein contained.
May 7, 1948.

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In Re: Constitutionality of Clause in Par. 607, *Discipline* 1944, As to Election of Delegates to Jurisdictional Conferences by Provisional Annual Conferences

DIGEST OF DECISION

That portion of Paragraph 607, *Discipline* 1944, reading "and they (Provisional Annual Conferences) may elect one ministerial and one lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference" is unconstitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a session of the General Conference on May 7, 1948, Report No. 20, Committee on Conferences, Serial No. 207, *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages 279, 280, as amended, was adopted, and by vote of the General Conference, the Judicial Council was requested to determine the constitutionality of a portion of Paragraph 607, *Discipline* 1944. For a more complete statement as to the question involved, see Report No. 20 as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and also discussion of same, *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 383.

Decision of the Judicial Council

Report No. 20, Committee on Conferences, presented to the General Conference at the morning session on May 7, 1948, raised the question of the constitutionality of one clause in Paragraph 607, *Discipline* 1944, respecting the right of Provisional Annual Conferences to elect delegates to the Jurisdictional Conferences to which they belong.

Sec. 5 of this Report stated the doubt of the General Conference in these words: "If it is now unconstitutional, certain of the delegates who have been elected to forthcoming Jurisdictional Conferences are not qualified to be seated and should be informed as soon as possible."

By a vote of 627 to none the legislative portion of Report No. 20 was adopted. The question of constitutionality was then referred to the Judicial Council by a vote of the required number of the members of the General Conference. The question is therefore properly before the Judicial Council for determination.

It is evident on the basis of the clear language of the Constitution, as interpreted by the Judicial Council in a previous case, "In Re: Election of Delegates to Jurisdictional Conferences by Mission Conferences" May 2, 1940 (See Judicial Council Decision 5), that the clause in Par. 607 reading: "and they [Provisional Annual Conferences] may elect one ministerial and one lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conferences" is unconstitutional, and that elections held under the supposed authority of this clause are not valid. May 7, 1948.

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**In Re: The Appeal of the Council of Bishops to the
a Declaratory Decision as to the Status
of a Central Conference Bishop
Who Fails of Re-election**

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

A Central Conference Bishop whose term of office expires and he is not re-elected, is returned to membership in the Annual Conference of which he ceased to be a member when elected Bishop. His term of office expires at the close of the Central Conference at which his successor is elected, hence he would be entitled to participate as a Bishop in the consecration of his successor.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

D. D. Alejandro was elected a Bishop of the Philippines Central Conference for a term of four years with the privilege of re-election. He was not re-elected a Bishop of the Philippines Central Conference in 1948 when his term of office expired.

The matter properly comes before the Judicial Council at the request of the Council of Bishops for a Declaratory Decision as to the present status of Bishop D. D. Alejandro.

Decision of the Judicial Council

From the statement of facts accompanying the request coming from the Council of Bishops, it is clear that Bishop D. D. Alejandro was not retired by the Philippines Central Conference and it is, therefore, the Decision of the Judicial Council that upon the expiration of the term of office of D. D. Alejandro as Bishop of the Philippines Central Conference on November 14, 1948, the said D. D. Alejandro was no longer a Bishop but became a member of the Conference of which he ceased to be a member at the time of his election as Bishop. His term of office as Bishop expired at the close of the session of the Central Conference, and, therefore, he was fully entitled to participate in the consecration of the successor Philippines Central Conference Bishop. April 29, 1949.

**In Re: The Appeal of the Council of Bishops to the
Judicial Council Concerning the Constitution-
ality of Paragraph 901, Article 1 of the 1948
Discipline Which Reads, "Provided
However That as a Result of the
Election Each Jurisdiction Shall
Be Represented on the Council"**

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

The act of the 1948 General Conference adding to Paragraph 901, Article 1 of the 1948 *Discipline*, the following clause: "Provided however that as a result of the election each Jurisdiction shall be represented on the Council" is constitutional. The decision is based on the interpretation that same refers to the manner of election and does not constitute any member of the Judicial Council as the representative of any particular group, section, Area or Jurisdiction. The Judicial Council is a judicial tribunal, and not a representative body as such. The members are to be free from any sectional interests and to serve the entire Church. Any other interpretation of the act in question would render it wholly unconstitutional.

Decision of the Judicial Council

Under the authority of Paragraph 904 of the 1948 *Discipline* which reads "The Judicial Council shall determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops, etc.," the conditions having been met, the appeal is properly before the Judicial Council.

Paragraph 42, Article 1, states: "There shall be a Judicial Council. The General Conference shall determine the number and qualifications of its members, their term of office, and the method of election, and the filling of vacancies."

The Judicial Council is not authorized to pass upon the wisdom or the unwisdom of the act included in Paragraph 901, Article 1, which was adopted by the General Conference in 1948. The Constitution does give authority (Paragraph 42, Article 1) to the General Conference to enact such legislation.

In this connection it is the decision of the Judicial Council that such a Council is in no way a representative body but is clearly a judicial tribunal under the plain provisions of the Constitution. The members must be left free from sectional or Jurisdictional interests. The Judicial Council concludes that the clause, "each Jurisdiction shall be represented on the Council," relates to the manner of selection of the members and does not constitute the members of the Judicial Council representatives of any group, section, Area, or

Jurisdiction. Any other interpretation of this term now under consideration would render it wholly unconstitutional.

It is, therefore, the decision of the Judicial Council that the action of the General Conference now before us for review was and is constitutional.

NOTE: J. Ernest Wilkins voluntarily refrained from participating in the discussion in connection with this matter and from voting on the decision.

April 29, 1949.

Dissenting Decision

When the present Methodist Church came into being in 1939 a form of Church organization was set up quite distinct from that existing previously in the constituent Methodist bodies, inasmuch as it was based on a written Constitution. This written Constitution became a sacred compact between the then contracting parties, and must be strictly adhered to now by the United Church.

This Constitution set up three branches of Government, the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial, and to each branch of Government were granted certain powers with certain limitations. In the prior Church polity we were familiar with the Executive and the Legislative branches, but the Judicial was distinctly new, except for a short period in the M. E. Church, South from 1934 to 1939. Under the new form of Constitutional Church Government, this Judicial branch became highly essential, as it was granted the determination of all Constitutional questions, particularly whether any enactment of the Legislative branch contravenes the provisions of the Constitution.

The construction of Constitution is the peculiar province of the Courts, and to the Courts belongs the final decision. A Constitution should be construed as fundamental law and should be interpreted in such a manner as to carry out the broad general principles of the Government thereby set up, and must be so construed as to ascertain and give effect to the intent and purpose of the framers. The basic principle of construction is that, in ascertaining the meaning of a Constitution, it must be construed as a whole.

To arrive at any determination of this most important case, there should first be a very careful analysis of the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Judicial Council. It must be borne in mind that all the powers and the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council and all other matters relating to it are derived only from this Constitution, and that the General Conference has no right or power to enact any legislation relating thereto that is not in strict accord with the Constitution.

All these Constitutional provisions are contained in Division Four, Articles I, II and III, and a part of Article VII of Division Three. Therefore, any questions as to election of members of the Council or their powers, duties and procedure must be answered by a legal interpretation of these provisions, and these only.

The Constitutional provisions may be studied under three headings: (a) The composition of the Council, including method of election; (b) Powers and Duties; (c) Procedure.

(A) *Composition of Council.* The power to determine the number and "qualifications" of members, the terms of office and "Method of Election" is granted to the General Conference by Paragraph 42, *Discipline* 1948, being Article I of Division Four, of the Constitution. In enacting legislation pursuant to this provision the General Conference must act within the limits prescribed for any legislative body created by a written Constitution, so that any enactment which seeks to set down "qualifications of Members," or "Method of Election," must not do violence to any other provision of the Constitution, nor the Constitution as a whole.

(B) *Powers of Judicial Council* are specifically set forth in Article II, Division Four, of the Constitution (*Discipline* 1948, Paragraph 43), and the latter part of Paragraph 40. So far as these grants of power are specific, they cannot be altered by any action of the General Conference. Accordingly no legislation of the General Conference can add to nor take away any power granted by the Constitution, but simply implements such grants of powers. In addition to the specific powers so granted, the General Conference may confer on the Judicial Council "Other powers and duties" (Paragraph 43 [5]), which powers and duties of course must not conflict with the other provisions of the Constitution.

(C) *Procedure.* The Constitution further provides that the Judicial Council itself shall provide its own methods of organization and procedure. This grants to the Council the complete right to determine when and where it shall meet, as well as all other procedural matters such as adopting Rules of Court and the like.

It is, therefore, of great significance that our Church Constitution recognized a distinct separation of functions and powers of what in Civil Governments are generally known as the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judiciary. So far as our Church may be said to have any Executive Department this is represented by the *Episcopacy*, and the Legislative is represented by the *Conferences*, particularly the General Conference with the powers and duties therein prescribed. But by a new departure in Church law a distinct Department was created, "*The Judiciary*." The framers of this Constitution must be construed to have intended exactly what this purports to mean: that is to say, a separate Judicial branch of the Church, similar to the Judicial branch of Civil Governments, to be created and to function only in strict accord with the language of the Constitution.

By this questioned legislation the election of members of the Judicial Council is limited by the following clause, "pro-

vided, however, that as a result of the election each Jurisdiction shall be represented on the Council."

This limitation on qualification is basically unsound, and although it may not conflict with any specific clause of the Constitution, yet it is in conflict with the spirit of the provisions of the Constitution setting up a Judicial Council. The basic fallacy of course is assuming that the Judicial Council is a "representative" body as evidenced by the use of the word "represented" on the Council.

The Legislative branch and the Judicial branch of any Government are never constituted on the same basis. In any Government of a democratic nature, the Legislative branch should be so constituted as to be representative of the different elements composing the electorate.

However, a Court of Law is not set up to legislate or to take any action that reflects the wishes (or the whims) of the Electorate or any part thereof. A Court, particularly a Supreme Court, has no jurisdiction to frame laws, but only to interpret them. It does not recognize any part of the constituency as being entitled to any favor or any special consideration, except only as provided by the Constitution and legislation enacted in conformity therewith.

If this erroneous representative principle should be applied to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the highest courts of the States, we would see attempts being made for representation from every minority and pressure group, so that in the end the great majority might have only minority representation.

If the framers of our Constitution had intended that a Jurisdiction was to be "represented" on the Judicial Council, they would have provided for the election of such "representative" by the Jurisdictional Conference, as certainly one Jurisdiction has no right to elect the "representative" of any other Jurisdiction.

It is to be noted that the majority opinion in this case, at least by inference, indicates that this legislation is unwise and to be deprecated. The proponents seek to justify this on the ground that the General Conference was granted the right to determine the "qualifications" of the members of the Judicial Council, and to determine the method of election.

As to the test of "qualifications" it is submitted that this has no basis in law. By Bouvier's Law Dictionary, page 2776, "Qualification" is defined as relating to the fitness or capacity of a party for a particular purpose or profession. In 51 Corpus Juris III, "Qualification" as applied to persons means eligibility or fitness, or as a requisite to election to office and refers to capacity, eligibility or fitness for place,

office or employment such as education, age, and citizenship.

Thus it appears that as a "qualification" for election to the Judicial Council, the General Conference may prescribe age limits, educational attainments, or other personal matters including status as a minister or layman. However, even if by some stretch of definition this be extended to cover a "qualification" based upon membership in any Conference, area or Jurisdiction, yet the fatal fact in this case is that it was not so enacted, but was enacted so that a Jurisdiction be "represented" on the Council. Therefore, the very language of this legislation negatives this argument.

Furthermore, as to the "Method of Election," it is to be noted that members of the Judicial Council are elected as prescribed by Paragraph 901, without the new proviso. When the election ends and certain persons are elected, the election has been finished and the status of those elected is fixed. But the new proviso declares that "as a result of the election each Jurisdiction shall be represented on the Council."

This proviso then is not intended to become effective until the election is completed, and certain members having received the highest votes are declared elected. But how is this new proviso to be enforced if it refers to residence of members? Who are to be declared to be illegally on the Council—one of the newly elected ministers, or a newly elected layman, or one of the older members whose term will expire before those of the new members? Or is the whole election void? It stands to reason that an elected member cannot be declared ineligible because of his residence, nor can he be removed because other members are not scattered as to residence. In other words, this new proviso is meaningless, and cannot be enforced. Accordingly on this ground also it is unconstitutional and void.

It is to be regretted that the Constitutionality of this legislation was not raised at the 1948 General Conference session, before any election thereunder, so that there could have been a more complete and timely discussion and understanding of the whole matter. But to quote from an opinion by Mr. Justice Frankfurter in a recent case in the U. S. Supreme Court, we may say that "wisdom too often never comes, and so one ought not to reject it merely because it comes late." Therefore it seems we would be compounding error if we did not now sound a warning to future General Conferences indicating the limitations within which they may attempt to usurp powers not granted by the Constitution.

If this proposition has such merit that it should be made a part of our basic law, the way is open for an amendment to the Constitution by due process, but such an important

matter should never be enacted merely by a majority vote of a General Conference.

Legislative bodies, including General Conferences, are notoriously subject to influence by sympathies and passing emotions which leads to unwise action. It is for that very purpose that Constitutional limitations are laid down. Accordingly it seems that the Judicial Council is failing to do its duty to the Church by not maintaining a firm position in such cases.

Therefore after careful study of our Constitution as a whole, with its historic background, and interpreting it from all four corners, the only logical conclusion is that this questioned legislation be declared unconstitutional.

H. R. VAN DEUSEN

M. E. Lawson concurs in the foregoing dissenting decision.

April 29, 1949.

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In Re: Ruling by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam at the Troy Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, April 22, 1949, Relative to the Right of a Local Church to Designate All Funds Received on World Service and Annual Conference Benevolences to World Service Alone and None to Annual Conference Agencies

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

Designated gifts under Paragraph 775 of the 1944 *Discipline* (Paragraph 745 of the 1948 *Discipline*) are subject to the settled and established plan that contributions for the cause of "World Service and Conference Benevolences" by a charge shall first be divided on the ratio prescribed by the Annual Conference.

Only that portion of such contributions allocated under the Conference ratio to World Service can be designated to World Service projects; and only that portion of such contributions allocated under the Conference ratio to Conference Benevolences can be designated to Conference Benevolence projects.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Mr. Harry N. Van Antwerp, a lay member of the Troy Annual Conference and a member of the Third Avenue Methodist Church of Watervliet, New York, made the following request for a Ruling from the Bishop at the Troy Annual Conference in session at Saratoga Springs, New York, April 8, 1948:

"The Third Avenue Methodist Church of Watervliet, on the authority of Paragraph 775 of the 1944 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, elected to designate the causes to which their World Service contributions should go, namely, to the approved program of the World Service Agencies, none to the Troy Conference Benevolences.

"Inasmuch as the Treasurer of the Troy Annual Conference refuses to accept these checks so designated on accredited Benevolences, the Third Avenue Methodist Church of Watervliet and the writer request a Ruling from the Bishop as to who is in error: the Third Avenue Church or the Conference Treasurer, and whether or not Paragraph 775 means what it says in English or not.

"To make the issue clear; we insist that the clear meaning of the language of Paragraph 775 permits either church or individual to do exactly what we did, and that the Conference Treasurer is in conflict with the *Discipline* in refusing our checks designated for accepted World Service Benevolences only, and that we are within our rights in asking for credit on Benevolent Askings."

Ruling of the Bishop

The Third Avenue Methodist Church of Watervliet, New York, did not have the right to designate all receipts on World Service and Annual Conference Benevolences solely to World Service Agencies and none to Troy Annual Conference Agencies by vote of its Quarterly Conference after the every-member canvass had been made.

Bishop Oxnam presented in connection with this ruling an able statement of the case and brief on the law applicable to the situation, which, for the sake of brevity, is not repeated here, as the main features of same are included in the following:

Decision of the Judicial Council

The above quoted ruling having been requested in writing in a session of the Annual Conference and the ruling thereon having been officially reported to the Judicial Council by the Bishop making the ruling (the Journal of the Conference not yet having been printed) such ruling is now legally before the Judicial Council for review under the Constitution (Paragraph 43 of the 1948 *Discipline*) and laws (Paragraph 909 of the 1948 *Discipline*) of The Methodist Church.

There is and has been for years confusion concerning the interpretation of the Disciplinary provisions relating to designated gifts. Paragraph 745 of the *Discipline*, standing alone, adds to that confusion. It cannot be properly interpreted, however, except in relation to the other Paragraphs of the *Discipline* relating to World Service and Conference Benevolences.

The question here propounded involves an official interpretation of the meaning of Paragraph 745 of the 1948 *Discipline*. The Quarterly Conference of Watervliet Charge, Troy Conference, N. Y., interpreted it to mean that it could direct all contributions of its membership for benevolent causes to those causes represented by the General Conference World Service Agencies to the total exclusion of all causes represented by Conference Benevolences. Bishop Oxnam's ruling

is to the effect that this cannot be done; that there must be a distribution of such funds between World Service administered by the General Conference Agencies and the Annual Conference Benevolences.

In the opinion of the Judicial Council, Bishop Oxnam's interpretation is correct. Through numerous acts the General Conference has, for the mutual protection of both classes of Benevolences, established a firm fixed policy of equitable distribution of such funds.

Paragraphs 731 to 733 state a basic plan for Church Finance. It provides for a Budget including both *World Service* and *Conference Benevolences*.

Paragraphs 782 to 787 provide how the Budget is to be set up. It is to be a combined Budget for *World Service* and *Conference Benevolences*. It is to be distributed by such divisions and ratios as the Conference may approve. It may be distributed by the Annual Conference to the Districts or direct to the several charges in the Conference.

Paragraph 261 (1948 *Discipline*) provides that this combined Budget for *World Service* and *Conference Benevolences* shall be presented and explained in detail to the congregation in the local charge, and makes it the special duty of certain officials to see that this is done. Then at the First or Second Quarterly Conference an acceptance is to be made. It may be the exact amount that has been apportioned to the charge by the Annual Conference or by the District Stewards "for *World Service* and *Conference Benevolences*," or it may be less or it may be more. "The amount voted by the Quarterly Conference shall be the amount assumed by the charge for *this cause*," to-wit *World Service* and *Conference Benevolences*.

Paragraph 264 makes it the duty of the Official Board or Board of Stewards to provide a Budget including this combined apportionment for "*World Service* and *Conference Benevolences*."

Paragraph 791 makes it the duty of the Conference Treasurer to "divide the total amount thus received, setting aside the proper amount for *World Service* and the proper amount for *Conference Benevolences*."

In Paragraph 268 the same safeguard is thrown around the Fourth Sunday offerings. They, too, must be divided on the approved Conference ratio between *World Service* and *Conference Benevolences*.

Since the General Conference has so meticulously set up a definite uniform fixed policy by a mass of legislation, it is hardly conceivable that by this one Paragraph (Paragraph 745 1948 *Discipline*) it intended to jeopardize this plan or either of the causes so combined in the plan. It is, therefore,

the decision of the Judicial Council that Paragraph 745 of the *Discipline* means that within the limits of the respective proportions of such funds raised for World Service and Conference Benevolences the charge or the individual donors may make designations to specific projects. The part of the fund set aside by the Conference ratio to *World Service* may be designated to World Service projects approved by the General Conference Agency. The part of the fund set aside to *Conference Benevolences* may be designated to Conference Benevolence projects approved by the Conference Agency administering same. The whole amount of the combined offering for *World Service* and *Conference Benevolences* cannot be designated either for World Service projects or to Conference Benevolence projects.

Accordingly, the ruling of Bishop Oxnam that "the Third Avenue Methodist Church of Watervliet, New York, did not have the right to designate all receipts on 'World Service and Conference Benevolences' solely to World Service Agencies and none to Troy Annual Conference agencies," is affirmed. April 29, 1949.

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Episcopal Decision By Bishop Clare Purcell Concerning Legality of Action of Upper South Carolina Annual Conference Relating to Transfer of Lander College to the Lander Foundation

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

An Annual Conference can dispose of by gift to a non-denominational body, a College owned and controlled by it even though same has been built by private donations; PROVIDED that if there should be assets belonging to the College made in consideration of its remaining a Methodist college under the control and management of the Annual Conference, the disposition of such particular assets would be a matter of property rights and controlled by civil law, over which property rights the Judicial Council would probably have no jurisdiction.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

(Taken from the Journal of the Upper South Carolina Conference)
Near the end of the special session of the Upper South Carolina Annual Conference at Columbia College, Columbia, S. C., Monday, June 21, 1948, the following request for a ruling was made by the gentlemen whose names are signed thereto:

"To the Presiding Bishop

Upper South Carolina Annual Conference
Columbia College, Columbia, S. C.

"We respectfully request from the presiding Bishop of the Called

Session of the Annual Conference meeting at Columbia College June 21, 1948, a ruling on the legality of the action of the Upper South Carolina Annual Conference meeting at Main Street Methodist Church, Columbia, S. C., Nov. 18, 1947, in regard to the action taken relative to the transfer of Lander College and its assets to the community of Greenwood, S. C.

(Signed) B. L. KILGO
E. R. MASON

Ministerial members of the Upper
South Carolina Annual Conference."

The action taken by the Upper South Carolina Annual Conference on November 18, 1947, was as follows:

I. The Educational Policy of South Carolina Methodism shall be as follows:

1. Wofford shall be maintained as a standard "A" Grade college, for men primarily, but it may become co-educational, if there is a demand for this, and when the Board of Trustees shall have provided for such a change.

2. Columbia College shall be maintained as a standard "A" Grade college for women.

3. That Lander College, its campus, and all its assets be offered as a gift to the Greenwood community. In the event the Greenwood city or county government or some other responsible agency representing the community agrees to accept the college, the following conditions and reservations be set forth in behalf of the Annual Conference or Conferences in South Carolina:

a. The property and assets of Lander College may be used by the agency representing the Greenwood community only as long as they are used exclusively for educational purposes. Under no circumstances may the property or assets of Lander College be disposed of without the consent of the Annual Conference or Conferences of The Methodist Church, Southeastern Jurisdiction, in South Carolina.

b. The name "Lander" may be used as long as the institution is operated as a standard four-year college. In the event the controlling agency should proceed to operate the college on a lower academic level (a junior college, for instance), the name "Lander" must be immediately surrendered.

c. The title to the property and the ownership of all assets of Lander College shall remain with the Annual Conference or Conferences of The Methodist Church, Southeastern Jurisdiction, in South Carolina until such time as the college shall become fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. If and when Lander is so accredited, the Church agrees to surrender all claims upon the property and endowed assets of the college within one year of the date of accreditation. In the event of Lander's failure to attain full accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools within ten years of the date of the acceptance of this proposal by the Greenwood community, this contract shall become null and void and the Church shall be free to dispose of the college and its assets (excepting those legally controlled by other agencies) in any way that may seem proper and fitting.

4. That in the event of the rejection on the part of the Greenwood community of the offer set forth in section 3 by June 15, 1948, the Lander property shall be sold to the best possible advantage and that all assets of this institution be equally divided between the two remaining Methodist Colleges in South Carolina.

II. All the institutions named above shall remain for the time being at least, in their respective places of present location.

III. All of these two institutions shall be under the control and

management of one President, or Chancellor, and of one Board of Trustees, consisting of 13 members. Each institution shall be under the local management and direction of a Dean, Headmaster, Principal, or President, working in accord with, and under the direction of the above-mentioned President, or Chancellor, and Board of Trustees.

IV. That South Carolina Methodism shall immediately enter upon a campaign to raise not less than \$1,000,000.00 for the better development of the two above-named institutions. The proceeds from this campaign shall be divided between the two institutions in the following ratio: Wofford \$600,000.00 and Columbia College \$400,000.00.

The presiding Bishop and the Cabinets of the two Conferences are requested to select and appoint a Commission of seven to organize, launch and direct the said campaign.

The above action was taken in adjourned sessions of both the South Carolina and the Upper South Carolina Conferences on November 18, 1947. Pursuant to this action the Campaign Commission of Seven was appointed.

On request of the two Conferences, the presiding Bishop also appointed a Committee of Five to act as a liaison with representatives of the Greenwood community consisting of the following: H. O. Chambers, George K. Way, J. H. Kohler, W. D. Gleaton, and F. T. Cunningham. These gentlemen accordingly met with representatives of the Greenwood community and signed an agreement with them embodying the above conditions of the transfer. At subsequent called sessions of the two Annual Conferences held at Columbia College on June 21, 1948, the agreement was approved and a Resolution was passed in each of the Conferences requesting the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to give its consent to the transfer proposed in the Resolution adopted November 18, 1947. This was done to meet the requirements of Paragraph 541 of the 1944 *Discipline*.

Rev. B. L. Kilgo and Rev. E. R. Mason who requested the ruling on the legality of the action of the Conference in its adjourned session last November 18, 1947, stated that their request was based upon their interpretation of Paragraph 541 of the 1944 *Discipline*, which is as follows:

"541. No invested funds, fiduciary trusts, or property acquired by bequest, donation, or otherwise, for specific objects within the boundaries of an Annual Conference or Conferences may be diverted to other purposes except by the consent of the Annual Conference or Conferences involved and with the consent of the Jurisdictional Conference or Conferences concerned, and civil courts approval when necessary: . . .

Provided, moreover, that trust funds may not be divided or diverted to other purposes than for the specific objects for which donated, even with the consent of the Annual Conferences or Jurisdictional Conferences, unless the said Conferences are the beneficiaries of said trust fund or control them."

Ruling of the Bishop

The Bishop presiding when the request for this ruling was made has serious doubt that he should entertain the request. It should be noted that the request was not made in the session of the Conference which took the action in question. That session of the Conference was an adjourned session and was duly adjourned sine die on November 18, 1947. The session of the Conference in which the request for a ruling was made was a *special session* held on June 21, 1948, more than

seven months later. (See Paragraph 40.) In the meantime the Committee of Five had already entered into agreements with the Greenwood agency for the operation of Lander College. The agency is "The Lander Foundation" and they have employed a President and faculty and have made numerous other commitments. It would, therefore, appear that the request for a ruling at this late day should be dismissed. Furthermore this request is tantamount to a motion for reconsideration which certainly would have been ruled out of order.

Assuming, however, that the request is in order, the Bishop's decision is that the action taken by the Upper South Carolina Annual Conference in adjourned session at Columbia, S. C., November 18, 1947, was entirely legal and well within the provisions of Paragraph 541 of the 1944 *Discipline*.

The only part of Paragraph 541 on which the question of legality could be raised is the final provision that trust funds may not be divided or diverted to other purposes than for the specific objects for which donated, even with the consent of Annual Conferences or Jurisdictional Conferences, *UNLESS the said Conferences are the beneficiaries of said trust funds or control them*.

The charge of illegality is based upon a misinterpretation of the above provision. The plaintiffs assume that the proviso means that trust funds cannot be diverted from their original purpose unless the Conference *REMAIN* the beneficiaries or *CONTINUE* to control said trust funds. If this were the meaning of the proviso, a Conference could not give away trust funds if it did not keep them—a *reductio ad absurdum*. Being a beneficiary or being in control of these funds is a *precedent* and not a *subsequent* condition of Conference prerogative. The proviso means exactly what it says—that the Conference cannot divert something of which it is not the beneficiary or controlling agent *at the time of the diversion* and not after.

Even though it might be shown that there exist certain funds or trusts which were *donated for specific objects*, this could not nullify the over-all action of the Conference in beginning the process by which Lander College can be transferred to the "Lander Foundation" in the future—possibly ten years—when certain other conditions have been met. It could only prevent the transfer of such funds which were *donated for specific objects*, and it could not prevent the transfer of the property and other assets not included in funds donated for specific objects. Moreover, there is no evidence that any funds exist as having been donated for specific objects among the assets of Lander College.

The claim has been made that the action of the Conference November 18, 1947, was illegal because the Jurisdictional Conference had not given its consent prior to action by the Annual Conference. This position is untenable because the agreements made between the Committee of Five and approved by the Annual Conferences are contingent upon two things: (1) approval by the Jurisdictional Conference, which approval has been requested by the Annual Conferences in South Carolina, and (2) the fulfillment of certain specific obligations by the "Lander Foundation"—such as maintaining an institution and for educational purposes only; it must be a standard "A" Grade four-year college and not a junior college; it must be fully accredited within ten years. "The title to the property and the ownership of all assets of Lander College will remain with the Annual Conference or Conferences of The Methodist Church, Southeastern Jurisdiction, in South Carolina until such time as the college shall become fully accredited. . . ." It is clear that the action of the Conference on November 18, 1947, was only the initial step by which the College could within the next ten years be transferred to the "Lander Foundation." To deny an Annual Conference the right to make this beginning would be to disregard a fundamental right. Such denial would nullify the purpose of Paragraph 541 which is to provide a method by which an Annual Conference may legally divest itself of trust funds even though they were donated for specific objects. The next step in this process will be the action of the Jurisdictional Conference as requested by the Annual Conferences. To say that the Conferences could not proceed in the making of a contract until the Jurisdictional Conference approved is another *reductio ad absurdum*. No Jurisdictional Conference could or would approve a contract not previously approved by the contracting parties. The language of Paragraph 541 presupposes subsequent and not antecedent approval by the Jurisdictional Conference.

In the light of the above considerations it is the decision of the undersigned that the action of the Upper South Carolina Annual Conference relative to the transfer of Lander College and its assets to representatives of the Greenwood Community.—viz., "The Lander Foundation—" was and is legal.

(Signed) CLARE PURCELL, *Presiding Bishop*

Upper South Carolina Annual Conference

June 26, 1948.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The above quoted request for a decision by the Bishop

and the decision thereon having been made in open session of the Upper South Carolina Annual Conference and duly recorded in the Journal of said Conference, such decision by Bishop Clare Purcell is now legally before the Judicial Council for review under the Constitution of The Methodist Church (Article II, Subsection 3, Division Four of the Plan of Union. Paragraph 43, Subsection 3 of the 1948 *Discipline*).

The principal objection urged against the decision of the Bishop is based on the last paragraph of Paragraph 541 of the 1948 *Discipline* which reads as follows:

"Provided, moreover, that trust funds may not be divided or diverted to other purposes than for the specific objects for which donated, even with the consent of the Annual Conferences or Jurisdictional Conferences, unless the said Conferences are the beneficiaries of said trust funds or control them."

The written record is silent on the question of whether or not there are trust funds on hand now in connection with Lander College donated to Lander College or to the Annual Conference on the specific condition that it remain a Methodist College under the control of the South Carolina Annual Conferences. The Bishop in his opinion makes the following statement:

"Moreover, there is no evidence that any funds exist as having been donated for specific objects among the assets of Lander College."

If the Bishop's assumption in this respect is correct, then the clause out of Paragraph 541 quoted above is not applicable in this case. Furthermore, all other provisions of Paragraph 541 having been complied with, we approve the statement in the Bishop's ruling reading as follows:

"Even though it might be shown that there exist certain funds or trusts which were donated for specific objects, this could not nullify the over-all action of the Conference in beginning the process by which Lander College can be transferred to the 'Lander Foundation' in the future—possibly ten years—when certain other conditions have been met. It could only prevent the transfer of such funds which were donated for specific objects, and it could not prevent the transfer of the property and other assets not included in funds donated for specific objects."

In affirming the ruling of the Bishop, the Judicial Council is not bound by his reasoning. With some of his reasoning the Judicial Council is in disagreement. But assuming that there are no trust funds now on hand in connection with Lander College, donated on condition that said College remain the property of and under the control of the South

Carolina Annual Conference, the decision of Bishop Purcell that "the action of the Upper South Carolina Conference relative to the transfer of Lander College and its assets to representatives of the Greenwood Community—viz., 'The Lander Foundation'—was and is legal" is hereby affirmed.

But if there be among the assets of Lander College donations made on conditions as above indicated then the disposition of those particular donations is a matter of property rights controlled strictly by civil law, over which matter the Judicial Council would probably have no jurisdiction.

April 29, 1949.

Dissent

I am unable, for the first time, to agree with my brethren. I must dissent.

Lander College has been in existence since 1903, as Lander College, succeeding Williamston Female College. On November 18, 1947, the South Carolina Conferences adopted a plan of education, expressed to be an educational policy. A part of that policy provided that Lander College, a corporation, its campus and all its assets be offered as a gift to the Greenwood City or County government, or some other responsible agency representing the community on certain conditions set out at length. It provided that the name "Lander" might be used as long as a standard four-year college was maintained. Otherwise the name "Lander" must be surrendered. It provided that the title to the property and ownership of all assets of Lander College "shall remain with the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church, Southeastern Jurisdiction, in South Carolina, until the college should become fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, at which time the Church agrees to surrender all claims upon the property and endowed assets." If it failed to be so accredited within ten years "the Church should be free to dispose of the college and its assets (excepting those legally controlled by other agencies) in any way." If such Greenwood organizations, or one of them, did not accept the gift on those terms, then provision was made to sell the property and divide the proceeds equally between the remaining two Methodist Colleges in South Carolina.

Answering a question in writing, Bishop Clare Purcell ruled that under Paragraph 541 of the 1944 *Discipline*, the action proposed was entirely legal. The only portion of that Paragraph that might be considered applicable is "Provided, moreover, that trust funds may not be divided or di-

verted to other purposes than for the specific objects for which donated, even with the consent of Annual Conferences, or Jurisdictional Conferences, unless the said Conferences are the beneficiaries of said trust funds, or control them."

On argument we were assured that no funds were held in trust but that Lander College owned all the property involved. However, the terms used in the proposal to give the property away such as "endowed assets" and "excepting those legally controlled by other agencies" rather leaves me in doubt.

Criticism might easily be made of these provisions, but I prefer to put my dissent solely on the ground that the Bishop who ruled as stated, had no jurisdiction to pass upon it, and that we have no jurisdiction in the premises.

The question is one of title to property. The title does not depend upon our construction of any Constitutional or Disciplinary Paragraph or Church law, but upon the laws of South Carolina. The title to property can only be settled by a civil court. In many states it would be decided in a Cy Pres action but South Carolina does not recognize that proceeding. It no doubt has courts administering equity that could reach and determine the issues. In any event, in my opinion, we have no such power.

In the majority opinion, it is said that if it should develop that there are trust funds held specially, they would not be affected but would remain subject to court action. In other words, the property upon which the proceeds of the trust would be used would be given away and the trust property hang in the air. You cannot harvest wheat with a combine that has been given away and removed.

I believe we should hold this matter to be for the civil courts, and not for this court.

When Paul was brought before Gallio, Deputy or Governor of Achaia, and a question of his violation of the laws of the Jews arose, the record (Acts 18, Verses 14 and 15) reads:

"14. And when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you;

"15. But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it, for I will be no judge on such matters"

I respectfully dissent.

MARTIN E. LAWSON.

April 29, 1949.

In Re: Decision of Hazen G. Werner Made in Lima District Conference

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

Terms and provisions set out in Paragraph 807 of the 1948 *Discipline* are defined or interpreted as follows:

(1) "At any regular session" means any session of an Annual Conference at which business is transacted.

(2) "Regular active itinerants," as used in said Paragraph, includes only effective members of the Annual Conference serving as pastors, and does not include District Superintendents and members of the Conference serving under special appointments.

(3) By "Basic" is meant the schedule of salaries to be paid pastors and supply pastors from a common treasury under any basic salary plan adopted by an Annual Conference; such salaries to be uniform, subject only to the variants allowed under said Paragraph 807. Such salaries may be augmented by pastoral charges as provided in Section 3, Paragraph 807.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Ohio Annual Conference at its 1948 session adopted a recommendation that there be created a Commission in that Conference to study the salary situation in the light of new legislation enacted by the 1948 General Conference, this legislation providing for the adoption of a *basic salary plan* as set forth in Paragraph 807 of the 1948 *Discipline*.

At a recent session of the Lima District Conference four questions, as follows, were propounded to Bishop Hazen G. Werner, presiding over the Ohio Area:

1. Does "at any regular session" enable a Conference to deny the franchise to those *necessarily* absent from the session?

2. Who are "regular active itinerants"?

3. How shall "basic" be interpreted?

4. Is this legislation applicable to District Superintendents?

These questions are based upon the following excerpts from Paragraph 807 of the 1948 *Discipline*.

"1. An Annual Conference may by a two-thirds majority vote at any regular session adopt a *basic salary plan* for the support of its active itinerants and supply pastors who are giving their full time to the ministry of the Church; . . .

"2. The basic salary plan shall provide an established salary schedule for the support of the regular active itinerants and supply pastors giving their full time to the ministry of the Church, which may allow for differences of living conditions, number of dependents in the family, and other variants." . . .

To these questions the Bishop made the following replies in the Lima District Conference:

"There need be no preclusion of the use of franchise on the part of any members of the Annual Conference when this issue is considered. Treasurers, secretaries, statisticians, and others have the privilege of voting and having their votes recorded similarly as in situations in which elections are being conducted for General and Jurisdictional delegates. It is altogether likely that the above would be notified in order that the franchise could be exercised. The Conference has a right to say that certain matters of business will be taken up at certain times. In fact, an agreed time for consideration of this issue would obviate any danger at this point.

"While this term 'regular, active itinerants' does not appear in the Constitution of the Church, nevertheless, it has been in common usage from the beginning of Methodism. The definition of the words is, 'specifically the system of rotation of the clergy practiced by The Methodist Church.'

"'Basic.'—The confusion here seems to arise because of the term: 'an established salary schedule.' The latter, however, lends itself to the interpretation of established, alterable by amendment as circumstances might require. 'Basic' itself has to do with what we mean by 'norm.'

"I do not find reference to 'the support for the several District Superintendents' in the Paragraph."

This decision having been made by the Bishop in a District Conference in conformity with the provisions of Paragraph 909 of the 1948 *Discipline* and having been properly certified to the Judicial Council, it is properly before the Judicial Council for determination.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The ruling of Bishop Werner, as above set out, is hereby affirmed with the following observations and modifications:

1. The question of adopting a basic salary system could be taken up at any session of the Annual Conference when business is being transacted. Such a matter being of great importance, however, interested parties should secure a Special Order of the Day to consider same.

2. Historically the term "regular active itinerant" has been understood to mean ministers admitted on trial or into full connection in an Annual Conference and who are serving under appointment by a Bishop.

As used in Paragraph 807 of the 1948 *Discipline*, it seems that the General Conference in dealing with the question of basic salary used the term "regular active itinerants" to include only effective members of the Annual Conference serving as pastors and not to include District Superintendents and members of the Conference serving under special appointment.

This is the interpretation the Judicial Council here gives to the term "regular active itinerants" as used in this particular legislation.

3. By the term "basic" as used in Paragraph 807 is meant the schedule of salaries to be paid to pastors and supply pastors out of a common treasury under any basic salary plan adopted by an Annual Conference. Such salaries are to be uniform, subject only to the variants allowed under said Paragraph 807. Such "basic" salaries may be augmented by pastoral charges as provided in Paragraph 807, Section 5.

4. District Superintendents, as indicated above in answer to question 2, are not included by the term "regular active itinerants" as used in this particular paragraph.

April 29, 1949.

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**In Re: Election of Conference Lay Leader
Bishop's Ruling—Kentucky Annual
Conference 1948**

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

The Judicial Council does not have jurisdiction to review the decision of a Bishop not requested or made in open session of an Annual or District Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

From the many documents and papers submitted and other relevant evidence in this case, we find the essential facts, stated as concisely as possible, to be as follows:

A. NOMINATION OF CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

In connection with the regular session of the Kentucky Annual Conference, at Richmond, Ky., on August 27, 1948, there was held a meeting of the Conference Board of Lay Activities. The total membership of the Board was 40, but only 18 attended. At this meeting a ballot was taken for nomination of Conference Lay Leader resulting in nine votes for Carl W. Haggard and eight votes for Marcus C. Redwine, and this was duly recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

B. CONFERENCE ACTION ON BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES NOMINATION

The record of the proceedings of the Kentucky Annual Conference, Saturday afternoon session, August 28, 1948 (See Journal Kentucky Conference 1948, page 34), shows the following:

"*Board of Lay Activities*, Marcus Redwine asked for a ruling on the number required to make a legal meeting of the Board of Lay Activities. Bishop Watkins discussed ordinary procedures and then ruled that on the day specified there was not a quorum present at the meeting of the Board of Lay Activities, and that the nomination to the Conference was not valid."

In a subsequent explanatory paper filed in this case, the Bishop stated the basis of his ruling to be that Rule 21 of the Standing Rules of the Kentucky Annual Conference provides "The rules of the preceding General Conference, insofar as they may apply, otherwise Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the procedure in the Annual Conference," and that according to these Rules no quorum was present at the meeting of the Board of Lay Activities on August 27, 1948, and, therefore, it was not a legal meeting.

Thereafter in answer to Disciplinary Question 14, "Who is elected Conference Lay Leader," it was recorded "No one."

C. SUSPENSION OF RULES, AND ELECTION OF CONFERENCE LAY LEADER.

Later in the same afternoon session of Conference, a motion was made, and carried to suspend Rule 21 of the Annual Conference. This was followed by a motion made and carried that the meeting of the Board of Lay Activities of the previous day be declared a legal meeting and its nomination for Lay Leader be placed before the Conference. The report of the Board then being read and Disciplinary Question No. 14 being again read, the Conference elected Carl W. Haggard as Conference Lay Leader.

D. PETITION TO PRESIDING BISHOP

On the following day, Sunday, August 29, at the closing session of the Conference, while the appointments were being read, but after a motion to adjourn sine die, a paper was delivered to the Conference Secretary, which paper was intended as a request for Bishop's ruling

on the action of the Conference of the preceding day, or in the alternative, to act as an appeal to the Judicial Council on the whole record. There is no record of this petition in the Conference Journal.

E. BISHOP'S DECISION

However, as a subsequent date, to wit, September 20, 1948, the Presiding Bishop prepared a paper which appears on page 130 of the Conference Journal. In brief, this restated the issue on which a decision was requested as follows: "Was the act of the Kentucky Annual Conference in suspending rules and declaring the meeting of the Board of Lay Activities legal and valid on August 28, 1948, itself a valid procedure?" To which the Bishop answered:

"I hold that the act of the Annual Conference in suspending rules and declaring the meeting of the Board of Lay Activities on August 27, 1948, valid, is a fully legal act, and that Mr. Carl W. Haggard, elected on the hearing of the reading of the minutes of the Board of Lay Activities at which he was nominated, is the legal Lay Leader of the Kentucky Annual Conference." This decision of the Bishop forms no part of the proceedings of the Conference as such and is not entered on the minutes.

In addition to the foregoing facts, many other statements and papers were submitted to the Council attempting to set out in detail the motives of the parties, the conversations, each step taken by the laymen to secure a ruling or an appeal, and explaining exactly when and how the paper entitled "Motion and Petition" was filed in relation thereto. It would seem, however, that these are irrelevant and that the essential facts are those disclosed by the record as above.

Decision of the Judicial Council

As to whether the Judicial Council can determine the merits of the questions involved in this case depends entirely upon the question as to whether or not the Council has jurisdiction under the unusual and rather involved facts and circumstances outlined above.

The jurisdiction of the Judicial Council in such cases is defined by the Constitution as follows; *Discipline* Paragraph 43, "The Judicial Council shall have authority:

"2. To hear and determine any appeal from a Bishop's decision on a question of law made in the Annual or District Conference when said appeal has been made by one-fifth of that Conference present and voting.

"3. To pass upon decisions of law made by bishops in Annual or District Conferences." The procedure in such cases is further defined in Paragraph 908 and Paragraph 909 of the *Discipline*.

From the statement of facts it will be noted that in this particular case we do not have before us any appeal from a Bishop's decision to conform to Paragraph 43 (2) and Paragraph 908; nor do we have any decision of law made by a Bishop and made a part of the record to conform to Paragraph 43 (3) and Paragraph 909.

It is perhaps to be regretted that the required procedure to give the Judicial Council jurisdiction was not followed, so that such important questions as to the nomination and

election of Conference Lay Leader could be properly adjudicated. Therefore, in declining to take jurisdiction of this case, it must be understood that we neither affirm nor overrule any ruling or statement of the presiding Bishop. Neither is this action to be construed as any reflection on the worthy laymen concerned in this matter.

However, for the reason stated, the Judicial Council holds that on the state of the record, it has now no jurisdiction over the subject matter.

April 29, 1949.

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In Re: Appeal From South Central Jurisdictional Conference—Report of Board of Education

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

Under the Constitution, Paragraph 15 of the 1948 *Discipline*, the Jurisdictional Conference has authority "To make rules and regulations for the administration of the work of the Church within the Jurisdiction." The act of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference recommending that "no Annual Conference establish a Conference Encampment without consideration by the Conference Board of Education" is constitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the 1948 session of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference held in El Paso, Texas, the Jurisdictional Committee on Education presented its Report No. 2, which in part is as follows:

"We recommend that:

"2. The Jurisdictional Conference endorse the action of the Jurisdictional Board of Education which adopted the following motion in keeping with the *Discipline*:

"No Annual Conference establish a Conference Encampment without consideration by the Conference Board of Education."

On Friday, June 25, 1948, at the afternoon session of the Jurisdictional Conference, as is recorded in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Page 19, Column 1:

"Report Number 2 from the Committee on Education involving certain recommendations from the Jurisdictional Board of Education was presented.

"Paul F. Holmes (Central Kansas) offered an amendment to omit recommendation No. 2, page 13, from the report of the Jurisdictional Council. The amendment was seconded. Dr. Score spoke to the motion and upon vote, the amendment was lost. Report Number 2 from the Committee on Education was approved by the Conference."

The Journal of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference, Page 122, shows the following:

"MOTION TO RESCIND: Paul Holmes (Central Kansas) moved that the action of the Conference on Education, item 2 of the report of the Board of Education as carried in the Report of the Jurisdictional Council be rescinded and spoke to the motion. On motion of R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas) the motion to rescind was laid on the table."

The Reverend Mr. Holmes then presented a motion as follows: "I move an appeal to the Judicial Council challenging that portion of the Report of the Committee on Education, Report number 2, re-

ferred to on page 20 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and further in paragraph 2 at the top of page 13 in the printed report of the Jurisdictional Council which reads as follows: "The Jurisdictional Conference endorse the act of the Jurisdictional Board which adopted the following motion in keeping with the *Discipline*: No Annual Conference establish a Conference Encampment without consideration by the Conference Board of Education."

This motion is referred to on page 122 of the Journal of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. The item appearing as follows:

"APPEAL TO JUDICIAL COUNCIL: Paul Holmes, Central Kansas, then moved that the Jurisdictional Conference appeal to the Judicial Council for a ruling as to the constitutionality of this section, and the motion was adopted."

This appeal, therefore, is now properly before the Judicial Council for determination.

Decision of the Judicial Council

This action of the Jurisdictional Conference is challenged as being unconstitutional, on the ground that (quoting the appellant) it "infringes upon the rights, privileges and powers of three groups, as provided by the law of the Church, i.e., the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Annual Conference, and the General Conference." We consider it unnecessary to discuss these objections under the three headings noted by the appellant, but only to decide the question on the broad ground as to whether or not it infringes upon the Constitution.

To determine whether or not this legislation is or is not Constitutional we must first examine the Constitution to ascertain what powers are granted to the Jurisdictional Conferences. By Paragraph 15 it is provided:

"The Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference: (1) To promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary and benevolent interests of the Church, etc. . . . (5) to make rules and regulations for the administration of the work of the Church within the jurisdiction, etc."

There seems to be no specific provision in the *Discipline*, reflecting any action by the General Conference that assigns the Camping Program to the General Board of Education, the Jurisdictional Board of Education, or the Conference Board of Education. But there are many provisions which might be cited as to the promotion of educational matters of a similar character, indicating a purpose to co-ordinate the entire educational program of the Church.

By the Constitution of the Church, Paragraph 22, the Annual Conference is the basic body of the Church, and generally speaking, except as to such powers as may be granted to the General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conferences by the Constitution, it has reserved to it all

powers in relation to Church matters. It is, therefore, argued by the appellant that as the General Conference has not legislated specifically as to camping projects, the sole right to control such matters is still in the Annual Conference.

This argument, however, overlooks the powers granted to the Jurisdictional Conferences by the Constitution to promote the educational interests of the Church, in any manner not in conflict with General Conference action. The action in question was certainly in promotion of the *educational* interests of the Church, and is certainly included in the "administration of the work of the Church within the Jurisdiction." The action in question was not altogether directive in character, but may be considered as advisory. It does not infringe upon the power of the Annual Conference to establish and conduct camping projects in any particular manner, but recommends that the matter be first considered by the Conference Board of Education which, itself, is the creature of the Annual Conference.

We are of the opinion that any action of a Jurisdictional Conference must be within the limits of the grant of powers by the Constitution, fairly interpreted, and that the Judicial Council has a duty to perform to guard the Constitution. In this particular case, however, as we view the action taken to be of an advisory nature, and by a fair construction of the language quoted, to be included in the general grant of powers to the Jurisdictional Conference, we must hold that the action taken was constitutional and the same is hereby affirmed.
April 29, 1949.

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In Re: Request of Board of Pensions for Declaratory Decision

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

When a minister is elected and consecrated as a Bishop in The Methodist Church, he ceases to be a member of an Annual Conference and is no longer subject to the Ministers Reserve Pension Plan.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Prior to his election to the Episcopacy in 1948, Bishop Richard C. Raines was a member of the Reserve Pension Fund of the Northern Minnesota Annual Conference.

After his election, the Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church requested the General Commission on World Service and Finance to pay from the Episcopal Fund to the Board of Pensions, in behalf of Bishop Raines' pension, the annual payment required of the employer under the Ministers Reserve Pension Plan. This payment had, of course, been made annually by the Northern Minnesota Annual Conference.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance took the position that it had no authority to make any payments for pension of Bishops other than the annual \$3,600 retirement allowance authorized by the General Conference, and suggested that the matter be submitted to the Judicial Council for interpretation of the Disciplinary provisions relating thereto.

Accordingly, the Board of Pensions instructed its Executive Secretary, Dr. T. A. Stafford, to submit to the Judicial Council the following question:

"Are Bishops who were members of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, immediately prior to election to the Episcopacy, required by the *Discipline* to remain under the provisions of the aforesaid Fund for their respective pensions, and is the Episcopal Fund liable in such cases for the contribution on account of the member?"

This was done on December 23, 1948, and the matter is properly before us under the provisions of Paragraph 43, Section 4 and Paragraph 914 of the rules governing requests for Declaratory Decisions.

Decision of the Judicial Council

In affirming a Ruling of Bishop Flint, May 2, 1944, the Judicial Council adopted the Bishop's language which was:

"A Bishop, effective or retired, is not a member of an Annual Conference. . . . No provision should be made for him as a Conference Claimant; other provision has been made by the General Conference; nor is he subject to Annual Conference assessments."

The Constitution of The Methodist Church in Paragraph 8, Article IV, Section 5, provides that the General Conference shall have authority "to define and fix the powers, duties, and privileges of the Episcopacy, to adopt a plan for the support of Bishops, to *provide a uniform rule for their superannuation*, and to provide for the discontinuance of a Bishop because of inefficiency or unacceptability."

Paragraph 1643, Section 2, of the legislation which set up the Reserve Pension Fund, states "*support of a member of the fund shall mean:*"

"(a) The sum or sums annually received from a pastoral charge as compensation for his services, plus an amount equivalent to fifteen per cent thereof, if the minister occupy a parsonage free of rent.

"(b) The salary of a District Superintendent received from the District as compensation for his services, plus an amount equivalent to fifteen per cent thereof if he occupy a district parsonage free of rent.

"(c) *The salary of a Bishop received from the Episcopal Fund as compensation for his services, plus the allowance for Episcopal residence.*"

From the foregoing it seems clear that:

1. Bishop Raines ceased to be a member of The Northern Minnesota Annual Conference when he was elected to the Episcopacy.

2. The only authority for continuing him as a member of the Reserve Pension Fund after his election is that found in Paragraph 1643, Section 2 (c) noted above.

3. That the legislation in Paragraph 1643, Section 2 (c) is in conflict with the constitutional requirement in Paragraph 8, Section 5, "to provide a *uniform rule*" for the superannuation of the Episcopacy. The General Conference has provided such a uniform rule governing pensions for the Bishops. This pension is provided in the Episcopal Fund. To place him in the category of a member of the Reserve Pension Fund would violate such uniform rule.

The decision of the Judicial Council is therefore:

Bishops who are members of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, immediately prior to election to Episcopacy, are not permitted by the Constitution to remain under the provisions of the aforesaid fund for their respective pensions.

April 29, 1949.

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In Re: The Power of an Administrative Committee in a Central Conference

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

Under the grant of powers to Central Conference by General Conference legislation within the provisions of the Constitution, the Germany Central Conference had authority to create an Administrative Committee to have charge of current matters of business, and to represent that Conference in legal matters arising between Conference sessions. Such Committee, however, shall be responsible to the Central Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This case arose because the Germany Central Conference in session at Frankfurt on October 9, 1948, reduced the Northeast Germany Annual Conference to the status of a Provisional Annual Conference. The Administrative Committee of the Germany Central Conference later declared that the vote of the Central Conference, by which the Northeast Germany Conference was reduced to the status of a Provisional Annual Conference, was invalid, and continued the Northeast Germany Conference as an Annual Conference.

Under the authority of Paragraph 906 of the 1944 *Discipline*, Bishop J. W. E. Sommer, being the only Bishop in that Central Conference, requested the Judicial Council to hear and determine the legality of such action.

The basis of the question of the legality or illegality of the action stated is as follows:

Paragraph 580 of the 1944 *Discipline* provided that no Annual Conference should be continued as such with fewer than twenty-five (25) ministerial members after the General Conference of 1948. In accordance with that law, the Northeast Germany Conference petitioned the General Conference of 1948 that the Germany Central Conference be permitted to reduce the number of its Annual Confer-

ences to four, or to continue the Northeast Germany Conference as a Provisional Annual Conference; and the General Conference so voted. In another action the General Conference passed an Enabling Act extending the time limit mentioned in Paragraph 580 to the General Conference of 1952. The Germany Central Conference in session in Frankfurt on October 9, 1948, decided to reduce the Northeast Germany Conference to the status of a Provisional Annual Conference. At that time the 1948 *Discipline* had not been received by the members of that Central Conference, although its acts had become law. So the vote of that Conference was taken under the misapprehension that their action was required by the provisions of Paragraph 580 of the 1944 *Discipline*.

Later the Administrative Committee, becoming aware of the extension of time by the General Conference of 1948, sought to declare the action of the Germany Central Conference to be invalid because it was taken under a "misconception" of the state of law, acting for the Central Conference, as provided in the *Discipline* and in the corporate charter of such Executive Committee, continued the Northeast Germany Conference as an Annual Conference.

Therefore, the question of the power of the Administrative Committee so to act becomes important. It perhaps should be noted that the word "invalid" was not correctly used, as what the Committee actually did was to repeal or rescind the action of the Conference. Neither the Committee nor the Conference itself would have power to declare any such legislation to be "invalid," as that is a judicial function.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Constitution of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 19, describing the powers and duties of Central Conferences, states in Sections 3 and 5 thus:

"3. To establish and constitute such Central Conference Boards as may be required and to elect their administrative officers.

"5. To make such rules and regulations for the administration of the work within their boundaries as the conditions in the respective areas may require, subject to the powers that have been or shall be vested in the General Conference."

Paragraph 595 of the 1948 *Discipline* reads as follows:

"A Central Conference, where the laws of the land permit, shall have the power to *organize and incorporate one or more Executive Committees, Executive Boards, or Councils of Co-operation*, with such membership and such powers as may have been granted by the Central Conference, for the purpose of representing it in its property and legal interests and for transacting any necessary business that may arise in the interval between the sessions of the Central Conference, or that may be committed to said Boards or Committees by the Central Conference."

The Methodist Church of Germany, in its Constitution adopted September 4, 1934, provided:

"The Central Conference shall organize an Administrative Committee. This Committee shall consist of the Bishop as presiding officer and an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates, of whom one shall act as substitute presiding officer and three others shall be elected as first, second, and third Secretaries.

"The Administrative Committee shall have charge of the current matters of business and shall represent it legally and otherwise. It shall be responsible to the Central Conference for the conduct of its business."

We therefore hold that such action of the Administrative Committee in continuing the Conference as an Annual Conference was within the powers conferred upon such Committee by Paragraph 19 of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and by the Corporate Charter of the Germany Central Conference.

With respect to this action, however, the Administrative Committee is responsible to the Central Conference. The decision of the Administrative Committee will stand and be effective until changed or abrogated by the Central Conference, or by General Conference legislation.
April 26, 1950.

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In Re: Basic Salary Plan

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

Although by the general terms of Paragraph 807, *Discipline* of 1948, District Superintendents are not included in the classification of "regular active itinerants" (see Judicial Council Decision 65), yet in an Annual Conference which provides for support of District Superintendents on recommendation of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance (Paragraph 788), if it also adopts the Basic Salary Plan, there should be included therein the support of District Superintendents.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the 1949 session of the Judicial Council, there was submitted for review a decision of Bishop Hazen G. Werner made in the Lima District Conference as to the application of the legislation adopted by the 1948 General Conference concerning the "Basic Salary Plan." (See Judicial Council Decision 65.)

One of the questions propounded to the Bishop for a ruling thereon was as to whether or not the provisions of Paragraph 807, *Discipline* 1948, applied to District Superintendents. On the record, as submitted to the Judicial Council at that time, the Judicial Council then held as follows: "District Superintendents, as indicated in answer to question 2, are not included by the term 'regular active itinerants' as used in this particular Paragraph."

Subsequent to the handing down of the foregoing opinion, there has been submitted a statement to the Judicial Council by Bishop Werner

referring to his previous ruling, and quoting a clause from Paragraph 788, *Discipline* of 1948, as follows:

"If an Annual Conference adopts the *Basic Salary Plan* (Paragraph 807) for ministerial support, the support for the several District Superintendents thereof shall be included therein."

The Judicial Council is accordingly now asked to reconsider the ruling heretofore affirmed, as affected by the clause above quoted, and to review the whole matter involved therein.

Decision of the Judicial Council

For an adequate consideration of the proposition it must be noticed that there are different plans provided by the *Discipline* for the support of District Superintendents. The first plan is set forth in Paragraph 788, wherein it is made the duty of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance "to estimate the total amount necessary to furnish a sufficient and equitable support for the District Superintendents of the Conference, including salary and suitable provisions for dwelling, travel, and office expense."

Another plan is set forth in Paragraph 789, which permits Annual Conferences to "provide for support of District Superintendents through the Board of District Stewards in each of the several Districts."

The foregoing Paragraphs are substantially the same as Paragraphs 788 and 789 of the 1944 *Discipline*, except that in Paragraph 788 of the 1948 *Discipline*, there has been inserted the sentence quoted above as to which the Judicial Council is now asked to rule. It is to be particularly noted that the so-called "Basic Salary Plan" is new in our Church legislation, and first appears as Paragraph 807 in the 1948 *Discipline*, which provides how an Annual Conference may adopt such a plan. It was with reference to the legal application of this Paragraph 807 that the Judicial Council was asked to review the ruling of the Bishop at its 1949 session. On the record as then presented to the Judicial Council, the ruling of the Bishop was affirmed, and we now hold that such affirmation was correct.

What we are now asked to rule upon is the application of the sentence inserted in Paragraph 788, above quoted. We accordingly now hold that, in those Annual Conferences which provide for the support of District Superintendents on the recommendation of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance (Paragraph 788), and which also adopt the Basic Salary Plan as set forth in Paragraph 807 the support of District Superintendents shall be included.

However, as this clause was inserted only in Paragraph 788 it must be concluded that it does not apply to any other plan for the support of District Superintendents. There-

fore, as to Paragraph 789, where support is provided through the Boards of District Stewards, even though such Annual Conference might adopt the Basic Salary Plan of Paragraph 807, the District Superintendents would not be included therein.

Accordingly as modified by the foregoing opinion, the ruling of the Judicial Council as heretofore handed down is hereby affirmed.

April 27, 1950

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In Re: Re-enactment of Enabling Act Adopted by General Conference of 1940

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

Enabling Acts, adopted in 1940, and in 1944, as to continuing the corporate life or operation of various Corporations, Boards, and other Agencies of the Church, where the incomplete status still continues, do not need to be re-enacted, as this legislation, unless specifically limited as to time, is in effect until repealed or amended.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Paragraph 1637 of the 1940 *Discipline* was referred to the Judicial Council, along with a number of other similar Paragraphs, by the General Conference of 1948, with the request that the Council rule on the necessity for re-enacting these Paragraphs. It has been called to our attention that Decision 54, announced by the Judicial Council on May 6, 1948, covering this matter contained no mention of Paragraph 1637. Therefore, the following decision on Paragraph 1637 of the 1940 *Discipline* is hereby announced:

Decision of the Judicial Council

In Decision 54 of the Judicial Council, as reported on pages 1074-75 of the Journal of the General Conference of 1948, ruling upon the request of the General Conference as to whether or not certain Enabling Acts should be re-enacted, it was held by the Council that the legislation of the General Conferences of 1940 and 1944, unless specifically limited as to time, is in effect until repealed or amended by the General Conference. This principle applies to all these Enabling Acts, including the Enabling Act appearing as Paragraph 1637 in the 1940 *Discipline*.

We, therefore, hold that said Enabling Act, since it contains no limit of time, is still in full force and effect until repealed or amended by the General Conference.

April 28, 1950

In Re: The Interpretation of Paragraph 347 of the 1948 *Discipline* Originating in Little Rock Annual Conference of The Methodist Church

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

Paragraph 347 of the 1948 *Discipline* applies only to the four year course of study and does not apply to the two years graduate study required of members of the Conference admitted by the three-fourths vote rule under Paragraph 323 of the *Discipline*. The Annual Conference under Paragraph 22 of the *Discipline* has authority to prescribe time in which these two years of graduate study must be completed. For dereliction of a member in this respect the Annual Conference could, under other provisions of the *Discipline*, take appropriate action.

JURISDICTION

First: Under Paragraph 914 of the *Discipline* certain bodies may petition the Judicial Council for a ruling in the nature of a Declaratory Decision as to the meaning of a Paragraph in the *Discipline* that seems to be of doubtful meaning or application.

Paragraph 347 of the *Discipline* seems to come within that category.

The Little Rock Annual Conference of The Methodist Church made such a petition for an interpretation of Paragraph 347 of the 1948 *Discipline* as shown by the following quotation from the Journal of said Conference:

"Resolution—Arthur Terry submitted a Resolution asking the Judicial Council for a declaratory judgment of Paragraph 347 of the 1948 *Discipline* as it would apply to the case of Warren Douglass Golden. The Resolution was adopted. Attached." (Page 26, 1949 Journal, Little Rock Annual Conference.)

"PETITION TO JUDICIAL COUNCIL"

"Whereas, it has been ruled by the Board of Ministerial Training of the Little Rock Conference that Paragraph 347, 1948 *Discipline* refers to the additional two years of study required of those admitted into an Annual Conference under the three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) rule as exceptional and unusual cases, as well as to the regular course of study, and was so ruled by the resident Bishop, presiding; thereby terminating the Conference membership of Warren Douglass Golden who had completed the four year course of study in five years but who had not completed the additional two years study in eight years from the time he began the course.

"And whereas there yet remains doubt in the minds of some as to the correctness of the interpretation, we, therefore, petition the Judicial Council under provisions of Paragraph 914 and 915, of the 1948 *Discipline*, for a Declaratory interpretation of Paragraph 347, of the 1948 *Discipline*, as said Paragraph relates to the additional two years of study for exceptional and unusual cases in the course of study.

"Respectfully submitted,

"Signed by the following: Arthur Terry

J. M. Hamilton

Edward W. Harris

Kenneth L. Spore"

(Pages 64-65, 1949 Journal, Little Rock Annual Conference.)

It is to be regretted that the Judicial Council cannot assume jurisdiction in this case under the provisions of Paragraph 914 of the *Discipline*. It has already been adjudicated by the Judicial Council that Paragraph 914 of the *Discipline* does not include the Annual Conference, and that, therefore, the Annual Conference is not authorized under that Paragraph to petition the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision. (See Judicial Council Decision 37.)

Second: Paragraph 43, Section 3 of the *Discipline*, which is a part of the Plan of Union (Constitution) of The Methodist Church, provides that the Judicial Council has power "to pass upon decisions of law made by Bishops in Annual or District Conferences."

As will appear from the analysis of the record as hereinafter set forth, the question involved in this case is in effect a ruling of the presiding Bishop in the 1949 session of the Little Rock Conference, and, under Section 3, Paragraph 43 of the 1948 *Discipline*, the Judicial Council does have jurisdiction to hear and determine the same.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The question before the Judicial Council originated in the Little Rock Annual Conference under the following conditions as reflected by the 1949 Journal of that Conference:

On page 24 of the Journal is the following entry:

"Warren Douglass Golden was located under the provisions of Paragraph 347 of the 1948 *Discipline*."

"Report No. 3 of the Board of Ministerial Training was filed for record with the Secretary."

Report No. 3 of the Board of Ministerial Training is set out in full on page 15 of the Journal, and reads as follows:

ON THE CASE OF REV. WARREN DOUGLASS GOLDEN

June 10, 1949

REPORT No. 3

"The Reverend Warren Douglass Golden was admitted on trial to the Little Rock Annual Conference November 14, 1940, by a three-fourths vote of the Conference, as a Special Case, because of insufficient educational qualifications, under the special Disciplinary provisions. Under this special provision, he was required to take the regular four year course of study, plus two years of graduate work. The first four years were to be finished within six years and all six years of work to be finished within eight years.

"He completed the first four years October 29, 1945, or five years later. Last year, October 1948, three years later, he had finished only a portion of one of the four graduate courses. Last Conference also marked the end of the eight years allowed Brother Golden. Upon recommendation of the Board with the concurrence of the Bishop, and by vote of the Conference, consideration was given to periods of illness, and he was allowed an additional year of grace, bringing the total to nine years. It was the opinion of the Board and Bishop Martin last year that we were exceeding our authority in granting the ninth year, or year of grace. The Conference and Brother Golden were so informed at the time, and he was told that no further extensions could be granted. Fortunately, our Bishop has not been challenged thus far on this decision.

"This year the work still remains unfinished, and the request was made to the Board by Brother Golden for an additional extension of time, making a total of ten years. According to the law our Bishop could not allow such an extension, if the years were totaled as ten, which was the case this time. The Board, seeking to save Brother Golden, sought desperately for loopholes by which the years could be

reduced by means of a legitimate recount. Otherwise, our Bishop would face possible charges of mal-administration. Such a proposed recount of two previous years was before the Board, and was defeated by a majority vote. It, therefore, became the judgment of the Board that no extension of time could be made, in addition to the year of grace already granted. Quote, Paragraph 347, 'Any member in full connection who fails to complete the entire four years of the course of study within six years shall be located, unless extension of times shall be recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications and authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference. In no case shall a person have a larger total than eight years in the course of study, and any person failing to complete the course within this eight-year period shall not be permitted to join a Conference again on trial. This section, however, shall not apply for the period of time in which the candidates are carrying regular work in residence in a school of theology approved by the University Senate.' We regretfully report this decision, knowing full well its meaning for Brother Golden and his family. They, as well as the church he now serves, along with the brethren of the Conference, may be assured that this decision was made in brotherly love, and after much anxious labor on his behalf and soul searching prayer."

There was some conflict between the statements made to the Judicial Council by the representative of the Board of Ministerial Training, and Warren Douglass Golden on the question of whether or not this report was adopted by the Annual Conference. The Council feels that in this regard it should rely on the printed record. So far as the Council can determine from a careful study of the Journal, there is no entry in the Journal specifically recording the adopting of the report by the Annual Conference.

On page 24 of the Journal is the following entry:

"Board of Ministerial Training—Charles H. Giessen presented the Reports of the Board of Ministerial Training as follows:

"The names of those eligible for Deacon's Orders were read and they were elected. . . .

"The names of those who are members of the class of admission on trial were called, reported upon, introduced, and they were admitted. By recommendation of the Board and by vote of the Conference John Gold was readmitted.

"The names of the Undergraduates were called, reported upon and advanced in their respective classes.

"Warren Douglass Golden was located under provisions of Paragraph 347 of the 1948 *Discipline*.

"Report No. 3 of the Board of Ministerial Training was filed for record with the Secretary."

It will be noted that in the case of John Gold it is recorded that he was readmitted "by vote of the Conference." The record does not show that Warren Douglass Golden was located "by vote of the Conference." The negative is implied by the Journal entry that the report announcing his discontinuance was simply "filed for record with the Secretary." In this respect the action indicates that the location was in effect the result of the ruling of the presiding officer rather than by vote of the Conference. This interpretation is implemented by the following:

(1) The first paragraph of the petition for a Declaratory Decision adopted by the Annual Conference, which first paragraph reads as follows:

"Whereas it has been ruled by the Board of Ministerial Training of the Little Rock Conference that Paragraph 347, 1948 *Discipline* refers to the additional two years of study required by those admitted

into an Annual Conference under the three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) rule as exceptional and unusual cases, as well as to the regular course of study, and was so ruled by the resident Bishop presiding; thereby terminating the Conference membership of Warren Douglass Golden who had completed the four years course of study in five years but who had not completed the additional two years study in eight years from the time he began the course."

(2) By the following exhibit signed by the presiding Bishop attached to the petition for a declaratory decision:

"EXHIBIT B

"I, Paul E. Martin, the presiding Bishop, concurred in the action of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications concerning the disposition of the case of the Rev. W. D. Golden which resulted in his location under the provisions of Paragraph 347 of the 1948 *Discipline*, which action is found on page 24 of the Little Rock Annual Conference Journal of 1949. Brother Golden was then listed as an Accepted Supply Pastor, which is recorded on page 29 of the same Journal issue. He was appointed by me to the Ashdown charge, in the Texarkana District, as an Accepted Supply, the charge which he had served previously for one year. The Judicial Council will do this Bishop, Conference, Board, and Minister a great service if its members will render a Declaratory judgment that would interpret Paragraph 347 of the 1948 *Discipline*, stating specifically whether it was the intention of the legislation to include or exclude the two years of graduate work in the total of eight years allowed for the course of study.

"Paul E. Martin, (signature)
Paul E. Martin, Presiding Bishop
Arkansas-Louisiana Area"

From the information furnished to the Judicial Council during the argument of this case, it appears that the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Little Rock Conference and Bishop Martin, in making this ruling, were relying on an interpretation of Paragraph 347 made by the General Commission on Ministerial Training and Qualifications; that there was doubt in their own minds as to whether the interpretation reflected in the ruling was correct; and that such ruling was not intended as an arbitrary interpretation of the law, but more as a means of getting the question before the Judicial Council of an authoritative interpretation of Paragraph 347 of the *Discipline*. This is clearly indicated by the exhibit, signed by Bishop Martin and attached to the petition for a Declaratory Decision, and also by the fact that Edward W. Harris, Chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, signed the petition for a Declaratory Decision. (See the petition and exhibit hereinbefore set out in full.)

The Judicial Council not having jurisdiction under the present law of the Church to determine this case on the petition from the Little Rock Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision, but having jurisdiction under Section 3, Paragraph 43 of the *Discipline*, submits the following as its Decision herein.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The portion of Paragraph 347 to be interpreted herein reads as follows:

"347. Any member in full connection who fails to complete the entire *four years course of study* within six years shall be located, unless extension of time shall be recom-

mended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications and authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference. In no case shall a person have a larger total than eight years in the *course of study*, and any person failing to complete *the course* within this eight-year period shall not be permitted to join a Conference again on trial."

By the specific terms of this Paragraph it applies solely to the *four years* course of study. The *four years* course of study is the subject matter of the Paragraph as indicated by the use of that term in the first sentence of the Paragraph. The course of study to which it refers is an entirety within itself as shown by use of the phrase "*the entire four years of the course of study.*"

Furthermore, by the commonly accepted rules of grammatical construction, the phrases "*the course of study*" and "*the course*" appearing in the body of the Paragraph refer to the course of study which is the subject matter of the Paragraph. No reference is made in this Paragraph to the two years of graduate work required by Paragraph 323 of members of the Conference admitted under the three-fourths vote rule set out in that Paragraph. Paragraph 347 deals solely with the four years course of study; hence no other course of study can be read into it by construction or implication.

It will be noted that under Paragraph 347 six years are arbitrarily given, without penalty, in which to complete the *four years* course of study. If a member in full connection fails to complete this four years course of study in six years and the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications and the Annual Conference fail to extend the time, the penalty is location: such member "*shall be located.*"

If the Board and Conference grant the full two years extension, and at the end of the eight-year term the member has not completed the *four years* course of study, the penalty is not only location but such member "*shall not be permitted to join a Conference again on trial.*"

In the case here under consideration it is undisputed that Warren Douglass Golden was a member in full connection of the Little Rock Annual Conference, and that he had completed the *four years* course of study in five years. It appears that he had complied with every requirement under Paragraph 347. That being the case, he was not subject to location under that Paragraph of the *Discipline*.

It is likewise undisputed that Warren Douglass Golden was admitted into the Little Rock Annual Conference under the three-fourths vote rule provided in Paragraph 323 of

the *Discipline*. Under that Paragraph he was required to pursue the two years of graduate work. At the end of three years after he had completed the four years course of study, he had not completed these two years of graduate work required of him. It is undisputed that for a considerable portion of this time he was ill. The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, the presiding Bishop, and the Annual Conference recognized his affliction and even under the misconstruction that had been given to Paragraph 347 granted him a year of grace beyond what they considered to be the limit under such Paragraph. Thus he was given four full years in which to pursue and complete the two years of graduate work after he had completed the regular four years course of study required of all members of the Conference. Thus it appears that the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications the Little Rock Annual Conference and Bishop Paul E. Martin the presiding Bishop in that area had shown Brother Golden great consideration and had dealt with him leniently and in a brotherly fashion with respect to these two years of graduate work. It is further evident from the report of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications to the 1949 session of the Annual Conference as hereinbefore set out that further extension of time would have been granted if some plausible or reasonable basis could have been found to avoid the effect of the interpretation of Paragraph 347 under which they were laboring.

Paragraph 323 of the *Discipline* provides that these two years of graduate work are to be taken under the direction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. The Annual Conference, under the Constitution (Paragraph 22 of the *Discipline*), has the right and authority to vote "on all matters relating to the character and Conference relationship of its ministerial members." Under Paragraph 631 of the *Discipline*, the Annual Conference has the power and right to "make rules to govern its own procedure, *provided* that no Annual Conference shall make any rule contrary to the Constitution or to the powers granted it by the General Conference." Therefore, on recommendation of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, the Annual Conference could prescribe the time in which the two years of graduate work shall be completed. For dereliction of a member of the Conference in this respect it could, under other provisions of the *Discipline*, take appropriate action. In the opinion of the Judicial Council, however, in such a case Paragraph 347 would have no application.

It follows, therefore, that a member in full connection

in an Annual Conference who has completed the *four years* course of study within six years cannot be automatically located under the provisions of Paragraph 347.

Under the record in this case and the undisputed facts as hereinbefore set out, it is the decision of the Judicial Council that the ruling of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications concurred in by the presiding Bishop in the case of Warren Douglass Golden cannot be sustained. Such ruling of the presiding Bishop in the 1949 session of the Little Rock Annual Conference is hereby reversed. April 29, 1950

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in the Newark Annual Conference, May 24-28, 1950, in Bloomfield, New Jersey

DIGEST OF DECISION

An Annual Conference has the authority to instruct its Board of Conference Claimants to include supply years in computing the annuity years of a member of the Conference.

JURISDICTION

One of the ways by which a question can come to the Judicial Council is found in Division Four, Article II, Section 3 (Paragraph 43, 1948 *Discipline*) of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, viz., "To pass upon decisions of law made by Bishops in Annual or District Conferences." Since the request for a ruling was made in writing and the answer is recorded in the Conference Journal (See Paragraph 40, 1948 *Discipline*), the matter is properly before the Judicial Council for consideration.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the Newark Annual Conference held in Bloomfield, New Jersey, May 24-28, 1950, the Reverend Hedding B. Leech, a retired member of the Conference, requested a ruling upon the following question:

"Many ministers have served as full-time Supply Pastors prior to their Admission on Trial in an Annual or Mission Conference. Has a Conference the authority to instruct its Board of Conference Claimants to include supply years in computing the annuity years of such ministers?"

Ruling of the Bishop

The Bishop ruled that the Annual Conference has the authority to instruct the Board of Conference Claimants to include supply years in computing the annuity years of such ministers citing as his authority the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 1630, Section 16, which reads as follows: "Years served as a full-time accepted supply pastor may be counted on the same basis as a

Special Conference Claimant in determining the annuity or dependency benefit claim of a Regular Conference Claimant."

Decision of the Judicial Council

Since the phrase "full-time supply" used in the question propounded to the Bishop appears to be well within the intended meaning of the phrase "Accepted Supply Pastors" used in the Paragraph of the *Discipline* cited, and in particular as applied to those full-time Supply Pastors who served in any one of the three uniting Churches as they existed before union, and before the term "Accepted Supply Pastors" appeared in the *Discipline*, we therefore judge the ruling of the Bishop to be correct. The ruling is therefore affirmed.

January 3, 1951

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in Response to a Request from Hallam M. Richardson, in the New York East Annual Conference, May, 1950, Relating to the Legality of Lay Members Holding a Separate Business Session at the Annual Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

A business session of the lay delegates to an Annual Conference would be illegal if not called for the purpose of electing lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the Session of the New York East Annual Conference, held in Hansen Place—Central Church of Brooklyn, May 17-21, 1950, when the Presiding Bishop, G. Bromley Oxnam, took the Chair to call the Conference to order for the afternoon session, a request was sent forward asking the Bishop to announce a special meeting of the lay members of the Conference at 2:30 P.M. of the same day. The Bishop advised the Conference of the request but stated that he could not make such announcement since the Conference itself was then in session and it appeared to him improper for lay members of the Conference to be called to attend another meeting at the time the Conference was in session.

In a subsequent session of the Conference, Hallam M. Richardson, a lay member, presented to the presiding Bishop the following request for a ruling:

"Is it in accordance with the Methodist *Discipline* and the rules of our Conference for Lay Delegates to assemble for a business session, either at some hour when the Conference is in recess or while the Conference is in session?"

Ruling of the Bishop

The Bishop made his ruling as follows:

"It is illegal for Lay Members of an Annual Conference to meet for a *business session* either at some hour when the Conference is in recess or while the Conference is in session."

This ruling has been properly certified to the Judicial Council and is now regularly before the Council for review.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The Constitution of The Methodist Church in Paragraphs 22-25 of the *Discipline* sets out the constitutional powers of the Annual Conference. Paragraph 22 states that it is the "basic body in the Church," and that there are reserved to it certain voting rights and "such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution."

In the same Paragraph (Paragraph 22) appears the following constitutional provision:

"It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine."

This seems to restrict the Constitutional powers of the Annual Conference to those powers specifically enumerated in Paragraphs 22-25 in the Constitution. This interpretation is implemented by the following provision of the Constitution:

Division Two, Section I, Article IV (Paragraph 8 of the *Discipline*): "The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctly connectional, and in the exercise of said powers shall have authority as follows: . . .

"3. To define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences, . . ."

The Constitutional provisions relating to the powers of Annual Conferences (Paragraphs 22-25) do not specifically authorize Annual Conferences to order or hold separate meetings either of its ministerial or of its lay delegates.

The General Conference has granted to the Annual Conference (Paragraph 631) power to make rules to govern its own procedure, "*provided* that no Annual Conference shall make any rule contrary to the Constitution or to the powers granted it by the General Conference." We believe, however, this would not authorize the Annual Conference to order or hold a separate meeting of its lay delegates or of its ministerial delegates without specific authority from the General Conference.

The General Conference, in Paragraph 646, has author-

ized the Annual Conference to order a separate meeting of its ministerial delegates "to consider questions relating to matters of ordination character, and Conference relations." The constitutionality of this provision has been sustained by the Judicial Council. (See Decision 42, *In Re: Executive Sessions of Annual Conference Excluding Lay Members; Constitutionality of Paragraph 646, Discipline 1944*, H. R. Van Deusen and W. G. Henry dissenting.)

The General Conference (Paragraph 502, Section 2) has conferred upon the Annual Conference the right to have separate meetings of the ministerial and lay members for the purpose of electing delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Apparently these two Paragraphs (Paragraph 646 and Paragraph 502) are the only two instances in which the General Conference has authorized the Annual Conference to hold separate meetings of its ministerial or of its lay delegates. The authority conferred under these two Paragraphs has its basis in the Constitution (Paragraph 8, Section 3).

The question submitted to Bishop Oxnam for ruling reads as follows:

"Is it in accordance with the Methodist *Discipline* and the rules of our own Conference for lay delegates to assemble for a business session, either at some hour when the Conference is in recess or while the Conference is in session?"

Since the question of electing delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences was not before the New York East Annual Conference in May 1950, the above question could not be interpreted as asking for a ruling on the validity of Paragraph 502 above referred to. It must be construed as relating to some other proposed meeting of the lay members of the Annual Conference. Since the General Conference has not authorized the Annual Conference to hold or authorize separate meetings of its lay delegates except as provided in Paragraph 502, no such meeting can legally be held.

Accordingly the ruling of Bishop Oxnam is affirmed.
January 3, 1951

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop Hazen G. Werner in Ohio Annual Conference with Reference to Election of Trustees for White Cross Hospital

DIGEST OF DECISION

The Ohio Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, now being the White Cross Hospital Association of Ohio, is the source of ulti-

mate control of the White Cross Hospital and has the right and power at its discretion to change or amend the method of electing the Trustees of the corporation; but, until the Annual Conference changes the method set forth in Art. VI of the present Constitution of said White Cross Hospital Association, it is bound thereby.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the 1950 session of the Ohio Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, the question of the election of Trustees for Methodist Hospitals in the operation of which said Conference participates, came up for consideration. During the discussion concerning the same the presiding Bishop, Hazen G. Werner, made an official ruling as reflected in the following excerpt from the 1950 Journal of the Ohio Annual Conference:

EXTRACT FROM THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR 1950

"The nominations of Trustees—Charles A. Jones read the list of nominations for Trustees for Christ Hospital. Members of the Conference raised the question as to why there were not more ministers among the nominees, and what percentage were in The Methodist Church. The institutional representatives made satisfactory response to these questions. The question of making nominations from the floor arose. Charles A. Jones quoted from the Constitution of White Cross Hospital, which states that the Trustees are to be nominated by the Board and elected by the Conference. He felt that nominations were not permissible from the floor. The Bishop, however, ruled otherwise: 'Upon the request for the privilege of nominations in respect to the election of members to the Boards of Trustees of Methodist Hospitals, nominations made from the floor would be in order.'

"Bishop Werner ruled that 'Nominations by other than the Board are in order, and that inherently in the institution of elections is the possibility of choice.'"

(From the Proceedings of the Fourth Day, Saturday, June 10, 1950, Pages 672 and 673).

After this ruling Bishop Werner permitted nominations from the floor for Trustees for White Cross Hospital in addition to the nominations for said Trustees that had been made by the Board of Trustees of White Cross Hospital. The persons nominated from the floor were elected. The hospital has refused to seat those thus elected and maintains that the Annual Conference has no right to use its own judgment with respect to who shall be nominated and elected as Trustees of White Cross Hospital.

JURISDICTION

Division Four, Article II (Paragraph 43 of 1948 *Discipline*) of the Constitution of The Methodist Church reads in part as follows:

"Art. II—The Judicial Council shall have authority: . . .

"3. To pass upon decisions of law made by Bishops in Annual or District Conferences."

The Journal of the 1950 session of the Ohio Annual Conference shows clearly that such a ruling was made in said Annual Conference by Bishop Werner with respect to the matter here under consideration. Accordingly, we hold that the Judicial Council has jurisdiction to review and pass upon said ruling made by Bishop Werner in the 1950 session of the Ohio Annual Conference.

Decision of the Judicial Council

On March 16, 1891, nine citizens of the State of Ohio associated themselves together under the name, "Protestant Hospital Association of Columbus, Ohio," and executed and filed with the Secretary of State a charter for a non-profit corporation bearing the name, "Protestant Hospital Association of Columbus, Ohio." The main purposes of the corporation were stated to be:

"(1) To provide medical and surgical aid for the sick and disabled;

"(2) To train suitable persons in the duties of nursing and attending upon the sick."

The Charter makes no provision for Trustees or Directors. Presumably the method of administering the affairs of the corporation was left to the Association sponsoring the same.

In 1922 the Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church became the "Protestant Hospital Association of Columbus, Ohio," with full powers of control over said corporation. This is proclaimed by multiple references in the Journals of the Ohio Annual Conference, by the periodical statements of the Board of Trustees administering the affairs of the corporation, by amendment to the Charter of the Corporation, by the fact that the Annual Conference became joint obligor with the corporation for \$750,000 in aid and support of the White Cross Hospital and by other facts hereinafter referred to.

The 1922 amendment to the Charter is most significant. By that amendment the name of the corporation was changed from "Protestant Hospital Association of Columbus, Ohio," to "White Cross Hospital Association of Ohio," the latter being distinctly Methodist nomenclature.

Between 1922 and 1925 two or three different methods of electing Trustees to manage the affairs of the Corporation were experimented with. In 1925, however, a procedure denominated "Constitution and By-Laws of White Cross Hospital Association of Ohio" was adopted by the then Board of Trustees and approved by the Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The part of this procedure denominated the "Constitution" recognized the ultimate control of the Corporation to be in said Annual Conference and specifically provided that the property of the corporation was being held by Trustees "in trust for the use of the Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and according to the usages and *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

The Board of Trustees in its reports from time to time have recognized and referred to the White Cross Hospital

as an institution of the Ohio Annual Conference. In the presentation of this matter before the Judicial Council it was admitted by all parties concerned that the White Cross Hospital (the corporation and its assets) is the property of the Ohio Annual Conference.

In this "Constitution" adopted by the Ohio Annual Conference in 1925, provisions were made for the election of Trustees as follows:

"ARTICLE VI

"The term of service of Trustees shall be five years, and until their successors are elected and qualified. . . . Election of Trustees shall take place in the following manner. The requisite number to fill the Board annually shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. . . ."

Article X of this "Constitution" gave the Board of Trustees power to fill vacancies until the time for the next annual election of Trustees.

Article XII, relating to amendments to the Constitution, reads as follows:

"ARTICLE XII

"This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Trustees at any regular meeting, provided that such amendment has been presented in writing at a regular meeting one month previous to its adoption, or by a majority of the Trustees at a meeting held for that purpose upon notice given personally to each member; and provided further no amendment shall be made to the Constitution affecting the election or qualification of the Trustees without the approval of the Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

An interpretation of these provisions of the "Constitution" of the White Cross Hospital Association of Ohio seems necessary to a final decision on the question now before the Judicial Council.

The Articles further proclaim the fact that the residuary control of the Corporation vests in the Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This Conference delegated to the Board of Trustees of the corporation power to amend the Constitution and the By-Laws, but took particular care to preserve its ultimate control by denying to the Trustees the right to change the method of electing Trustees without the approval of the Annual Conference—the source of ultimate control.

The Annual Conference having become the "White Cross

Hospital Association of Ohio" became possessed of full and unrestricted control of the Corporation. Once having obtained that power and still remaining the Association sponsoring the Corporation, it still has that power. In delegating to the Board of Trustees certain privileges it did not surrender its ultimate power of control and by direct action has the right to assert that power at its will.

That the grant of authority to the Trustees to amend the Constitution, as set out in Article XII, is merely permissive and is not a surrender of any power or authority vested in the Annual Conference is clearly shown by the contents of Article XII itself. This Article contains no words or phrases that can be construed to prohibit the Annual Conference from changing the Constitution. The language used definitely establishes the fact that the grant of power to the Trustees to change the Constitution was merely the granting of a privilege and not the surrender of a power or right. Note particularly the use of the word "may" in the first line of that paragraph as contrasted with the double use of the word "shall" in Article VI. This being only a permissive grant of power or privilege, the Annual Conference having the right to grant such power or privilege possesses also the power to make amendments to the Constitution on its own volition. This residual right and power in the Annual Conference to control the provisions of the Constitution is accentuated by the provision of Article XII of the Constitution prohibiting the Trustees from making any change in the method of electing Trustees without the consent of the Annual Conference.

The Annual Conference, however, having itself set up a rule which, by the double use of the word "shall" appears to be mandatory until changed, is bound by such rule and must act in accordance therewith until another rule has been established to take its place. Such an amendment to this rule may and can be made either by action of the Board of Trustees approved by the Annual Conference, or by direct action of the Annual Conference, the ultimate and residual source of all power for the control of the corporation.

Some members of the Council are of the opinion that the action of the Annual Conference in electing Trustees as it did at its 1950 session was the exercise of that residuary power vested in the Annual Conference. The majority of the Council, however, are of the opinion that by the adoption of this method of electing Trustees and emphasizing it by the double use of the word "shall" and by safeguarding the ultimate control of the Corporation by prohibiting the Trustees from changing that method without its approval the

Ohio Annual Conference manifested an intention to be bound by that method until the Conference, by direct and unmistakable action, should change that method of electing Trustees.

Some members of the Council believe that the action taken by the Annual Conference in its 1950 session, by accepting nominations from the floor in addition to the nominations made by the Board of Trustees, was in effect an exercise by the Annual Conference of its residuary power to change the method of electing its Trustees. The majority of the Council, however, are of the opinion and hold that such action of the Annual Conference at its 1950 session was not intended to constitute a change in the established rule, but was merely the result of an interpretation of the rule as it now exists.

In the opinion of a majority of the Judicial Council the rule under consideration is not subject to the interpretation given to it by Bishop Werner. While Robert's Rules of Order are always acceptable authority on parliamentary procedure where other rules or precedents have not been established, we believe the well-established rules of procedure of The Methodist Church, as manifested in numerous provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, should control here. Many provisions are contained in the *Discipline* for nominations by one body and election by another body without the requirement that there should be a multiplicity of nominees so as to give the electing body a choice between nominees. In a sense this is a ratification rather than an election, but it is denominated in the *Discipline* as an election.

Furthermore, where a multiplicity of nominees is required, so as to give the electing body a choice between nominees, specific provision is made therefor. For example see Paragraph 901 of the 1948 *Discipline* relating to the election of members of the Judicial Council.

Since the rule established by the Ohio Annual Conference for the election of the Trustees of the "White Cross Hospital Association," and followed by it for twenty-five years, did not provide for nominees from the floor, we do not believe that was permissible under such rule.

The majority of the Judicial Council believe and so hold that the Ohio Annual Conference is the "White Cross Hospital Association of Ohio"; that it has full and unrestricted power to control the Corporation by that name and to determine by direct action from time to time as it may deem best the method by which the Trustees of the Corporation may be elected. Until, by direct action of the Annual Conference, the present method of electing such Trustees is

changed, it appears that the Annual Conference is bound by the rule set out in Article VI above quoted and as herein interpreted.

In our opinion the major rules for the government of a Corporation cannot be ignored at will even by the body that has the power to amend or change those rules merely to suit an occasion. In this case a definite rule has been established for the election of Trustees. All persons interested in the White Cross Hospital have a right to rely upon the rules and regulations as prescribed until a lawful change is made. We, a majority of the Council, believe the Ohio Annual Conference is bound by that rule until it makes a change therein and that no different method of electing Trustees can be pursued by the Annual Conference until after it has made such change.

We believe this interpretation is in keeping with the rules and precedents of The Methodist Church, and the corporate statutes of the State of Ohio. It is supported by Decision 38 of this Judicial Council, *In Re: Corporate Meetings, Central Kansas Conference*.

Accordingly the ruling of the presiding Bishop at the 1950 session of the Ohio Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, to the effect that in the election of Trustees for the White Cross Hospital Association of Ohio nominations from the floor were permissible, is hereby reversed. January 3, 1951

J. T. Alton, at his own request, was excused from participating in the discussion and decision of this case, because of his recent membership in the Board of Trustees of White Cross Hospital.

Dissenting Decision

The White Cross Hospital Association of Ohio is a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the Statutes of the State of Ohio, Ohio General Code 8623-97 et seq. The members of the Corporation are members of the Ohio Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. As such members they have all the voting and other rights accorded to members of any Corporation so organized.

It is held by the majority opinion of the Judicial Council in this case, however, that by means of a provision contained in the so-called "Constitution and By-Laws" of this association the voting rights of the members may be restricted or entirely abrogated. With this proposition we cannot agree.

We are in accord with the Decision wherein it is held that the members of the Corporation have the right to amend or alter the questionable provision in the "Constitution and By-Laws." But we believe it should be held that the rights of the members are not limited merely to an amend-

ment of by-laws, but may be exercised in the manner which actually took place at the last session of the Ohio Annual Conference.

We should study carefully this provision relied upon by the hospital Trustees. This reads as follows: "Election of Trustees shall take place in the following manner: The requisite number to fill the Board annually shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees, and elected by the Ohio Annual Conference."

It is a general rule of law which applies to all corporate elections, whether same be business corporations with share capital, or non-profit or charitable organizations, that the members thereof at the duly appointed time, under the provisions of statute and such rules and regulations as may have been adopted, have the inherent right of election of Directors or Trustees. To facilitate such elections it is quite customary to provide for a Nominating Committee to suggest a slate of Directors or Trustees. It is not thereby intended that other nominations may not be made at the proper time, nor even to prevent any voting member from casting a ballot for some person not on any nomination list.

To give the provisions of Article VI of the White Cross Constitution and By-Laws the narrow interpretation insisted upon by the hospital Trustees, which in effect would give the hospital Trustees the right to perpetuate themselves, would do violence to a fundamental legal principle as to the control of any subsidiary organization of a religious or charitable body. This is recognized by the majority opinion in this case. If the Annual Conference is to elect, it must in the very nature of things have the right to "select by vote," or "to choose in preference to another or others." The right and duty of the members of the Corporation is not merely to approve the election of a slate submitted to them, but to exercise independent judgment thereon and elect or select from any names that may come before them.

It is to be noted that this is not a provision contained in the Charter and that it is not provided for by any statute. Yet it is contended that this clause granted to the existing Board of Trustees the exclusive right of nomination of successors, thus virtually giving the Board the right of continuing their control indefinitely. At the most all that this clause does is to provide a convenient manner of having names presented for consideration of the members. The use of the word "shall" in the clause is not to be construed as an exclusive method for nominations; but it is to be interpreted as making it mandatory on the Board of Trustees to submit an initial list of candidates for Trustees. In other words, it is the duty of the Trustees to present nomi-

nations to the Conference. In case they fail to perform this duty, it is still the right of the members to nominate and proceed to election of Trustees in the usual manner of corporate elections. By no possible grammatical or legal interpretation can the language used in this paragraph be construed to provide an exclusive method of nominations.

It must be clearly kept in mind that when the members of the Ohio Annual Conference were convened to elect Trustees of the White Cross Hospital Association, they were meeting in a corporate capacity as the members of the Corporation, and that the nomination and election of such Trustees must be governed by statutory provisions and applicatory law.

It is argued that in some instances in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church provision is made for the selection or appointment of certain Officials or Committees through the medium of a nominating body. However, there is a very vital distinction between such cases involving the appointment of administrative officers or advisory and promotional Boards (even if the designated method of selection by a nominating body be held to be the exclusive method), and the present case which involves the election of the governing body of a Corporation. In other words, no such By-law as in this case can deprive the members—that is, the stockholders—of exercising their franchise in the election of Trustees under the provisions of Charter and statute. To hold otherwise would not be democracy nor good law.

Based upon the foregoing unquestioned legal principles as applied to the facts in this case, we would hold that the ruling of the Presiding Bishop in permitting nominations from the floor at the time of the annual election of trustees of this corporation should be affirmed.

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In Re: Request of Council of Bishops for Decision with Respect to Constitutionality of Par. 502, Sections 2 and 3

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

Section 2, Paragraph 502 of the 1948 *Discipline* is not unconstitutional. The following sentence in Section 3, Paragraph 502, "A spring Annual Conference may elect the delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences at its third regular session following the adjournment of the General Conference," is unconstitutional.

JURISDICTION

At the session of the Council of Bishops held April 26, 1951, at

Grand Canyon, Arizona, the Council of Bishops voted unanimously to request the Judicial Council to determine the constitutionality of Sections 2 and 3 of Paragraph 502 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

In Paragraph 43, Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution the Judicial Council is authorized "to determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops." Thus, the Judicial Council is authorized to take jurisdiction.

Decision of the Judicial Council

Paragraph 24, Article IV of the Constitution provides for the election of ministerial delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences by the ministerial members of the Annual Conference.

Paragraph 25, Article V of the Constitution provides for the election of lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences by the lay members of the Annual Conference.

Nothing is said in the Constitution that will either permit or prevent the ministerial and lay members of the Annual Conference from meeting separately to vote for delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Paragraph 22, Article II of the Constitution states that "the Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on . . . the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional Conferences, . . . and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution."

It would seem from these provisions of the Constitution that the Annual Conference is given a wide range of interpretation of the plan by which the ministerial and lay delegates are to be elected. Paragraph 631 of the 1948 *Discipline* states, "The Annual Conference may make rules to govern its own procedure, *provided* that no Annual Conference shall make any rule contrary to the Constitution or to the powers granted it by the General Conference."

Whether the ministerial and lay members of the Annual Conference must sit together in one room while voting, or in different sections of the same room, or whether they may have more privacy by meeting in separate rooms, would be a matter for the Annual Conference to determine, providing the place of meeting is declared to be the bar of the Conference and the meeting is under the direction of the Bishop.

In Decision 42, rendered by the Judicial Council on April 24, 1947, the constitutionality of an Annual Conference's ordering an Executive Session of the ministerial members

to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations was upheld. Therefore, Section 2 of Paragraph 502 of the *Discipline* should not be regarded as unconstitutional.

In Section 3 of Paragraph 502 of the *Discipline* the statement is made that "a spring Annual Conference may elect the delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences at its third regular session following the adjournment of the General Conference."

Paragraph 23, Article III of the Constitution and the first sentence of Section 3 of Paragraph 502 both require that delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences shall be elected "at the session preceding the General Conference." Strict interpretation of that requirement does not permit the election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences at any session of the Annual Conference except "the session preceding the General Conference." The first sentence of Section 3 of Paragraph 502 is in complete harmony with the requirement of the Constitution. "The election of delegates, by ballot, shall [not "may"] be held at the session of the Annual Conference immediately preceding the General Conference." The second sentence of Section 3, Paragraph 502 clearly permits a violation of the requirement of both Paragraph 23, Article III and the first sentence of Section 3, Paragraph 502. This second sentence, therefore, is unconstitutional and is so declared. November 28, 1951

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In Re: Rulings of Bishop William T. Watkins at the 1951 Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

1. A report to an Annual Conference, containing a financial statement which the *Discipline* requires to be audited, should not be approved until the audit is made and the financial statement is shown to be correct. Other parts of the report may be approved pending such audit.

2. The *Discipline* does not specify the manner of presenting nominations for Conference Lay Leader to the Annual Conference; hence oral nominations are permissible unless the Annual Conference has provided otherwise.

3. In the Kentucky Annual Conference the nomination of the Conference Lay Leader, to be valid, must be made by the Annual Conference Board of Lay Activities by ballot at a meeting of such Board, at which a majority of the members of the Board are present and voting, and by a majority vote of the members of the Board present and voting.

4. The *Discipline* does not require that a certificate reciting the process by which the nomination was determined shall be presented with the nomination. When the nomination of a Conference

Lay leader is presented to the Annual Conference by a representative of the Board of Lay Activities, the regularity of same will be presumed in the absence of a showing to the contrary.

JURISDICTION

At the 1951 session of the Kentucky Annual Conference, Marcus C. Redwine, a Lay Member of the Annual Conference, propounded in writing to Bishop William T. Watkins the following questions:

1. "Can the annual Report of the Conference Board of Lay Activities be approved before compliance with Paragraph 722 'Audit' of the 1948 *Discipline*?"

2. "Can a Conference Lay Leader be nominated, except on certificate in writing that at a regular meeting, with a quorum present, that person so nominated was so named by ballot by a majority of said quorum of the Conference Board of Lay Activities?"

3. "May the nomination of the Board of Lay Activities for Conference Lay Leader be made orally, or must it be made in writing?"

To these questions Bishop Watkins made answer in writing before the Annual Conference. Therefore the Judicial Council has jurisdiction to hear and determine the issues involved in the rulings of Bishop Watkins above referred to.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The first question propounded is as follows:

"Can the annual Report of the Conference Board of Lay Activities be approved before compliance with Paragraph 722 'Audit' of the 1948 *Discipline*?"

To this question Bishop Watkins answered as follows:

"The failure by oversight of a Board of an Annual Conference to observe some legal requirement does not prevent a Board from making a Report to the Annual Conference, nor does it invalidate the right of an Annual Conference to accept the Report."

Before passing judgment upon this ruling of Bishop Watkins we call attention to the fact that the Kentucky Conference, under its Rule 21, operates, as far as they apply, under the Rules of the last General Conference; "otherwise Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the procedure in the Annual Conference." (See Judicial Council Decision 66.)

Paragraph 53 of Robert's Rules of Order states that a motion to "accept" a Report is equivalent to adopting the Report.

Paragraph 54 of Robert's Rules of Order provides:

"If it [the Report] is a Financial Report, as in the case of a Board of Trustees or a Treasurer, it should be referred to an Auditing Committee, as the vote to accept the Report does not endorse the accuracy of the figures, for the assembly can only be sure of that by having the report audited. Whenever such a Financial Report is made, the Chair, without any motion, should say it is referred to the Auditing Committee or auditors."

In this case we have no record to show what disposition was made of the financial portion of the Report of the Board of Lay Activities: It is pertinent here to say that in the light of the provisions of Paragraph 722 of the 1948 *Discipline*, and the above quotations from the rules governing the Kentucky Conference, it was improper for that Conference to accept, in the sense of adopting, the financial Report of the Conference Board of Lay Activities until same had been audited and the figures found to be correct. In no wise should the provisions of Paragraph 722 of the *Discipline* be ignored or disregarded.

Even though some of the District Lay Leaders may not have reported, the Board should have presented its Report on the data at hand and had its financial statement audited, thus placing the blame for the incomplete Report where it belonged.

However, other portions of the Annual Report which do not relate to finances can be considered by the Conference at the will of the Conference. In so far as Bishop Watkins' ruling relates to matters that are not financial and which are not required to be reviewed by anybody except the Annual Conference, it is hereby affirmed. The financial part of the Report should have been referred to the Auditing Committee for audit and report.

The second question propounded is as follows:

"Can a Conference Lay Leader be nominated, except on certificate in writing that at a regular meeting, with a quorum present, that person so nominated was so named by ballot by a majority of said quorum of the Conference Board of Lay Activities?"

To this question Bishop Watkins answered as follows:

"When a member of a subordinate body makes a nomination to the Annual Conference for that body it is not necessary for him to state that the subordinate body has kept the law of the Church in arriving at its decision. Failure by the one making the nomination to state that the vote was by ballot and that there was a quorum present does not invalidate the nomination. Neither law nor custom requires such."

With this portion of the Bishop's ruling we concur and same is hereby affirmed.

To the third question:

"May the nomination of the Board of Lay Activities for Conference Lay Leader be made orally or must it be made in writing?"

The Bishop made answer as follows:

"There is no requirement in Paragraph 1494 of the *Discipline* that the nomination be in writing."

The *Discipline* does not specify the manner of presenting nominations for Conference Lay Leader to the Annual Conference; hence oral nominations may be made unless the Annual Conference has provided otherwise. We have no evidence of any action on the part of the Kentucky Annual Conference requiring such nomination to be in writing.

The questions propounded, however, have implications that are more far-reaching than the matter of whether the nomination can be made orally, or must be made in writing. They seem to inquire as to what constitutes a quorum, and what constitutes a legal nomination for Conference Lay Leader in the Kentucky Conference.

For a nomination for Conference Lay Leader in the Kentucky Conference to be valid, same must be determined by the Conference Board of Lay Activities by ballot, as provided in Paragraph 1494 of the *Discipline*. For said Conference Board of Lay Activities to make a valid nomination there must be a majority of the members present and voting, and the nominee must receive a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

This statement is supported by the following:

1. The Kentucky Annual Conference is governed as far as possible by the Rules of the last General Conference. The Rules of the last General Conference (Handbook for Delegates, the General Conference, 1948, pp. 179-80, Section 3 of Paragraph 4) provide that a majority of the members of its Committees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. Robert's Rules of Order, Page 258, provides that in the absence of a specific provision for a lesser number, a quorum consists of a majority of the body.

3. In the former ruling of Bishop Watkins above referred to, relating to the election of a Conference Lay Leader in the Kentucky Conference, Bishop Watkins ruled that to constitute a quorum for the nomination of a Conference Lay Leader a majority of the Conference Board of Lay Activities was required to be present and that a nomination made at a meeting of the Board at which a majority of the members of the Board was not present was invalid.

Mr. Redwine in his brief filed in the pending case, states: "That was a correct ruling."

The Judicial Council concurs in this statement of the law. A nomination made otherwise is illegal and invalid.

It is the decision of the Judicial Council, however, that when such nomination is made to the Annual Conference by a representative of the Board, the regularity of the proceeding by which such nomination was determined will be presumed in the absence of a showing to the contrary. We draw

an inference from the meager record before us that Brother Redwine, who propounded these questions to the Bishop, was present when the proceedings complained of took place. There is nothing in his brief or in the Bishop's ruling indicating that there was any irregularity in arriving at the nomination presented. We cannot hold that it was the duty of the Bishop to engage in an investigation of the proceedings of the Conference Board of Lay Activities in determining the nomination before putting same to the vote of the Conference. We feel that it would have been the moral duty of anyone knowing the facts to challenge such proceeding if there had been any irregularity therein. There is no evidence in the record indicating such irregularity. Bishop Watkins, in his statement in support of his ruling, asserts that there was a quorum of the Board present, and that the nomination was made by ballot, and that the nominee reported to the Annual Conference received a majority of the votes of the members present and voting. He further states: "All of these facts are conceded by the Plaintiff."

Brother Redwine, in his brief, makes no denial of this assertion, but states that it is "totally outside the record." Since the record is silent as to any indication of irregularity in connection with the nomination it can safely be presumed that there was no irregularity, and that the nomination and election were legal and valid.

Except as hereinbefore modified, the rulings of Bishop Watkins are affirmed.
November 27, 1951

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke in Pittsburgh Annual Conference with Reference to Adoption of Ministers Reserve Pension Plan

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

The Annual Conference has no authority to delegate its responsibilities and powers to Quarterly Conferences except as explicitly given that authority by the General Conference. Therefore the Pittsburgh Annual Conference had no authority to delegate to the Quarterly Conferences the power to determine whether or not the Annual Conference would adopt the Reserve Pension Plan.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the meeting of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 19, 1950, the Annual Conference Committee on Reserve Pension Plan made its Report recommending, *inter alia*: "That the Pittsburgh Conference join the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund of The Methodist Church." Motion was made to adopt this recommendation of the Committee. Thereafter the following substitute motion was offered: "Before this legislation

can become officially a part of the Conference financial program it must be approved by two-thirds of the Quarterly Conferences of the churches of the Conference." (See *Journal of the Pittsburgh Conference*, 1950, P. 501.) This motion prevailed, and Presiding Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke was requested in writing to rule on the validity of the above action of the Conference.

Bishop Wicke ruled that "such reference to the Quarterly Conferences for referendum would be a delegation of powers for which the Constitution makes no provision," citing Paragraph 22 of the Constitution and Section II of Paragraph 1642 of the 1948 *Discipline*. The question is presented: "Is the ruling of the Presiding Bishop valid?"

Division Four, Article II (Paragraph 43 of 1948 *Discipline*) of the Constitution of The Methodist Church reads in part as follows:

JURISDICTION

"Art. II.—The Judicial Council shall have authority: . . .

"3. To pass upon decisions of law made by Bishops in Annual or District Conferences."

Excerpts from the minutes of the 1950 Session of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference show clearly that such a ruling was made by Bishop Wicke with respect to the matter now under consideration. We therefore hold that the Judicial Council has jurisdiction to review and pass upon said ruling made by Bishop Wicke in the 1950 Session of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference.

Decision of the Judicial Council

Paragraph 22, Article II of the Constitution reads as follows:

"The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers, and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations of ministers. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine."

A careful analysis of the provisions of Paragraph 22 above quoted shows affirmatively that the Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church and exercises such powers as are granted by Paragraph 22 above quoted. We can find nowhere therein any statement authorizing the Annual Conference to delegate any of its powers to the Quarterly Conferences.

Because of the importance of the matter herein involved, the Annual Conference could properly and wisely seek the advice of the Quarterly Conferences of its constituent churches by any means it deems proper. The Annual Con-

ference cannot, however, leave the final determination of the question involved to any other body than the Annual Conference itself.

If we carefully note the provisions of Paragraph 1642, Section 2 of the 1948 *Discipline*, the relevant part of which reads as follows: "An Annual or Provisional Annual Conference, at any time, on its own determination, by a two-thirds vote of its membership present and voting, may enter the fund," we see that only the Annual Conference has the power to determine whether it shall enter the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund. By no stretch of the imagination can this section be construed to give the Annual Conference the right to delegate this power to the Quarterly Conferences of the Annual Conference.

In those instances where the Church law has authorized the Annual Conference to delegate any powers to the Quarterly Conferences the power has been specifically set forth.

Since we find no authority in the applicable law of the Church authorizing the delegation by an Annual Conference to the Quarterly Conferences of said Conference the final determination of the question whether or not the Annual Conference shall enter the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, we must conclude that the delegation of this authority by the Pittsburgh Annual Conference to the Quarterly Conferences of that Conference was an unlawful delegation of authority; and the ruling of Bishop Wicke is therefore affirmed.

November 28, 1951

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop J. Ralph Magee in Illinois Annual Conference with Reference to Adoption of Ministers Reserve Pension Plan

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

The Annual Conference has no authority to delegate its responsibilities and powers to Quarterly Conferences except as explicitly given that authority by the General Conference. Therefore the Illinois Annual Conference had no authority to delegate to the Quarterly Conferences the power to determine whether or not the Annual Conference would adopt the Reserve Pension Plan.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a special meeting of the Illinois Conference held in Bloomington, Illinois, on February 12, 1951, for the purpose of voting upon a Reserve Pension Plan for the Illinois Conference, a Report was made by a Commission to study the Reserve Pension Plan. (Pp. 804-5, Journal and Year Book, Illinois Conference, 1951.) A motion was made to adopt the Report of the Commission.

The following motion was made to amend the Report: "That the plan, when approved, shall be subject to ratification by three-fourths of the Quarterly Conferences of the member churches of the Illinois Conference, and shall be in effect and a campaign undertaken following such ratification."

The amended Report was adopted by a vote of 236 for and 178 against.

On May 21, 1951, Bishop Magee was requested in writing to rule upon the validity of the above action in a Special Session of the Illinois Conference.

On June 7, 1951, at the regular session of the Illinois Conference, Bishop Magee ruled as follows:

"It is my judgment and I rule that the Annual Conference has no authority to delegate its responsibilities and powers to the Quarterly Conferences, except as explicitly given that right by the General Conference. . . . It was moved that the plan, when approved, be subject to ratification by a three-fourths majority of the Quarterly Conferences of the member churches of the Illinois Conference before the plan becomes operative or a campaign be undertaken. This was clearly out of order. The Illinois Annual Conference must determine by its own vote whether it will enter the Reserve Pension Plan."

The question is presented: "Is the ruling of Bishop Magee valid?"

JURISDICTION

The above ruling was made in open Conference and is properly before the Judicial Council for review.

Decision of the Judicial Council

While the facts presented in this case differ slightly from the facts presented in the matter of the ruling of Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke in the Pittsburgh Conference, heretofore decided by the Council at this session (Decision 78), the question of law involved is the same.

The ruling of Bishop Magee is accordingly affirmed for the reasons heretofore set forth in the decision of the Council in re the Pittsburgh Conference case above cited. November 28, 1951

In Re: Ruling of Bishop Jose L. Valencia in the Philippines Annual Conference Relative to the Conference Status of D. D. Alejandro, Whose Term as Bishop of a Central Conference Has Expired; and of D. D. Alejandro's Appeal Therefrom, and Petition for Rehearing

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

A Central Conference Bishop whose term of office expires or is terminated is returned to membership in the Annual Conference of

which he was a member when elected Bishop. D. D. Alejandro is bound by the 1946 action of the Central Conference under which he was elected, consecrated, and served as Bishop. At the close of the 1948 Session of the Philippines Central Conference he automatically became an effective member of the Philippines Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

For all intents and purposes this issue has already been determined, as the status of Brother D. D. Alejandro was determined by the Judicial Council at its April 28-30, 1949, Session. (See Judicial Council Decision 61.)

The present proceeding is in the nature of an appeal by D. D. Alejandro for a rehearing on the issue involved, though brought in the form of a ruling made by a Bishop in an Annual Conference.

The Constitution provides that the decisions of the Judicial Council shall be final (Paragraph 44, 1948 *Discipline*). Neither the *Discipline* nor the rules and regulations governing the procedure of the Council provide for a motion or petition for rehearing. However, should it be brought to the attention of the Council in any manner that an error has been made in a Decision, it will correct such error even to the overruling of a former Decision.

We have carefully considered the petition, argument, and exhibits presented by Brother Alejandro in behalf of his appeal. We agree with him that the action of the 1944 Session of the Central Conference was somewhat "muddled." The intent of the action of 1944 was clarified, however, in the action of the 1946 Central Conference when a new election was ordered for a term of two years. This action provided further that the Bishop then to be elected be consecrated for the two-year service, and contained the following provision:

"Upon the completion of such service of consecration, the term of office of the Bishop fixed by the 1944 Central Conference shall be considered terminated."

Brother Alejandro was elected for this two-year term, accepted same, was consecrated as a Bishop, and served two years. He is therefore bound by the provision above quoted and under which he was elected, consecrated, and served.

Decision of the Judicial Council

Neither the Constitution nor the *Discipline* provides the length of the term for a Central Conference Bishop. The "tenure" or term is to be fixed by the Central Conference under certain limitations. It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the 1946 action of the Central Conference under which D. D. Alejandro was elected, and was consecrated, and under which he served for the two years therein provided, was in accord with Paragraph 573 of the 1944 *Discipline*, and was therefore valid and binding on the appellant.

There being no merit in the appeal, the petition for rehearing is denied, and the ruling of Bishop Valencia thereon in the 1951 Session of the Philippines Annual Conference is hereby affirmed.

November 27, 1951

In Re: Pension Claim of Walter L. French

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

A retired minister whose pension payments from the Annual Conference were reduced during the quadrennium 1944-48 in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1630, Section 1, *Discipline* of 1944, has no right to claim from the Board of Conference Claimants the amount of such reductions.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Walter L. French took the retired relationship in the Wyoming State Conference at the Session in June, 1944. According to the record he moved to California and took work as a Methodist Supply Pastor. During the quadrennium 1944 to 1948 his pension was reduced according to the provision of the 1944 *Discipline*, Paragraph 1630, Section 1. He protested to the Board every year and asked that the money withheld be paid to him. He has not at any time alleged any miscalculation, but has always protested that the legislation was unjust and invalid, and now he states that the General Conference of 1948 recognized it as such and therefore removed the provision (Paragraph 1630, Section 1) from the law of the Church.

Walter L. French asked the Board of Conference Claimants of the Wyoming State Conference to pay him all moneys withheld from his pension during the quadrennium 1944 to 1948 under the provision of Paragraph 1630, Section 1, *Discipline* of 1944.

The Board, in session at the Conference on June 15, 1951, adopted an action refusing the request. The Board directed the Secretary to report the entire matter on the floor of the Conference, and to request the ruling of the presiding Bishop, Glenn R. Phillips, on the legality of the action by the Board. Such ruling was made in open conference and is properly before the Judicial Council for review.

Ruling of the Bishop

"Ruling on the case of Walter L. French, a retired member of the Wyoming State Conference who appeals for special consideration in connection with his annuity claim for the years 1944-48, it is my ruling that, according to Paragraph 1630, Section 1, of the 1944 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, the Board of Conference Claimants of the Wyoming State Conference is legally justified in refusing to grant the request of Walter L. French for a distribution to him which would necessarily be made without reference to the qualifying provisions concerning said years."

Decision of the Judicial Council

The appellant in this case seems to base his claim, not on the ground that the legislation of the General Conference of 1944, Paragraph 1630, Section 1, was unconstitutional, but that it was unjust. The Judicial Council has no jurisdiction to pass upon the wisdom of any General Con-

ference legislation, nor whether it may perhaps work hardship as alleged in this case. The Judicial Council can only determine whether such legislation comes within the Constitutional power of the General Conference. Furthermore, the repeal of any legislation is not of itself an admission of any Constitutional error. In this case it merely indicates that the General Conference adopted a different method in handling this very controversial subject, for a period after 1948.

While the provisions of Paragraph 1630, Section 1 of the 1944 *Discipline* were in effect, the Board of Conference Claimants had no alternative but to carry out its terms. We must not overlook the grant of power to the Annual Conference (See 1948 *Discipline*, Paragraph 1616, and previous *Disciplines*) to be the sole judge of the advisability and validity of annuity claims. The basic right of a retired minister is only a right to make an annuity claim. He has no contractual rights "unless and until provision shall have been made therefor on an actuarial reserve basis" (Paragraph 1615 of the 1948 *Discipline*). It is the Annual Conference, under the provisions of the *Discipline*, that decides what shall be granted on the claim.

Accordingly, the decision of the Judicial Council must be that the Bishop was correct in upholding the action of the Board of Conference Claimants in this case, and therefore the ruling of the Bishop is hereby affirmed.
November 28, 1951

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop Valencia in the Philippines Annual Conference with Respect to a Full-Time Ministry

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

It is not necessary to adopt a fixed rule to determine the applicability of the term "full-time ministry" (Paragraph 343, Question 17, *Discipline* of 1948), as each case must be considered by the Committee on Conference Relations on the facts applicable thereto.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a Session of the Philippines Annual Conference in March, 1951, the Conference reviewed action taken by it at previous sessions in 1948, 1949, and 1950 as to the interpretation and application of the provision in the *Discipline* as to "full-time ministry," with particular reference to Paragraph 343, Question 17, *Discipline* of 1948. At the 1950 Annual Conference Session there was adopted, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, the following:

"By *Full-Time Ministry* we mean to include: first, the Pastors regularly appointed to pastoral charges who derive their income from the Church; second, ministers who are appointed by the

Bishop under special appointment; third, students studying in approved institutions who are also pastors of churches."

At the session of the Annual Conference of March 29, 1951, the Presiding Bishop, Jose L. Valencia, made a ruling on the above matter as follows:

"In view of the fact that the 1948 *Discipline* required that the work of the ministry be full time and every member of the Annual Conference has taken a pledge to devote himself wholly to God and His work as provided in Paragraph 343, I hereby rule that the action on full-time ministry taken on February 18, 1950, is not necessary and the same is therefore ordered expunged from the records, and that any violation of the obligations contained in said Paragraph 343 or any other related provision of the *Discipline* may be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for action."

Decision of the Judicial Council

It is evident that the members of the Philippines Annual Conference were endeavoring to adopt some workable definition of the term "full-time ministry" which could be applied under the conditions existing in that country. In other words, they were trying to bind the Committee on Conference Relations to some fixed standards. It is evident that any such standards would have to be rather flexible, and that each case as it comes up before the Committee would have to be considered in connection with the particular facts applicable thereto.

Accordingly, as so interpreted, it is evident that the ruling of the Bishop was generally speaking correct in saying that any such rule is unnecessary. However, it was not in order to order the foregoing action to be expunged from the records, but simply to say that the same should be rescinded.

With the foregoing qualification, therefore, the ruling of the Bishop in this case is hereby affirmed.
November 28, 1951

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In Re: The Continuation of a Central Conference Bishop in Effective Relation as a Bishop, He Having Reached His Seventieth Birthday Prior to the First Day of the Regular Session of His Central Conference

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

Under present provisions of the *Discipline* no age limit has been made for the retirement of Central Conference Bishops. Paragraph 436 of the 1948 *Discipline* applies only to Bishops assigned to Jurisdictions under the Plan of Union and those elected by Jurisdictional Conferences since Union. Under Paragraph 8 of the *Discipline* the General Conference has the right to prescribe a uniform rule

for the superannuation of all Bishops, but to date it has not exercised that power.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The following request for a Declaratory Decision has been received by the Judicial Council from the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, to wit:

"TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

"The Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas requests a Declaratory Statement of the Judicial Council upon the following:

"Whereas Par. 5, Art. IV, Sec. 5 of the 1948 *Discipline* in line 3 of said Section 5 provides that the General Conference shall 'provide a uniform rule for their superannuation' and

"Whereas Par. 438 states that 'each Central Conference shall determine the rules for retirement of its Bishops,' and

"Whereas the General Conference in Par. 436 (1) has set the following rule: 'A Bishop whose seventieth birthday precedes the first day of the regular session of his Jurisdictional Conference shall be released at the close of that Conference from the obligation to travel through the connection at large, and from Residential Supervision,'

"Therefore, the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas respectfully asks if a Bishop elected by a Central Conference may be continued in effective relation as a Bishop after having reached his seventieth birthday before the first day of the regular session of his Central Conference.

"LEON T. MOORE,
Secretary of the Commission."

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council, under Paragraph 914 of the 1948 *Discipline*, has jurisdiction to grant the request and to render a Declaratory Decision on the question submitted.

Decision of the Judicial Council

Article IV, Section I, Division Two of the Constitution (Paragraph 8 of the 1948 *Discipline*) grants to the General Conference "full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional." This is a broad grant of power, and unless there is found elsewhere in the Constitution some modification of, or a limitation to, this power, the General Conference has the right to prescribe one age limit for the retirement of Bishops assigned to or elected by Jurisdictional Conferences and another rule for the retirement of Bishops elected by Central Conferences.

The legislative history on this question reveals that the General Conference has so interpreted its powers in this respect. In Paragraph 436 of the *Discipline* it has established a rule for the retirement of Bishops assigned to or elected by Jurisdictional Conferences. In Paragraph 438 it has undertaken to delegate to Central Conferences the power to establish rules for the retirement of Central Conference Bishops. Whether the provisions of Paragraph 438

constitute an illegal delegation of power and authority need not be determined in order to answer the question here under consideration.

Central Conference Bishops constitute a part of the "Episcopacy" of The Methodist Church. (See Judicial Council Decision 4.) Under Section 5 of Paragraph 8 of the *Discipline*, reading as follows:

"To define and fix the powers, duties, and privileges of the Episcopacy, to adopt a plan for the support of the Bishops, *to provide a uniform* [italics ours] rule for their superannuation . . .," as well as under the blanket grant of "full legislative power on all things distinctively connectional," given in the first clause of Paragraph 8, the General Conference does have the right to provide a uniform rule for the superannuation of all Bishops, including Central Conference Bishops. So far, however, such uniform rule for the superannuation of all Bishops has not been provided by the General Conference.

It has been suggested that the provision in Section 5 of Paragraph 8 authorizing the General Conference "to provide a uniform rule for [the] superannuation" of Bishops, constitutes a limitation upon the legislative power granted in the first clause of Paragraph 8; and that a proper interpretation of Paragraph 8 as a whole is that in legislating upon the question of superannuation or retirement of Bishops it is limited to prescribing a *uniform* rule for the retirement of all Bishops.

In view of the broad grant of power contained in the first clause of Paragraph 8, and the fact that the provision set out in Section 5 of Paragraph 8 is not a clearly expressed limitation on this broad grant of power contained in the first clause of said Paragraph, it does not appear that the Paragraph as a whole is subject to the interpretation suggested. It would appear that a more reasonable interpretation would be that the General Conference has "full legislative power on all matters distinctively connectional," including the power and authority "to provide a uniform rule" for April 26, 1952.

In answer to the specific question submitted to the Judicial Council by the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, it is the decision of the Council that under present legislation on the subject a Bishop elected by a Central Conference may be continued in effective relation as a Bishop after having reached his seventieth birthday before the first day of the regular session of his Central Conference, but that the General Conference has the constitutional power to provide a *uniform* rule for the super-

annuation of all Bishops, including Central Conference Bishops, if it desires to exercise that power.
April 26, 1952

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In Re: Election of Bishops by Jurisdictional Conferences for a Specific Area

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

All Bishops elected by a Jurisdictional Conference under Paragraph 439 of the 1948 *Discipline* have the same status as any Bishop assigned to a Jurisdiction under the Plan of Union or who has been elected by a Jurisdictional Conference; and any Bishop assigned to or elected by any Jurisdictional Conference may be assigned to any Area over which the Jurisdiction has been given Episcopal Supervision, including missions outside the territory of such Jurisdiction.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a session held January 10, 1952, the Council of Bishops voted to petition the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision upon a question phrased as follows:

"What interpretation should be placed upon the election of General Superintendents by a Jurisdiction, under authority of the General Conference, for a specified Area?"

JURISDICTION

This case comes before the Judicial Council under the provisions of Paragraph 914, as a petition for a ruling as to the effect of actions taken by Jurisdictional Conferences purporting to be in accordance with legislation duly enacted. This petition complies with the above provisions, and we accordingly hold that the Judicial Council has jurisdiction.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The question referred to the Judicial Council as above quoted does not specify any particular act of the General Conference to be construed. We assume, however, that what is requested is an interpretation of Paragraph 439 of the *Discipline*, which reads as follows:

"Each Jurisdiction having 500,000 church members or less shall be entitled to four Bishops, and for each additional 500,000 members or two thirds thereof shall be entitled to one additional Bishop, *provided* that the General Conference may authorize any Jurisdictional Conference to elect one or more Bishops beyond the quota herein specified in order to provide Episcopal Supervision for mission fields outside the territory of a Jurisdictional Conference."

The latter part of this Paragraph was an amendment, adopted by the General Conference of 1944, to Paragraph 339 of the 1940 *Discipline*. In pursuance of the foregoing amendment the General Conference did authorize the election of

additional Bishops in certain Jurisdictions. (See Paragraph 602 of the 1948 *Discipline*.)

Two questions seem to be involved in the inquiry, viz.:

(1) Were the Bishops elected under the provisions of Paragraphs 439 and 602 elected to serve only in a particular Area outside the United States of America, and

(2) May Bishops elected by a Jurisdictional Conference be assigned to Residential and Presidential Supervision in missions outside the boundaries of their respective Jurisdictions?

To answer these questions it appears necessary to consider and construe some Constitutional provisions that appear on first reading to be in conflict.

As a prelude to this analysis of Constitutional provisions, it is to be noted that a Bishop elected by a Jurisdictional Conference is not just a Bishop of that Jurisdiction, but is a Bishop of The Methodist Church.

Missionary Bishops are mentioned in Paragraph 441 as Bishops having been elected to serve in specified mission fields; but in none of the legislation providing for the election and assignment of Bishops by a Jurisdictional Conference is there any provision for the election of a Bishop to serve in a specified Area.

Paragraph 38, a part of the Constitution, provides that Bishops shall have Residential and Presidential Supervision in the Jurisdictional Conferences in which they are elected, or in the Jurisdiction to which they may be transferred in the manner therein provided. It has been suggested that this specific grant of power in this particular provision of the Constitution precludes the General Conference from authorizing such Bishops to exercise Residential and Presidential Supervision in missions outside of their respective Jurisdictions.

As bearing on that question, attention is called to the following significant constitutional provisions:

Paragraph 15 reads in part as follows:

"The Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the following powers and duties *and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference*" [italics ours].

Then follow six subdivisions setting out specific powers and duties of the Jurisdictional Conferences. The first clause in the Paragraph, however, precludes the construction that these six subdivisions are the exclusive powers and duties that the Jurisdictional Conferences may be authorized to exercise. The General Conference is given specific authority to prescribe other powers and duties for the Jurisdictional Conferences.

Paragraph 8 of the *Discipline*, also a part of the Con-

stitution, confers upon the General Conference "full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional," and grants specific authority and power to the General Conference:

"4. To provide for the organization, promotion, and administration of the work of the Church outside the United States of America.

"5. To define and fix the powers, duties, and privileges of the Episcopacy," etc.

"10. To fix a uniform basis upon which Bishops shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences," etc.

"14. To enact such other legislation as may be necessary, subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the Church."

It appears that these broad grants of power, including: (a) full legislative power over all matters distinctly connectional; (b) the power to assign to Jurisdictional Conferences powers and duties in addition to those specifically set out in Paragraph 15; (c) power to provide for the "administration of the work of the Church outside the United States of America"; and (d) the specific power "to define and fix the powers, duties, and privileges of the Episcopacy," forbid a construction of Paragraph 38 as meaning that the General Conference is without power to provide for Residential and Presidential Supervision of mission fields in the manner provided in Paragraph 439. Otherwise Section 5 of Paragraph 8 would be meaningless.

Section 6 of Paragraph 601 of the *Discipline* provides that the General Conference shall make provision for the Episcopal Supervision of work in territory outside the United States which is not now included in Central Conferences.

Paragraph 602 makes provision for such Episcopal Supervision in keeping with the provisions of Paragraph 439.

In the light of these broad grants of legislative power to the General Conference contained in Paragraph 8 and Paragraph 15 of the Constitution, it is unreasonable to presume that the specific powers granted to Bishops in Paragraph 38 were intended to be exclusive or a limitation upon the legislative powers granted to the General Conference in Paragraphs 8 and 15.

It is the Decision of the Judicial Council that the General Conference acted within its constitutional right in enacting the amendment to Paragraph 439 quoted above and in enacting Paragraph 602 in pursuance thereof. It is the

Decision of the Judicial Council also that the Bishops elected under the provisions of Paragraphs 439 and 602 have the same status as Bishops assigned to a Jurisdiction under the Plan of Union or who have been subsequently elected as Bishops by the Jurisdictional Conferences, and that any Bishop assigned to a Jurisdiction or elected by a Jurisdictional Conference, is, under Paragraph 439, subject to assignment to Residential and Presidential Supervision in missions outside of the territory of such Jurisdiction, but which have been attached by the General Conference to such Jurisdiction for Episcopal Supervision.

April 30, 1952

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In Re: General Legislation to Permit Individual Churches of the Central Jurisdiction to Become a Part of Any Other Jurisdiction

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

The transfer of a local church of the Central Jurisdiction to an Annual Conference of another Jurisdiction can be done only in accordance with appropriate action of the General Conference, Jurisdictional Conferences, and Annual Conferences, as provided in the Constitution. This method of making such a change can only be changed by a Constitutional Amendment.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The General Conference has referred to the Judicial Council the following proposed legislation for a Declaratory Decision as to the constitutionality thereof, to wit:

"COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

REPORT No. 1

"Subject: Membership in Jurisdictions.

"Your Committee recommends the passage of necessary enabling legislation, so that any local church or churches of the Central Jurisdiction may become a part of any other Jurisdiction in which the church or churches concerned may be located, providing such membership is mutually desired by the said church or churches of the Central Jurisdiction concerned, the particular Annual Conference of each Jurisdiction concerned and a majority of the Annual Conferences of each Jurisdiction concerned."

(See page 187 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.)

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to determine the constitutionality of proposed legislation under Resolution adopted by the General Conference April 29, 1952, reading as follows:

"Be it resolved that to facilitate the determination of the constitutionality of proposed legislation when same seems important, that the Judicial Council be and it is hereby given jurisdiction to pass upon the constitutionality of any proposed legislation when

such Declaratory Decision is requested by the General Conference or by the Council of Bishops."

No specific legislation is contained in the above quoted Report. Since it was referred to the Judicial Council by the General Conference immediately following the above Resolution, it is to be assumed that the General Conference intended that the Judicial Council should have jurisdiction to pass upon the subject in general, such Declaratory Decision to serve as a guide to Committees and other parties in framing legislation relating to the subject involved.

On that assumption the Judicial Council here determines that it has jurisdiction to render a Declaratory Decision of a general nature on the subject outlined in the above quoted report.

Decision of the Judicial Council

The character of the proposed legislation indicated by the Report involves the question of changing boundaries of Jurisdictions. In the presentation of the matter in argument before the Council representatives of the Committee on Conferences referred to Paragraph 538 of the *Discipline* reading as follows:

"538. For methods of changing the number, names, and boundaries of the Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences see Paragraphs 28, 29 in the Constitution."

Par. 28 of the Constitution relates to changes in Jurisdictions, and reads as follows:

"28. Art. III.—Changes in the number, names, and boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conferences may be effected by the General Conference upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences of each of the Jurisdictional Conferences involved."

The proposed legislation indicated by the Report under consideration is based upon an interpretive theory that this Constitutional provision for the changing of the "number, names, and boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences" authorizes such change in racial boundaries as well as in geographical boundaries.

With this interpretation of this Constitutional provision the Judicial Council is in accord. Otherwise it would have no meaning for the Central Jurisdiction. It was so determined by the Judicial Council in Decision 55 of date May 6, 1948, in which a proposal to change the boundaries of the Central Jurisdiction and the Northeastern Jurisdiction so as to allow the "New York and New York East Annual Conferences . . . to organize and promote new Negro work, which work, when organized, [to] be within the geographical boundaries of the Conference in which it is organized, and . . . be constituent churches thereof."

The Report under consideration indicates that the legislation to be proposed is to deal with individual local

churches, and that in addition to the Constitutional provisions by which the boundaries of Jurisdictions may be changed, the legislation will also require the approval of the local church or churches involved and the consent of the particular Annual Conference affected in each Jurisdiction concerned.

Under Paragraph 8 of the Constitution the General Conference has "full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional." It appears, therefore, that it does have the power to throw around the matter of such changes in the boundaries of Jurisdictions other safeguards to arbitrary action of Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences contrary to the wishes of the local church or churches involved.

Under the Constitution, however (Paragraph 28), it appears that each change must rest upon its merits, and must be proposed by a specific act of the General Conference and be approved by a majority of the Annual Conferences in each Jurisdiction involved; but that the General Conference, under its broad legislative powers, may enact a general act to apply to all such proposed changes in the boundaries of Jurisdictions requiring that before such change can be effected, consent therefor must be had from the local church or churches involved and from the particular Annual Conferences concerned.

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that no blanket enactment may be made by the General Conference for changes in the "number, names, and boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conferences," it appearing from the content of Paragraph 28 of the Constitution that specific action on each case is required.

It is the decision of the Judicial Council, however, that the General Conference may pass legislation applicable to all such proposed changes, requiring the consent of the local church or churches involved and the consent of the particular Annual Conferences concerned, and may prescribe the method in which such consent shall be obtained—either by petitions or memorials to the General Conference in advance of action by the General Conference, or by ratification or consent after the action of the General Conference. In all cases, however, there must be an act of the General Conference making the particular change in the boundaries of the Jurisdictions desired.

Since the inclusion of a local church of the Central Jurisdiction in an Annual Conference of another Jurisdiction would be, from a racial standpoint, the changing of the boundaries of an Annual Conference, it appears from the provisions of Paragraph 29 and Section 4 of Article 15

of the *Discipline* that the Jurisdictional Conferences of the two Jurisdictions involved would also have to take appropriate action.

It is argued by some that such a complicated procedure for such changes is not in keeping with the trend of the thinking in our Church, and therefore should not be held to be necessary. Regardless of such changes in sentiment and thought it must be held in mind that this Constitution was prepared with a view of getting it adopted by all three of the Uniting Churches, and such procedural restrictions were inserted as seemed necessary to bring about the desired result—Unification. Along with these restrictions, however, were inserted provisions for the amendment of the Constitution. It is not the province of the Judicial Council to effect by judicial interpretation changes in the procedure set out in the Constitution. Apparently a more liberal procedure should be provided. It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the Constitutional provisions for the transfer of work from the Central Jurisdiction to another Jurisdiction can be changed only by Constitutional amendment as provided under the Constitution.

May 1, 1952

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In Re: Constitutionality of Proposed Legislation Referred to the Judicial Council by the General Conference

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

(1) The sentence: "Such a society of believers, being within The Methodist Church and subject to its *Discipline*, is also an inherent part of the Church Universal, which is composed of all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and which in The Apostles' Creed we declare to be the holy catholic Church," is not so clearly in violation of the First Restrictive Rule as to continue its insertion in the proposed legislation of which it forms a part, a legal matter of such a nature as to authorize the Judicial Council to take jurisdiction and render a Decision as to its Constitutionality.

(2) The proposal to add by legislation the words, "is the creation of God and" to Paragraph 101 of the report under consideration same being Article XIII of the Articles of Religion, does alter and change said Article. It is therefore in violation of the First Restrictive Rule, and is unconstitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On April 28, 1952, the General Conference has referred to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision as to the Constitutionality thereof the following:

One—The last sentence of Paragraph 102 of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, which sentence reads as follows:

"Such a society of believers, being within The Methodist Church and subject to its *Discipline*, is also an inherent part of the Church Universal, which is composed of all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord

and Saviour, and which in the Apostles' Creed we declare to be the holy catholic Church."

Two—A proposal to insert in the first line of Paragraph 101 of such Report (said Paragraph 101 being an exact quotation of Article XIII of the Articles of Religion) the following expression: "is the creation of God"; making the first clause in said article to read:

"Paragraph 101. The visible Church of Christ is the Creation of God and," etc.

These two Paragraphs, 101 and 102 of the Report under consideration, read in full as follows:

"Section 1

"101. The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same (Paragraph 73).

"102. The local church is a connectional society of persons who have professed their faith in Christ, have been baptized, have assumed the vows of membership in The Methodist Church, and are associated in fellowship as a local Methodist church in order that they may hear the Word of God, receive the Sacraments, and carry forward the work which Christ has committed to His Church. Such a society of believers, being within The Methodist Church and subject to its *Discipline*, is also an inherent part of the Church Universal, which is composed of all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and which in the Apostles' Creed we declare to be the holy catholic Church."

Paragraph 101 is a quotation of Paragraph 73 of the *Discipline* known as Article XIII of the Articles of Religion.

Paragraph 9 of the *Discipline*, known as the "Restrictive Rules," is a part of the Constitution. Section 1 thereof is known in Church history as the First Restrictive Rule. It reads as follows:

"1. The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion, or establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine."

On the first item referred it was argued by the member of the Conference moving the reference that the insertion in the pending legislation of the last sentence of Paragraph 102 quoted above violates said First Restrictive Rule and is therefore unconstitutional.

As to the second item referred, it was argued by the one moving its reference that the insertion of the words "is the creation of God and" in Paragraph 101 would not be in violation of the First Restrictive Rule or any other Constitutional provision and therefore would not be unconstitutional.

JURISDICTION

At this session of the General Conference general authority was granted to the Judicial Council to render Declaratory Decisions on the Constitutionality of proposed legislation when referred to it for such decisions by the General Conference, or by the Council of Bishops. This action was supplemental to, and does not in any way alter or amend, the last sentence of Paragraph 914 of the *Discipline* relating to Declaratory Decisions of the Judicial Council, such sentence reading as follows:

"The Judicial Council shall determine from the facts in connection with each such petition whether or not it has jurisdiction to hear and determine the same."

In a Decision handed down May 7, 1948 (see Decision 59), the Judicial Council held that it "was not set up as an interpreter of doctrine but as an interpreter of law from the strictly legal stand-

point." To that general principle the Council adheres. In each case submitted the Council must determine from the facts in that particular case whether or not it has jurisdiction.

Both of the items referred are of a theological nature. If it appears clear that the language used does "revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion," it becomes a legal matter of which the Judicial Council should take jurisdiction.

On the other hand if the language used does not clearly constitute a violation of the First Restrictive Rule, it should not be regarded as of such a legal nature as to authorize the Judicial Council to take jurisdiction and pass upon its Constitutionality.

The insertion in the legislation of the last sentence of Paragraph 102 as quoted above is not so clearly in violation of the First Restrictive Rule as to authorize the Judicial Council to take jurisdiction and interpret the same.

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that as to the matter set out under Paragraph *One* in the foregoing Statement of Facts, the Judicial Council should not and does not take jurisdiction to render a Declaratory Decision as to the Constitutionality thereof.

The insertion of any word or phrase into one of our Articles of Religion, however, would constitute a violation of the First Restrictive Rule. The Judicial Council, therefore, takes jurisdiction to pass upon the Constitutionality of the matter set out in Paragraph *Two* of the foregoing Statement of Facts.

Decision of the Judicial Council

As shown above, Paragraph 101 of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church is Article XIII of the Articles of Religion and is so designated in the Report by reference to Paragraph 73 of the *Discipline* of 1948.

The first clause reads as follows:

"The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men," etc.

The proposal under consideration is to add to this clause by legislation six additional words, to wit: "is the creation of God and," so as to make this clause read as follows:

"The visible Church of Christ is the creation of God and is a congregation of faithful men," etc.

The only answer possible is that the introduction of the phrase, "is the creation of God and," though generally accepted as true, would be changing or altering the plain and simple language of Article XIII, not to say adding to it, and is therefore in violation of the First Restrictive Rule (Paragraph 9, Section 1, of the Constitution).

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the insertion by legislation of the words "is the creation of God and" in the first clause of Paragraph 101 of the report under consideration would be unconstitutional.

May 3, 1952

Dissenting Opinion

With the "Statement of Facts" as given in the majority

opinion, the undersigned finds himself in full agreement. But he believes that the contention that, when the General Conference asks the Judicial Council to determine whether legislation, or proposed legislation, is Constitutional or unconstitutional, the Council is free to take or refuse jurisdiction, as it may choose, is not valid. It is the conviction of the undersigned that when the General Conference has requested a clear Decision, the Judicial Council is under legal as well as other obligation to make such a Decision.

The Articles of Religion are direct and clear, but they are likewise broad and profound; and though they state their truth dogmatically, this does not mean that the Church holding them can say nothing about them or that it is not warranted in drawing from them, within their expressed or implied meaning, such conclusions, corollaries, and applications as disciplined reason may deduce. For uncounted generations the doctrine of the universality of the Church has been preached from the pulpits of the Churches throughout the world and devoutly believed by the people, sometimes according to one confession, sometimes another, and not least among Methodists.

Very evidently the General Conference has no power to enact legislation which is at variance with Article XIII of the Articles of Religion, or which in any manner or measure renders its meaning doubtful or ambiguous, or less than simple, clear and straightforward.

The question before us is, Does the second sentence of Paragraph 102 of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church render the meaning of Article XIII of the Articles of Religion doubtful or ambiguous or complex, and does it add to or take from or in any way alter the meaning which it has historically been conceived to hear?

In my opinion the Judicial Council does have jurisdiction to give a plain answer to this plain question, and to say whether Paragraph 102 of the Report under consideration lies within or without the area of Christian faith and doctrine covered by Article XIII of the Articles of Religion. This is not a question of abstract theology, but of the definition of the concrete "visible Church of Christ." The Article declares that this Church is a "congregation of faithful men." Whether that "congregation" be present and existing in the flesh at a particular spot or a particular time, or whether it embraces the sum and assembly of all Churches in the world, or whether it includes all who have ever been a part of it, it is still a "congregation of faithful men." Article XIII also asserts that this "congregation" is a place or a company "in which the pure Word of God is

preached, and the Sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance." What can be more visible or real or concrete than that?

In determining this issue we are under obligation to avoid obscurantism and legalism and to give a clear and positive answer to the question propounded to the Judicial Council by the General Conference.

Let it be reiterated, therefore, that Article XIII of the Articles of Religion declares, "The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance." This is true whether the "visible Church" be of the Methodist or any other name. Methodists have historically so declared it in the Apostles' Creed, continually repeated by worshiping local congregations everywhere. This universal or "holy catholic Church" can be composed of none other than all Churches "in which the pure Word of God is preached and the Sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance." Therefore such a local church or "society of believers is an inherent part of the Church universal," and so to declare it does not violate the constitution of The Methodist Church.

Hence Paragraph 102 of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church, as adopted by the General Conference on April 25, 1952, is within the plain meaning of Article XIII of the Articles of Religion, and does not contravene, modify, or alter the fundamental law of the Church, and is constitutional.

WALTER A. STANBURY

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In Re: The Right of a Retired Traveling Preacher to Vote in Annual Conference

DIGEST OF THE DECISION

There is nothing in either the Constitution or the General Legislation of The Methodist Church that would deprive a retired traveling preacher of his right to vote as a full member of the Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On May 3, 1952, the General Conference in session at San Francisco referred to the Judicial Council the following memorial submitted by the Northern Philippines Annual Conference requesting a Declaratory Decision:

"We respectfully memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church, now in session, to: clarify whether or not a retired pastor retains his right to vote in the Annual Conference. If the right to vote is retained, we recommend that it be so stated in Paragraph 367, or some other appropriate Paragraph."

JURISDICTION

Paragraph 43, Article II of the Constitution states:

"The Judicial Council shall have authority:

"1. To determine the Constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops, or one fifth of the members of the General Conference.

"5. To have such other duties and powers may be conferred upon it by the General Conference."

Paragraph 914 of the 1948 *Discipline* reads as follows:

"When the General Conference shall have passed any act or legislation that appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when any Paragraphs or Paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning or application, any authority in the Church affected thereby that would have the right to appeal thereon to the Judicial Council under the law of the Church from any action of any Conference, ruling of a Bishop, or of any Board, Commission, or body of the Church, may petition the Judicial Council for a ruling in the nature of a Declaratory Decision as to the meaning, application, and effect of such act, legislation, or Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline*; and the Decision of the Judicial Council thereon shall be as binding and effectual as a Decision on appeal under the law relating to appeals to the Judicial Council.

"But only those who could appeal from an action under such an act, legislation, or laws can ask for such Declaratory Decision by the Judicial Council. Moot and hypothetical questions shall not be decided, but only those where some action is desired and some doubt or question as to the meaning or application of an act, legislation, action, or ruling is apparent."

From the above quotations from the Constitution and the general law of the Church, it is apparent that on the question set forth in the memorial presented by the Philippines Annual Conference and referred to the Judicial Council for a Decision, the Judicial Council is authorized to take jurisdiction.

Decision of the Judicial Council

Paragraph 21, Article I of the Constitution (1948 *Discipline*) defines the composition of an Annual Conference as follows: "The Annual Conference shall be composed of all traveling preachers in full connection with it, together with a lay member elected by each pastoral charge." From the earliest history of The Methodist Church the term "traveling preacher" has been interpreted to mean an ordained member of the Conference as distinguished from a local or licensed preacher, and "full connection" has referred to one who has been graduated from the course of study and passed from "On Trial" status to full membership. There can be no doubt that when a Methodist preacher retires either voluntarily, or by age limit prescribed by the legislation of the General Conference, such retirement does not terminate his "full connection" in the Annual Conference.

Moreover there is nothing in either the Constitution or the general legislation of the Church that would deprive a

retired preacher the right to vote as a full member of the Annual Conference.

So far as the Judicial Council has been able to determine, the right of a retired preacher to vote in the Annual Conference of which he is a member has never before been questioned.

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that a retired traveling preacher "retains his right to vote in the Annual Conference" of which he is a member in full connection.
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IV. LOUISA C. REILLY ESTATE**RESOLUTION**

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, page 319.

WHEREAS in connection with the Louisa C. Reilly Estate in Coke County, Texas, the residue of which was left by Will to the "Methodist Protestant Church," title to which property upon the probating of said Will, under the Texas law, automatically vested in the legal Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church; and,

WHEREAS, the technical name of the Trustees of said Methodist Protestant Church was, "TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH," said body being a corporation of perpetual succession created by the Legislature of the State of Maryland in 1896 (Page 306, Chapter 192, of the 1896 Laws of the State of Maryland); and,

WHEREAS, the 1948 General Conference of The Methodist Church, assuming that legal title to said Louisa C. Reilly Estate had vested in "THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH" (said THE METHODIST CHURCH being the legal successor or of the METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH), authorized and directed said THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH to administer the property coming into its hands from the said Louisa C. Reilly estate, and to sell or otherwise dispose of same; and,

WHEREAS on advice of counsel it appeared that it was necessary in order to clear the record title to said property in THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH a quit claim to said Board should be obtained from the TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, the Maryland corporation; and,

WHEREAS it appeared that the original trustees named in said Maryland Charter of 1896 were all deceased; and that under the Charter their successors were to be elected by the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; and,

WHEREAS the Methodist Protestant Church had been merged in 1939 with the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, to form "THE METHODIST CHURCH," but the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church with broad powers, had been continued in existence for the purpose of winding up and transacting any further business necessary in connection with the affairs of said former Methodist Protestant Church; the following procedure for clear-

ing the record title to said property in THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH and in disposing of said property was adopted and pursued;

First: The Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church met in session and elected the following persons as TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, they to act as directors of the Maryland Corporation by that name, to-wit:

Bryan, J. F.	4637 Schenley Rd., Baltimore 10
Bunce, E. L.	2705 St. Paul St., Baltimore 18
Dudley, J. A.	2426 W. Lanvale St., Baltimore 16
Hooker, G. J.	2312 E. Federal St., Baltimore 13
Litsinger, W. H.	Homewood Apts., Baltimore 18
Sexsmith, E. A.	2912 Rittenhouse St., Wash. 15, D. C.
Smith, L. B.	3612 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore 29
Warner, Paul F.	Linthicum, Maryland
Benson, F. M.	Davison Bldg.—Chas. & Fayette Sts.
Dexter, G. W.	7 Longwood Road
Gilbert, Harry E.	2 E. Lexington Street
Jett, Robt. S.	3212 Carlisle Avenue
Perkins, W. C.	114 St. Dunston's Road
Reiner, Chas. Jr.	516 N. Charles Street

said trustees or directors to serve as such until the next General Conference of The Methodist Church, successor of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Second: Said TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH thereupon met and organized, and executed a quit claim to THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH to all of the following property situated in the State of Texas, to-wit:

"All right, title and interest of this Corporation and of the Methodist Protestant Church in and to all the property, real estate, personal property, mixed property, mineral interests, —all property of every kind and character in the State of Texas—bequeathed to the Methodist Protestant Church by Mrs. Louisa C. Reilly by Will of date March 2, 1945 duly probated in the probate court of Limestone County, Texas."

Third: The 1948 General Conference in its action directing THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH to administer said estate and to sell or otherwise dispose of same and make appropriation thereof suggested that the Board take into consideration the particular needs in the area where such property is located, and the needs of the Bronte Methodist Church, located in Bronte, Texas, in which town most of the property involved is located, and

of the former Methodist Protestant Church at San Angelo, Texas (then known as Bethel Methodist Church, but now known an Angelo Heights Methodist Church), thirty miles away.

In keeping with this suggestion, investigation was made and it appeared that the Bronte Methodist Church at Bronte, Texas, and the Bethel Methodist Church at San Angelo, Texas, the latter now being known as Angelo Heights Methodist Church, San Angelo, Texas, were each engaged in a building campaign and each needed all the immediate help possible. The trustees of these churches felt that if the property was divided between them, they could sell a good portion of it now and thus obtain immediate aid to their respective building programs.

The Board feeling that such a disposition was strictly in keeping with the purpose of the Will and with the action of the 1948 General Conference with reference thereto, did, on March 8, 1952, divided the town property in the townsite of Bronte and additions thereto, between the two churches, deeding to their respective Boards of Trustees by Special Warranty Deed the property allotted to each in such division. Property to the value of \$750.00 was first allotted to the Angelo Heights Methodist Church to match an appropriation in cash of \$750.00 previously made to the Bronte Methodist Church, and the remainder of the property was divided equally as to value between the two churches.

Two or three small mineral interests out of the townsite of Bronte and its additions were retained by the Board for further administration; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that all these proceedings were necessary and for the best interest of the Church, and that said estate has been handled by said BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH with painstaking care and the greatest fidelity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the General Conference of The Methodist Church as follows:

First: That the action of the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church in selecting trustees or directors for the Maryland Corporation, TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH be and same is ratified, approved and confirmed, and that the action of said Trustees on behalf of said Corporation in quit claiming the Louisa C. Reilly property in Texas to THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH be and the same is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

Second: *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the following persons be and they are hereby elected as trustees or

directors of said Maryland Corporation "TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH" to serve until the next session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church and until their successors are elected:

(Fourteen)

NAME	ADDRESS
Bryan, J. F.	4637 Schenley Rd., Baltimore 10
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Third: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actions of THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, as hereinbefore set out, be and the same are in all things approved, and that said division of said Louisa C. Reilly property between the Bronte Methodist Church, of Bronte, Texas, and the Angelo Heights Methodist Church of San Angelo, Texas, and the Special Warranty Deeds executed in connection with such division of property to be, and the same are hereby in all things ratified, approved and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH W. COPELAND
W. W. JACKSON
INA G. HOLLOWAY

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1. CHAIRMEN

Chairman: Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia)

Committee of Chairmen. The Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, and the Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment shall be constituted a Committee whose function it shall be to arrange for the presentation of Committee reports to the Conference in such order as to expedite the business.

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2. CORRELATION AND EDITORIAL REVISION

Chairman: Daniel L. Marsh (New England)

Secretary: Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona)

Charles O. Loucks (*) (Rock River)

Correlation and Editorial Revision. There shall be a Committee of three known as a Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. This Committee shall be composed of three persons, not members of the General Conference, appointed by the Council of Bishops. They shall be entitled to travel expense and *per diem* allowance, the same as the delegates. The functions of this Committee shall be:

(a) To review all legislation enacted by the General Conference and to report promptly to the Legislative Committees concerned, or to the General Conference as the situation may warrant, any and all contradictions, duplications and inconsistencies discovered therein.

(b) To report to the Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees all changes it has made in the language of the reports adopted by the General Conference.

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3. COURTESIES AND PRIVILEGES

Chairman: Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia)

Vice-Chairman: Welsh Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh)

Secretary: Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 23.)

Courtesies and Privileges. There shall be a Committee of fourteen, composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction and one minister and one layman from among the delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, known as the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, having the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To consider, as presented to it by members of the Conference, what said members regard as questions or matters of privilege, to decide whether they are such or not, and, if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to the Conference that they be heard.
(Note: Only questions or matters of privilege which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this Committee may be presented immediately to the Conference as provided in Rule 9, Page 16.)
- b. To prepare with due regard for brevity, and present to the Conference for its action, such complimentary Resolutions as occasion may demand.
- c. To arrange for extending courtesies of the Conference to any to whom they may be due, fraternal delegates and official visitors excepted.
- d. To arrange for a Memorial Service, at some time agreeable to the Conference, for deceased delegates-elect, for Bishops and General Officers of the Church who have died since the adjournment of the last preceding General Conference.
- e. To limit its report, including the statements of the Chairman and the hearing of such persons as may be presented, to a maximum of twenty minutes in any one business session. No person or persons shall be presented after the sixth day unless approved by a 2/3 vote of the Conference.

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4. CREDENTIALS

Chairman: Henry L. Bradway (New Jersey).

Secretary: Elmer E. Collins (*) (Montana).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 23.)

Credentials. There shall be a Committee of seven on Credentials. To this Committee the Chairman of the respective Annual Conference delegations shall report, on a form provided for that purpose, the names of absent delegates and of available reserve delegates to be substituted for said absentees. This Committee shall in turn report all such cases of absence to the Conference with recommendations as to the seating of reserves if such are available. No reserve delegates shall be seated except by action of the Conference and after a report has been made upon the case by this Committee; provided, that reserve delegates reported by the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference delegations as substituted for absentees at the opening session shall be seated tentatively without the action of this Committee; provided, further, that such substitutions shall be reported to this Committee for review and report to the General Conference for its action.

All changes in the personnel of the seated delegates of the Annual Conference delegations shall be reported to this Committee on blanks provided by the Secretary of the Conference. *Per diem* allowances shall be paid on the basis of the report of this Committee.

(NOTE:—Abbreviations: (M) Ministerial Delegate; (MR) Ministerial Reserve Delegate; (L) Lay Delegate; (LR) Lay Reserve Delegate. The substitutions are listed by Annual Conferences. The Number of the Report, taken with the numerical listing in the Report, refers to the Alphabetical List of Reserve Delegates, Journal, page 116.

REPORT No. 1

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, page 315

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates, as reported at the Roll Call on the opening day, Wednesday, April 23, 1952, by the Chairman of the respective Annual Conference Delegations:

1. Alabama: Wilbur Walton (MR) for Cecil L. Ellisor.
2. Atlanta: James P. Brawley (LR) for Virgil W. Hodges.
3. Baltimore: W. Carroll Beatty (LR) for Claude C. Lanman.
4. Central Texas: Joe B. Witherspoon (LR) for Hal H. Cherry.
5. Florida-SE: Mrs. F. Bartow Godfrey (LR) for Robert A. Gray.
6. Memphis: Richard E. Womack (LR) for James H. Seabrook.
7. Michigan: William H. Helrigle, Sr. (MR) for Richard D. Wearne.

8. Missouri: David D. Pegues (MR) for Ralph L. Woodward.
 9. Nebraska: Wade Stevens (LR) for Niles H. Barnard.
 10. New Hampshire: Clarence C. Sanborn (LR) for Arthur R. Clinton.
 11. New Jersey: Howard S. Stainton (LR) for Mrs. W. Orville Schalick.
 12. New York East: Henry F. Thomas (LR) for Percy D. Chamberlain.
 13. North Alabama: Ben L. Ingram (LR) for Ellie M. Creel.
 - Claude R. Wood (LR) for Van B. Taunton.
 14. North Carolina-SE: Cecil W. Robbins (MR) for Howard P. Powell.
 15. North Texas: Merle T. Waggoner (LR) for John V. Folsom.
 16. North-East Ohio: James Cherry (LR) for J. Fred Essig.
 - George R. Klein (LR) for Frank R. Billman.
 17. Ohio: John M. Versteeg (MR) for Gaston Foote.
 - Harold A. Rosser (LR) for John H. Doan.
 - Dwight A. Swisher (LR) for Arthur S. Fleming.
 18. Oregon: Charles G. Howard (LR) for Edward L. Clark, deceased.
 19. Pacific Northwest: Chaplain D. Foster (LR) for S. Town Stephenson.
 20. Pittsburgh: Mrs. Alice (Edgar H.) Singer (LR) for Harold S. Metcalfe.
 21. St. Louis: Mrs. Mildred M. Davis (LR) for Walter W. Parker.
 22. Tennessee-SE: Nathaniel C. Beasley (LR) for Lee Davis.
 23. Texas-SC: B. J. Butts (LR) for Claude A. Edge.
 24. Texas-C: Theodore W. Patrick (LR) for Mrs. Pinkie D. Johnson.
 25. Virginia: Gordon M. Scarborough (LR) for John C. Simpson.
 26. Western North Carolina: Mrs. W. Frank Redding, Jr. (LR) for Herbert M. Wayne.
 27. Wyoming: Harold Tippet (LR) for A. Taylor Lord.
- (Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 2

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, page 315

(The numbers in parentheses (4-24) indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Florida-SE (4-25) P. M. Boyd (MR) for Edward J. Pendergrass, morning; Edward J. Pendergrass (M) resumes seat in morning.

2. Louisiana-SE (4-25) Carl F. Lueg (MR) for J. Henry Bowden, morning; J. Henry Bowden (M) resumes seat in morning.

(4-25) Jolly B. Harper (MR) for Virgil D. Morris, morning; Virgil D. Morris (M) resumes seat in morning.

3. Louisville (4-24) E. Wade Weldon (MR) for George S. Wood, morning; George S. Wood (M) resumes seat in morning.

4. Mississippi-SE (4-24) Martin L. McCormick (MR) for P. Willard Leggett, Jr., morning; J. Willard Leggett, Jr. (M) resumes seat in morning.

(4-24) Swep F. Harkey (MR) for J. Willard Leggett, Jr., morning; J. Willard Leggett, Jr. (M) resumes seat in morning.

5. North Alabama (4-24) John T. Cooper (LR) for Clarence M. Pinson, morning; Clarence M. Pinson (L) resumes seat in morning.

(4-24) Oscar L. Horton (LR) for Ben L. Ingram, morning; Ben L. Ingram (L) resumes seat in morning.

6. North Arkansas (4-25) Charles A. Stuck (LR) for Joe S. Pierce, morning; Joe S. Pierce (L) resumes seat in morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*

ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, page 315

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. East Oklahoma (4-26) G. Lemuel Fenn (MR) for H. Bascom Watts, morning; H. Bascom Watts (M) resumes seat in morning.

2. Florida-SE (4-26) Shuler Peele (MR) for Henry W. Blackburn, morning; Henry W. Blackburn (M) resumes seat in morning.

3. Little Rock (4-26) Francis A. Buddin (MR) for Aubrey G. Walton, morning; Aubrey G. Walton (M) resumes seat in morning.

4. Louisiana-SC (4-26) Jack H. Midyett (MR) for H. LeRoy Johns, morning; H. LeRoy Johns (M) resumes seat in morning.

5. Louisville (4-26) E. Wade Weldon (MR) for Edge W.

Gamble, morning; Edge W. Gamble (M) resumes seat in morning.

6. Mississippi-SE (4-26) James D. Slay (MR) for Brunner M. Hunt, morning; Brunner M. Hunt (M) resumes seat in morning.

7. North Alabama (4-26) R. Laurence Dill, Jr. (MR) for J. Henry Chitwood, morning; J. Henry Chitwood (M) resumes seat in morning.

8. Northwest Texas (4-26) Alsie H. Carlton (MR) for Marvin L. Boyd, morning; Marvin L. Boyd (M) resumes seat in morning.

9. Rock River (4-26) Thomas A. Harwood (LR) for George B. McKibbin, morning; George B. McKibbin (L) resumes seat after recess.

10. Southern California-Arizona (4-26) Alstyne E. Pruner (LR) for Joe M. Young, morning; Joe M. Young (L) resumes seat in morning.

11. Wyoming (4-26) Earl V. Tolley (MR) for Roswell W. Lyon, morning; Roswell W. Lyon (M) resumes seat in morning.

Harold Tippet (LR) for A. Taylor Lord, remainder of General Conference.

12. Wyoming State (4-26) J. Clyde Keegan (MR) for Charles A. Nowlen, morning; Charles A. Nowlen (M) resumes seat in morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 4

Adopted April 30, 1952. See Journal, page 332

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Belguim (4-28) Miss Johanna M. van Grogningen (LR) for Mrs. Adrienne Thomas, remainder of General Conference.

2. California-Nevada (4-28) Olin D. Jacoby (LR) for Frank Webber, morning; Frank Webber (L) resumes seat in morning.

3. Colorado (4-28) Walter C. Wampler (MR) for Richard O. Gilpin, until recess; Richard O. Gilpin (M) resumes seat after recess.

4. East Oklahoma (4-28) William Broadhurst (LR) for William H. Wilcox, morning; William H. Wilcox (L) resumes seat April 30, 1952.

Herbert E. Newton (LR) for James A. Egan, morning; James A. Egan (L) resumes seat April 30, 1952.

5. Holston (4-28) Robert H. Duncan (MR) for Marvin S. Kincheloe, morning; Marvin S. Kincheloe (M) resumes seat in morning.

6. Little Rock (4-28) Aubrey G. Walton (M) resumes seat this morning.

7. Nebraska (4-28) Mrs. Charles W. Mead (LR) for Mrs. Wayne Harrington, morning; Mrs. Wayne Harrington (L) resumes seat in morning.

8. North Alabama (4-28) R Laurence Dill, Jr. (MR) for J. Henry Chitwood, morning; J. Henry Chitwood (M) resumes seat in morning.

9. Northwest Texas (4-28) Orion W. Carter (MR) for J. Howard Crawford, morning; J. Howard Crawford (M) resumes seat in morning.

Marvin L. Boyd (M) resumes seat this morning.

10. Rio Grande (4-28) Simon Neoto (MR) for Alfredo Nanez, morning; Alfredo Nanez (M) resumes seat in morning.

11. Southwest Texas (4-28) Donald E. Redmond (MR) for Robert F. Curl, morning; Robert F. Curl (M) resumes seat in morning.

12. Wyoming (4-28) Earl V. Tolley (MR) for Roswell W. Lyon, morning; Roswell W. Lyon (M) resumes seat in morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 5

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(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committtee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. California-Nevada (4-28) Will P. Ralph (LR) for Robert E. Burns, morning; Robert E. Burns (L) resumes seat in morning.

2. Colorado (4-28) Richard O. Gilpin (M) resumes seat after recess today.

3. Southern California-Arizona (4-28) Joe M. Young (L) resumes seat in morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 6

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(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Burma (4-28) Frank E. Manton (MR) for Thangaraj Thangadurai, morning; Thangaraj Thangadurai (M) resumes seat in morning.

2. East Oklahoma (4-29) G. Lemuel Fenn (MR) for Ira E. Williams, morning; Ira E. Williams (M) resumes seat in morning.

3. Genesee (4-29) Weldon F. Crossland (MR) for Ernest E. Davis, morning; Ernest E. Davis (M) resumes seat in morning.

4. Holston (4-29) William S. Steele (MR) for Elbert D. Worley, morning; Elbert D. Worley (M) resumes seat in morning.

Marvin E. Kincheloe (M) resumes seat this morning.

5. Louisiana-SC (4-29) Jolly B. Harper (MR) for J. Henry Bowden, morning; J. Henry Bowden (M) resumes seat in morning.

George W. Pomeroy (MR) for Guy M. Hicks, morning; Guy M. Hicks (M) resumes seat in morning.

H. LeRoy Johns (M) resumes seat this morning.

6. Nebraska (4-29) Mrs. Wayne Harrington (L) resumes seat this morning.

7. New Jersey (4-29) William R. Guffick (MR) for Henry L. Bradway, morning; Henry L. Bradway (M) resumes seat in morning.

8. North Alabama (4-29) Joseph S. Eddins (MR) for George M. Davenport; George M. Davenport (M) resumes seat in morning.

J. Henry Chitwood (M) resumes seat this morning.

John L. Hallmark (MR) for L. D. Tyson, morning; L. D. Tyson (M) resumes seat in morning.

9. North Arkansas (4-29) Charles A. Stuck (LR) for Matt. L. Ellis, morning; Matt L. Ellis (L) resumes seat in morning.

Fred G. Roebuck (MR) for W. Henry Goodloe, morning; W. Henry Goodloe (M) resumes seat in morning.

William F. Cooley (MR) for Ethan W. Dodgen, morning; Ethan W. Dodgen (M) resumes seat in morning.

10. Northwest Texas (4-29) R. Luther Kirk (MR) for J. Edmund Kirby, morning; J. Edmund Kirby (M) resumes seat in morning.

J. Howard Crawford (M) resumes seat this morning.

11. Oregon (4-29) Ernest W. Peterson (LR) for Charles G. Howard, remainder of General Conference.

12. Rock River (4-29) Steuart D. White (MR) for Ray Bond, morning until recess; Ray Bond (M) resumes seat after recess this morning.

13. Southwest Missouri (4-29) Philip T. Bohi (MR) for Elmer L. Hobbs, morning; Elmer L. Hobbs (M) resumes seat in morning.

14. Southwest Texas (4-29) Robert F. Curl (M) resumes seat this morning.

(4-29) William C. Finch (MR) for Edmund Heinsohn, morning; Edmund Heinsohn (M) resumes seat in morning.

15. West Oklahoma (4-29) Nuell C. Crain (MR) for Leland Clegg, morning; Leland Clegg (M) resumes seat in morning.

16. West Virginia (4-29) Jessie M. Helm (MR) for John E. Hanifan, morning; John E. Hanifan (M) resumes seat in morning.

17. Wyoming (4-29) Roswell W. Lyon (M) resumes seat this morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 7

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, page 356

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Alabama (4-30) H. Paul Mathison (MR) for W. Fletcher Calhoun, morning; W. Fletcher Calhoun (M) resumes seat in morning.

2. Genesee (4-30) Weldon F. Crossland (MR) for Ernest E. Davis, morning; Ernest E. Davis (M) resumes seat in morning.

3. Holston (4-30) Mrs. William S. DeBusk (LR) for Donald R. Youell, morning; Donald R. Youell (L) resumes seat in morning.

Elbert D. Worley (M) resumes seat this morning.

4. Little Rock (4-30) Robert B. Moore (MR) for Aubrey G. Walton, morning; Aubrey G. Walton (M) resumes seat in morning.

5. Louisiana-SC (4-30) Guy M. Hicks (M) resumes seat this morning.

J. Henry Bowden (M) resumes seat this morning.

Carl F. Lueg (MR) for H. LeRoy Johns, morning; H. LeRoy Johns (M) resumes seat in morning.

William H. Giles (MR) for Virgil D. Morris, morning; Virgil D. Morris (M) resumes seat in morning.

6. New Jersey (4-30) Benjamin F. Allgood (MR) for Herbert J. Smith, morning; Herbert J. Smith (M) resumes seat in morning.

7. New Mexico (4-30) Therman W. Harris (MR) for W. Carl Clement, morning; W. Carl Clement (M) resumes seat in morning.

8. North Alabama (4-30) George M. Davenport (M) resumes seat this morning.

L. D. Tyson (M) resumes seat this morning.

9. North Arkansas (4-30) W. Henry Goodloe (M) resumes seat this morning.

Matt L. Ellis (L) resumes seat this morning.

Ethan W. Bodgen (M) resumes seat this morning.

10. Northwest Texas (4-30) J. Edmund Kirby (M) resumes seat this morning.

11. Peninsula (4-30) Granville Hopper (LR) for J. Millard Tawes, morning; J. Millard Tawes (L) resumes seat in morning.

12. Rock River (4-30) Ray Bond (M) resumes seat this morning.

R. Merrill Powers (MR) for George A. Fowler, until recess; George A. Fowler (M) resumes seat after recess.

13. Southwest Texas (4-30) J. Chess Lovern (MR) for Kenneth W. Copeland, morning; Kenneth W. Copeland (M) resumes seat in morning.

Edmund Heinsohn (M) resumes seat this morning.

Moulton T. Cobb (L) has left seat of Conference.

14. West Virginia (4-30) John E. Hanifan (M) resumes seat this morning.

15. Wisconsin (4-30) Francis E. Kearns (MR) for Clifford M. Fritz, morning; Clifford M. Fritz (M) resumes seat in morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*

ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 8

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, page 404

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Central Texas (4-30) Oran Stephens (MR) for G. Alfred Brown, morning; G. Alfred Brown (M) resumes seat tonight.

2. Louisiana-SC (4-30) J. Henry Bowden (M) resumes seat this morning.

3. New Jersey (4-30) Henry L. Bradway (M) resumes seat this morning.

4. North Alabama (4-30) Oscar L. Horton (LR) for Claude R. Wood (L) morning; Claude R. Wood (L) resumes seat in the morning.

5. North Texas (4-30) John P. Fleming (MR) for Cicero B. Fielder, for remainder of General Conference.

6. Southwest Missouri (4-30) Elmer L. Hobbs (M) resumes seat this morning.

7. Texas-SC (4-30) Dawson C. Bryan (MR) for W. Kenneth Pope, night; W. Kenneth Pope (M) resumes seat in morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 9

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Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Alabama (5-1) H. Paul Mathison (MR) for Wilbur L. Walton (MR), morning; Wilbur L. Walton (M) resumes seat in morning.

2. Burma (5-1) Thangaraj Thangadurai (M) resumes seat this morning.

W. Fletcher Calhoun (M) resumes seat this morning.

3. Central Texas (5-1) Oran Stephens (MR) for L. Stanley Williams, morning; L. Stanley Williams (M) resumes seat in morning.

4. Colorado (5-1) Alex E. Eberhardt (LR) for James W. Barrett, morning; James W. Barrett (L) resumes seat tonight.

5. Holston (5-1) Mrs. William S. DeBusk (LR) for Shelby R. Brammer, morning; Shelby R. Brammer (L) resumes seat in morning.

Donald R. Youell (L) resumes seat this morning.

6. Little Rock (5-1) Aubrey G. Walton (M) resumes seat this morning.

Eulis D. Gallaway (MR) for Conner Morehead, morning; Conner Morehead (M) resumes seat tonight.

7. Louisiana-SC (5-11) Virgil D. Morris (M) resumes seat this morning.

8. Nebraska (5-1) Mrs. Charles W. Mead (LR) for Mrs. Wayne Harrington, morning; Mrs. Wayne Harrington (L) resumes seat in the morning.

9. New Jersey (5-1) Herbert J. Smith (M) resumes seat this morning.

10. New York (5-1) Mrs. John M. Pearson (LR) for George M. Northrup, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

11. North Alabama (5-1) O. L. Horton (LR) for Howell Thomas Heflin, for remainder of General Conference.

12. North Arkansas (5-1) Charles A. Stuck (LR) for Mrs. Johnnie McClure, for today; Mrs. Johnnie McClure (L) resumes seat in morning.

13. Peninsula (5-1) J. Millard Tawes (L) resumes seat this morning.

Granville Hooper (LR) for Wilmer Fell Davis, morning; Wilmer Fell Davis (L) resumes seat in morning.

14. South Georgia (5-1) Anthony Hearn (MR) for George E. Clary, Sr., until recess; George E. Clary, Sr. (M) resumes seat after recess.

Henry W. Pittman (LR) for Benjamin I. Thornton until recess this morning; Benjamin I. Thornton (L) resumes seat after recess this morning.

15. Southwest Texas (5-1) Kenneth W. Copeland (M) resumes seat this morning.

16. Texas-SC (5-1) G. Ray Loden (MR) for D. L. Landrum, tonight; D. L. Landrum (M) resumes seat in morning.

17. West Oklahoma (5-1) Leland Clegg (M) resumes seat this morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*

ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 10

Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, page 473

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Central Texas (5-1) Oran Stephens (MR) for L. Stanley Williams, tonight; L. Stanley Williams (M) resumes seat in morning.

2. Holston (5-1) Shelby R. Brammer (L) resumes seat tonight.

3. North Iowa (5-1) Lawrence C. Rummels (LR) for Earl Elijah, afternoon and night; Earl Elijah (L) resumes seat in morning.

4. Peninsula (5-1) Wilmer Fell Davis (L) resumes seat tonight.

5. South Georgia (5-1) Henry W. Pittman (LR) for Walter A. Blasingame, morning; Walter A. Blasingame (L) resumes seat in morning.

6. Texas-SC (5-1) Mrs. W. W. Fondren (LR) for John R. Peace, for remainder of General Conference; D. L. Landrum (M) resumes seat tonight.

7. Western North Carolina (5-1) Oren M. Vernon (LR)

for Paul R. Ervin, tonight; Paul R. Ervin (L) resumes seat in morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 11

Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 473

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Alabama (5-2) Wilbur L. Walton (MR) for H. Paul Mathison, morning.

2. Central Texas (5-2) Eugene F. Jud (L) has left seat of Conference.

(5-2) Oran Stephens (MR) for H. Brown Loyd, morning.

(5-2) H. Brown Loyd (M) resumes seat, afternoon.

3. Colorado (5-2) Walter C. Wampler (MR) for Richard O. Gilpin, morning.

(5-2) Richard O. Gilpin (M) resumes seat, afternoon.

4. Delaware (5-2) Daniel L. Rideout (MR) for Leon S. Moore, morning and night.

5. Minnesota (5-2) Bradshaw Mintener (L) has left seat of Conference.

(5-2) Mrs. Charles E. Wegner (LR) for Bradshaw Mintener, remainder of sessions.

6. Mississippi (C) (5-2) Mrs. Claire C. Harvey (LR) for Mrs. Jennie R. Crump, morning.

(5-2) Mrs. Jennie R. Crump (L) resumes seat, afternoon.

7. Nebraska (5-2) Mrs. Charles W. Mead (LR) for Mrs. Wayne Harrington, morning.

(5-2) Mrs. Wayne Harrington (L) resumes seat, afternoon.

8. New Jersey (5-2) Franklin T. Buck (MR) for Henry L. Bradway, night.

(5-2) Henry L. Bradway (M) resumes seat, in morning.

9. North Alabama (5-2) John L. Hallmark (MR) for L. D. Tyson, morning.

(5-2) L. D. Tyson (M) resumes seat, afternoon.

10. Southern California-Arizona (5-2) Charles S. Kendall (MR) for George A. Warmer, morning.

(5-2) George A. Warmer (M) has left seat of Conference.

11. Southwest Missouri (5-2) Leslie J. Lyons (LR) for Mrs. Willis L. Perryman, morning and night.

(5-2) Mrs. Willis L. Perryman (L) resumes seat in morning.

12. Southwest Texas (5-2) Moulton T. Cobb (L) has left seat of Conference.

(5-2) Solly E. McCreeless (LR) for Moulton T. Cobb, remainder of sessions.

13. Texas (SC) (5-2) W. Kenneth Pope (M) resumes seat in morning.

14. Virginia (5-2) W. Kenneth Haddock (MR) for Walter C. Gum, morning.

(5-2) Walter C. Gum (M) resumes seat afternoon.

15. Western North Carolina (5-2) Paul R. Erwin (L) resumes seat in morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 12

Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 568

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Baltimore (5-2) Howard W. Amoss (MR) for Albert Edward Day, night.

(5-2) Albert Edward Day (M) resumes seat in morning.

2. California-Nevada (5-2) Robert A. Panzer (MR) for A. Raymond Grant, afternoon.

(5-2) A. Raymond Grant resumes seat, night.

3. Holston (5-2) William S. Steele (MR) for Elbert D. Worley, night.

(5-2) Elbert D. Worley (M) resumes seat in morning.

4. Illinois (5-2) Paul M. Curry (MR) for J. Fred Melvin, afternoon.

(5-2) J. Fred Melvin (M) resumes seat in morning.

5. Kansas (5-2) Roy M. Brady (MR) for Herbert B. Cockerill, morning after recess.

(5-2) Herbert B. Cockerill (M) resumes seat, afternoon.

6. Little Rock (5-2) Robert B. Moore (MR) for Conner Morehead, afternoon.

(5-2) Eulis D. Galloway (MR) for Conner Morehead, night.

(5-2) Conner Morehead (M) resumes seat in morning.

7. North Alabama (5-2) L. D. Tyson (M) resumes seat in morning.

8. North Iowa (5-2) Laurence C. Rummels (LR) for Earl Elijah, night.

- (5-2) Earl Elijah (L) resumes seat in morning.
9. Rock River (5-2) Milton H. Waterman (LR) for George B. McKibbin, morning after recess.
- (5-2) George B. McKibbin (L) resumes seat, afternoon.
- (5-2) Milton H. Waterman (LR) for Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer, night.
- (5-2) Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer (L) resumes seat in morning.
10. South Georgia (5-2) Henry W. Pittman (LR) for Eugene D. Whisonant, afternoon.
- (5-2) Eugene D. Whisonant (L) resumes seat at night.
11. Southwest Missouri (5-2) Mrs. Willis L. Perryman (L) resumes seat, night.
12. Southwest Texas (5-2) John Donaho (MR) for Edmund Heinsohn, afternoon.
- (5-2) Edmund Heinsohn (M) resumes seat at night.
13. Virginia (5-2) Walter C. Gum (M) resumes seat, afternoon.
14. Western North Carolina (5-2) Eugene C. Few (MR) for Embree H. Blackard, night.
- (5-2) Embree H. Blackard (M) resumes seat in morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 13

Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 568

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Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Holston (5-3) Elbert D. Worley (M) resumes seat in morning.
2. Nebraska (5-3) Everett E. Jackman (MR) for Carl C. Bracey, all today.
3. New Jersey (5-3) G. Ernest Thomas (MR) for William N. Raver, morning and night.
- (5-3) William N. Raver (L) resumes seat in morning.
4. North Arkansas (5-3) Joe S. Pierce (L) has left seat of Conference.
- (5-3) Mrs. Johnie McClure (L) resumes seat, night.
5. Philadelphia (5-3) Ralph G. Luff (LR) for Mrs. John H. Barnes, Jr., morning.
- (5-3) Mrs. John H. Barnes, Jr. (L) resumes seat, afternoon.
6. Southwest Missouri (5-3) Leslie J. Lyons (LR) for J. Everett McCluhan, morning and afternoon.
- (5-3) J. Everett McCluhan (L) resumes seat, night.

7. Western North Carolina (5-3) Embree H. Blackard (M) resumes seat in morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 14

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 662

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Angola (5-3) Miss Alpha L. Miller (LR) for Antonio F. de Nascimento, morning, afternoon, night.

Antonio F. de Nascimento (L) resumes seat in morning.

2. Atlanta (5-3) Adolphus S. Dickerson (MR) for J. Wesley Thomas, morning and afternoon.

(5-3) J. Wesley Thomas (M) resumes seat at night.

3. Baltimore (5-3) Howard W. Amoss (MR) for Albert E. Day, morning, afternoon, night.

(5-3) Albert E. Day (M) resumes seat on Monday morning.

4. California-Nevada (5-3) Robert A. Panzer (MR) for Charles L. Warren, night.

(5-3) Charles L. Warren (M) resumes seat Monday morning.

(5-3) Joyce W. Farr (MR) for A. Raymond Grant, night.

(5-3) A. Raymond Grant (M) resumes seat Monday morning.

(5-3) Warren A. Bonner (MR) for John R. Wilkins, night.

(5-3) John R. Wilkins (M) resumes seat Monday morning.

5. Delaware (5-3) William L. D. Lyght (MR) for Noah W. Moore, Jr., afternoon and night.

(5-3) Noah W. Moore, Jr. (M) resumes seat Monday morning.

6. East Oklahoma (5-3) William Broadhurst (LR) for Mrs. Walker Milam, afternoon.

(5-3) Mrs. Walker Milam (L) resumes seat at night.

7. Illinois (5-3) Preston E. Horst (MR) for Claude M. Temple, afternoon.

(5-3) Claude M. Temple (M) resumes seat at night.

8. Little Rock (5-3) Conner Morehead (M) resumes seat.

9. Pacific Northwest (5-3) George L. Poor (MR) for Cyrus W. Albertson, night.

(5-3) Cyrus W. Albertson (M) resumes seat Monday morning.

10. Rock River (5-3) Mrs. T. Otto Nall (LR) for Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer, night.

(5-3) Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer (L) resumes seat Monday morning.

11. South Georgia (5-3) Henry W. Pittman (LR) for Zach S. Henderson, morning.

12. Southern California-Arizona (5-3) Frank M. Toothaker (MR) for Charles S. Kendall, morning.

(5-3) Charles S. Kendall (MR) resumes seat, afternoon.

(5-3) Zach S. Henderson (L) resumes seat, afternoon.

13. Texas-SC (5-3) Raymond C. Terry (MR) for Joe Z. Tower, night.

(5-3) Joe Z. Tower (M) resumes seat Monday morning.

14. West Oklahoma (5-3) Nuell C. Crain (MR) for Phil Deschner, afternoon and night.

(5-3) Phil Deschner (M) resumes seat Monday morning.

15. Wisconsin (5-3) Miss Margaret V. Stafford (LR) for Mrs. E. E. Kinkel, night.

(5-3) Mrs. E. E. Kinkel (L) resumes seat Monday morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 15

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 662

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Holston (5-3) William S. Steele (MR) for Marvin S. Kincheloe, night.

(5-3) Marvin S. Kincheloe (M) resumes seat Monday morning.

2. Illinois (5-3) J. Fred Melvin (M) resumes seat night.

3. Nebraska (5-3) Mrs. Charles W. Mead (LR) for Mrs. Wayne Harrington, night.

(5-3) Mrs. Wayne Harrington (L) resumes seat Monday morning.

4. Southwest Texas (5-3) J. Chess Lovern (MR) for R. F. Curl, night.

(5-3) R. F. Curl (M) resumes seat Monday morning.

5. Texas-SC (5-3) Raymond C. Terry (MR) for Joe Z. Tower, afternoon.

(5-3) Joe Z. Tower (M) resumes seat, night.

6. Western North Carolina (5-3) Eugene C. Few (MR)

for Philip L. Shore, night.

(5-3) Philip L. Shore (M) resumes seat Monday morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 16

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 662

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Baltimore (5-5) Albert E. Day (M) resumes seat this morning.
2. Central Texas (5-5) Joe B. Witherspoon (LR) has left seat of Conference.
3. Holston (5-5) James A. Bays (MR) for Cecil P. Hardin, morning.
(5-5) Cecil P. Hardin (M) resumes seat, afternoon.
(5-5) Elbert D. Worley (M) resumes seat this morning.
4. Illinois (5-5) Claude M. Temple (M) resumes seat this morning.
5. Nebraska (5-5) Carl C. Bracey (M) resumes seat this morning.
6. New Jersey (5-5) William N. Raver (M) resumes seat this morning.
7. North-East Ohio (5-5) Earl R. Brown (MR) for Russell J. Humbert, remainder of Conference.
8. Peninsula (5-5) Granville Hooper (LR) for Mrs. Harry B. Hygate, afternoon.
(5-5) Mrs. Harry B. Hygate (L) resumes seat, night.
9. Pacific Northwest (5-5) Cyrus E. Albertson (M) resumes seat this morning.
10. Southern California-Arizona (5-5) Alstyne E. Pruner (LR) for Donald A. Odell, morning.
(5-5) Donald A. Odell (L) resumes seat, afternoon.
11. Southwest Missouri (5-5) J. Everett McCluhan (L) resumes seat this morning.
12. Southwest Texas (5-5) R. F. Curl (M) resumes seat this morning.
(5-5) Donald E. Redmond (MR) for L. U. Spellman, morning.
(5-5) L. U. Spellman (M) resumes seat, afternoon.
13. Texas-C (5-5) Felix W. Logan (MR) for Julius S. Scott, remainder of Conference.
14. Texas-SC (5-5) D. L. Landrum (M) resumes seat this morning.

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(5-5) Dawson C. Bryan (MR) for Stanley Carter, remainder of Conference.

15. Virginia (5-5) Roscoe M. White (MR) for W. Aiken Smart, remainder of Conference.

16. Western North Carolina (5-5) Philip L. Shore (M) resumes seat this morning.

(5-5) Edwin L. Jones (L) has left seat of Conference.

(5-5) Oscar V. Woosley (L) has left seat of Conference.

17. Wyoming (5-5) Norman W. Clemens (M) resumes seat this morning.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 17

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 662

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Delaware (5-5) Mrs. Ella F. Bailey (LR) for Hally P. Johns, morning.

(5-5) Hally P. Johns (L) resumes seat, afternoon.

(5-5) Mrs. Ella F. Bailey (LR) for James R. Webb, afternoon.

(5-5) James R. Webb (L) resumes seat, night.

2. Kansas (5-5) Merle W. Whitlow (MR) for Herbert B. Cockerill, Tuesday morning and afternoon.

3. Wyoming (5-3) Leon W. Bouton (MR) for Norman W. Clemens.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

REPORT No. 18

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 795.

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. California-Nevada (5-3) Elliott L. Fisher (MR) for A. Raymond Grant, afternoon and night.

(5-3) A. Raymond Grant (M) resumes seat in morning.

2. North Carolina-SE (5-3) Mrs. J. H. Cutchin (LR) for H. H. Hodgin, night.

(5-3) H. H. Hodgin (L) resumes seat in morning.

(5-6) Mrs. J. H. Cutchin (LR) for W. Jasper Smith, sessions of Tuesday.

3. Rock River (5-5) Milton H. Waterman (LR) for George B. McKibbin, night.

(5-5) George B. McKibbin (L) resumes seat in morning.

4. Southern California-Arizona (5-3) Alstyne E. Pruner (LR) for Donald A. Odell, morning.

(5-3) Donald A. Odell (L) resumes seat in morning.

5. Southwest Texas (5-5) L. U. Spellman (M) resumes seat this morning.

(5-5) Solly E. McCreeless (LR) has left seat of Conference.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 19

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 795.

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the date.)

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of Delegates:

1. Alabama (5-6) H. Paul Mathison (MR) for W. Fletcher Calhoun, morning.

(5-6) W. Fletcher Calhoun (M) resumes seat, afternoon.

(5-6) H. Paul Mathison (MR) for Wilbur L. Walton, afternoon and night.

2. California-Nevada (5-6) Olin D. Jacoby (LR) for Robert E. Burns, Tuesday.

3. Holston (5-5) Cecil P. Hardin (M) resumes seat tonight.

4. Mississippi-C (5-6) Mrs. Claire C. Harvey (LR) for Mrs. Jennie R. Crump, morning.

(5-6) Mrs. Jennie R. Crump (L) resumes seat, afternoon.

5. New Jersey (5-6) William R. Guffick (MR) for William N. Raver, afternoon.

6. Newark (5-1) W. Carl Walton (LR) for Edmund L. Tink, remainder of Conference.

7. Southwest Texas (5-6) Donald E. Redmond (MR) for Kenneth W. Copeland, morning.

(5-6) Kenneth W. Copeland (M) resumes seat, afternoon.

8. Texas-SC (5-6) G. Ray Loden (MR) for Stewart Clendenin, Tuesday, all sessions.

9. West Texas (5-6) Ira B. Loud (MR) for Robert S. Mosby, remainder of Conference.

(Signed) HENRY L. BRADWAY, *Chairman*
ELMER E. COLLINS (*), *Secretary*

5. FRATERNAL DELEGATES

Chairman: Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East).

Vice-Chairman: Walter C. Gum (Virginia).

(For full personnel of Committee see Journal, page 24)

Fraternal Delegates. There shall be a Committee of seven whose function it shall be to extend the courtesies of the Conference to the Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors and present them to the General Conference at its pleasure. The terms "Fraternal Delegates" and "Official Visitors" shall be interpreted to include only persons who have been duly elected by the Christian Communions of which they are respectively members to represent the same before the General Conference, and who present the appropriate credentials of such elections. (The Committee on General Conference Entertainment shall arrange for the local entertainment of Fraternal Delegates.)

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6. GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

Chairman: Frederick B. Newell (New York East).

Vice-Chairman: J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona).

Secretary: Aubrey S. Moore (Rock River).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 8.)

General Conference Entertainment. There shall be a Committee on the Entertainment and Program of the General Conference composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, who shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. The Secretary of the General Conference and the Treasurer of the General Administration Fund shall also be members *ex officio* without vote. This Committee shall determine the place and time (within such limits as may be set up by the General Conference) of the next General Conference and shall make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith including arrangements for the publication of a Book of Quadrennial Reports of the General Boards and other General Agencies of the Church, the same to be published by The Methodist Publishing House. It shall organize before the adjournment of this General Conference and shall serve through the next session of the General Conference.

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THE COMMISSION ON ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Adopted April 23, 1952. See Journal, Page 226

The Commission on Entertainment for the General Conference of The Methodist Church, 1952 session, presents for your consideration the following:

1. Your Commission, pursuant to authority given it by the General Conference, 1948 session, proceeded in due time

and form to select the city in which the 1952 session of said Conference would be held, and selected the city of San Francisco, Calif., and has designated the seat of the Conference to be the Civic Auditorium in said city, and recommends that its action in this respect be approved.

2. That it has allocated the seats in the Civic Auditorium by lot among the several Conferences of said Methodist Church and that the allocation of seats as published in the seating plan as given on pages 5-6 of *The Daily Christian Advocate* of this date, April 23, 1952, be approved as the official seating plan of this Conference, subject, however, to such minor changes as may be found necessary; and your Commission respectfully requests that it be authorized to make from time to time such adjustments and changes as are found necessary.

Par. 501—Sec. 2 of the 1948 *Discipline* provides "General or Executive Secretaries of the General Boards of the Church who are not elected members of the General Conference shall have the privilege of the floor on matters affecting the interests of their Boards, but without vote and at the expense of their respective Boards."

In accordance with this provision and in harmony with the titles of the administrative officers of the various Boards and their Divisions, your Commission has provided seats for the Executives of the following:

Board of Missions and Church Extension

Division of Foreign Missions

Division of Home Missions and Church Extension

Woman's Division of Christian Service

Joint Division of Education and Cultivation

Board of Education

Division of Educational Institutions

Division of the Local Church

Editorial Division

Board of Temperance

Board of Lay Activities

Board of Hospitals and Homes

Board of Evangelism

Board of Pensions

It is the feeling of the Commission on Entertainment that the Par. 501, Sec. 2, in using the words "General Boards" intended to include all of the Administrative Agencies mentioned in Part VII of the *Discipline* and so has provided seats also for the following:

The Methodist Publishing House
Commission on World Peace
Commission on Ministerial Training
Commission on Public Information
Commission on World Service and Finance
Commission on Chaplains

3. That it has suggested meeting places for the Legislative Committee of the Conference in Committee rooms located in said auditorium. The correct list of said meeting places is published on pages 3, 4 and 5 of the Handbook and the Commission recommends that its suggestions in this respect be approved.

4. Your Commission has provided offices for the general officers of the Conference and a place of meeting for the Judicial Council in various rooms of said auditorium, a correct list of which is published in the Handbook on pages 3, 4 and 5, and your Commission respectfully requests your approval of its action in this respect.

5. Your Commission recommends that the bar of the Conference be fixed to include that portion of the floor of said auditorium which has been assigned for the seating of official delegates to said General Conference and authorized representatives of the various Boards and Commissions of the Church, including the platform, as shown on the printed diagram of said floor and shown on pages 5-6 of *The Daily Christian Advocate* of Wednesday, April 23, 1952.

6. Your Commission has provided press tables in front of the platform and we recommend that the representatives of the press as designated from time to time by this Commission be given seats at these tables.

7. Your Commission recommends that the nine (9) members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church be seated upon the platform during all business sessions of the Conference.

8. Your Commission recommends that the public offerings to be taken be limited to four in number. This recommendation is necessary because of the fact that an additional charge is made for the use of the Auditorium for every session at which an offering is taken. It is recommended that the four offerings be as follows:

1. April 23—Communion service offering to be taken for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.
2. April 26—Offering to be taken to meet the additional auditorium expense for April 26, balance to be reserved for the expenses of the San Francisco Committee.
3. April 27—Offering to be taken to meet the additional

auditorium expense of April 23 and April 27, balance to be reserved for the expenses of the San Francisco Committee.

4. May 4—Offering to be taken to meet the additional auditorium expenses of May 4, balance to be made available as an honorarium for the ushers and pages.

9. The Commission recommends that none of the evening addresses, other than the Episcopal address, shall be printed in the General Conference journal.

10. Arrangements have been worked out through the Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church to have a tape recording made of all Conference and evening sessions, and it is recommended that the Commission on Entertainment be authorized to designate a Sub-committee which shall be empowered to determine what portions of said recordings shall be released and under what conditions. It is further recommended that no tape recordings other than the above be permitted.

11. Your Commission recommends that Fraternal Delegates and distinguished guests be seated on the platform from time to time as occasion requires.

12. Your Commission recommends that the date and place of the 1956 sessions of the General Conference be fixed by the Commission on Entertainment in harmony with the provision of the *Discipline*.

13. Your Commission recommends that the General Conference vote a per diem of \$11.00 to each delegate for the days he is in attendance upon the sessions of the General Conference.

14. Your Commission requests that when the Council of Bishops makes its nomination of members to serve on the Commission on Entertainment for the General Conference of 1956 that they appoint one of the Bishops to convene the Commission for organization within eighteen months.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK B. NEWELL, *Chairman*;
AUBREY S. MOORE, *Secretary*.

7. JOURNAL

Chairman: Clyde O. Law (*) (West Virginia).

Secretary: William H. Becker (*) (Central Kansas).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 24.)

Journal. There shall be a Committee of seven which shall daily examine the record of the Secretary, comparing it with the stenographic record, and report its findings to the Conference, recommending appropriate action. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the Journal which has been approved shall be reported to the Conference for corrections.

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8. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

Chairman: A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana).

Vice-Chairman: Harold S. Swales (Central New York).

Secretary: M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 25.)

Rules. There shall be a Committee of seven on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. The Secretary of the Conference shall be an ex-officio member and one of the seven. To this Committee shall be referred any proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. To it may be referred any other matters relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of the General Conference.

The Committee shall study the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and, after making such modifications and adaptations therein as in its judgment are necessary, shall present them to the General Conference for its consideration and final action, the same to be published in the Journal of the General Conference.

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as published in the Journal of the preceding General Conference until they have been altered or modified by the action of the General Conference (For this particular paragraph 3 of No. 10, Rules, see Par. 505, 1952 *Discipline*, of The Methodist Church.)

(Note: Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?)

M: Total membership of this Committee.

P: Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F: Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A: Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N: Number not voting.

REPORT NO. 1. RULES

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF SECTION VI. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BOARDS, ETC.

Adopted April 28, 1952. See Journal, Page 292.

M, 7; P, 6; F, 6; A, 0; N, 0

Your Committee on Rules has considered the proposed amendment to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order offered by Dr. J. E. Skillington under Section VI, proposal to affect new Board, Commission or Committee, page 173 of the Handbook and recommends the following:

In line three substitute the word "**final**" for the word "any"; and, in line four, following the word "Conference," add the following phrase: "**establishing such Board, Commission or Committee,**" so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

When any proposal is submitted to the General Conference to establish an interim or continuing Board, Commission, or Committee, before final action is taken by the General Conference **establishing such Board, Commission or Committee**, said proposal shall be referred automatically to the Council on World Service and Finance, or its Executive Committee, with the request that it bring to the General Conference an estimated Budget of the expense of operation of the proposed Board, Commission or Committee for the next quadrennium and a statement of how the adoption of such proposal will affect the Budget or Budgets for the existing Boards, Commissions or Committees as already presented by the Council on World Service and Finance.

A. WESLEY PUGH, *Chairman*;

M. LAFAYETTE HARRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. RULES

SUBJECT: PROGRAM FOR THE 1956 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, Page 312.

M, 7; P, 6; F, 6; A, 0; N, 0

The Committee on Rules, having considered the request of delegate P. C. B. Balaram of the Delhi Conference, referred to it on Monday morning, recommends that the General Conference adopt the following Resolution:

In order that due recognition may be given to all the important world-wide interests of the Church, the General Conference instructs the Committee on Entertainment and Program of the 1956 General Conference to solicit suggestions from Bishops outside the United States before the Inspirational and Educational portion of the Program for the General Conference is finally determined.

A. WESLEY PUGH, *Chairman*;

M. LAFAYETTE HARRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. RULES

SUBJECT: AMENDING (1) COMMITTEE OF CHAIRMEN

Adopted April 30, 1952. See Journal, Page 332.

M, 7; P, 7; F, 7; A, 0; N, 0

Your Committee having had under consideration the suggested amendment to the Plan of Organization and the Rules of Order, offered by Leon T. Moore, and referred to it in the session of Tuesday, proposing a change in the composition of the Committee of Chairmen, as provided in Section V, Para-

graph 1, Page 156 of the Handbook, recommends as follows:

The second line of the paragraph, delete the word "and," and the third line, following the word "Rules," add the following: **"and the Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment,"** so that the paragraph shall now read, "(1) Committee of Chairmen. The Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, **and the Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment** shall be constituted a Committee whose function it shall be to arrange for the presentation of Committee Reports to the Conference in such order as to expedite the business."

A. WESLEY PUGH, *Chairman*;

M. LAFAYETTE HARRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 4. RULES

SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND
RULES OF ORDER FOR 1956

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 358

M, 7; P, 7; F, 7; A, 0; N, 0

The Committee has had under consideration paragraph (10), page 168 of the Handbook, entitled "Rules," as referred to it by the action of the General Conference in the session of Wednesday upon motion of Dr. Nolan Harmon.

The Committee makes two recommendations:

1. Amend the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference so that the latter paragraph of section (10), page 168 of the Handbook having to do with the functions of the Committee on Rules shall read:

The Committee shall study the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and, after making such modifications and adaptations therein as in its judgment are necessary, shall present them to the General Conference for its consideration and final action, same to be published in the Journal of the General Conference.

2. Amend the Discipline Part IV, Chapter I, Section III, having to do with General Conference procedure, by adding a new Paragraph to be numbered Paragraph 505 with appropriate re-numbering of the Paragraphs following, the new Paragraph to read:

The plan or organization and rules of order of the General Conference shall be the plan of organization and rules of order as published in the Journal of the preceding General

Conference until they have been altered or modified by the action of the General Conference.

A. WESLEY PUGH, *Chairman*;

M. LAFAYETTE HARRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 5. RULES

SUBJECT: PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER
FOR 1956 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Amended—Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 608, 662

M, 7; P, 7; F, 7; A, 0; N, 0

Your Committee on Rules, following the order of the General Conference, presents for the consideration and adoption of the General Conference, the following:

A. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

I. OPENING SESSION AND ORGANIZATION

The General Conference shall assemble at 10 o'clock A.M., on the day fixed and at the place determined upon in accordance with action taken by the preceding General Conference. The Holy Communion shall be celebrated by the Conference, the Council of Bishops being in charge; after which the Conference shall be called to order by the Bishop designated, as provided in Paragraph 8, Item 11, of the "*Discipline*."

The following order of business shall be observed.

A. *Roll Call*. The Roll shall be called by the Secretary of the preceding General Conference in the following manner:

1. There shall be called the names of the Bishops who have died since the adjournment of the preceding General Conference, and likewise the names of Delegates-elect who have died.

2. The record of attendance shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the General Conference by

a. The Secretary of the Council of Bishops for the Bishops and

b. The Chairman of each delegation for its membership. The Chairman shall be provided with a blank form on which to report in writing the attendance of its members, noting absentees and substitutions, which reports shall be tabulated by the Secretary and published in *The Daily Advocate*. Any Reserve seated in the place of a Regular Delegate shall have been duly elected as a Reserve Delegate by his Annual Conference, and shall meet the requirements set forth in the "*Discipline*." Delegates, including Reserves, when the latter are substituted for a Delegate or Delegates, shall be seated in the order of their election, except when a Reserve is seated

temporarily, in which case he shall occupy the seat of the Delegate for whom he is substituted. All Delegates arriving after the opening Roll Call shall be reported by the Chairman of the Delegation to the Committee on Credentials, in order to be properly enrolled.

3. A majority of the whole number of Delegates to the General Conference shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (Paragraph 503, "*Discipline.*")

B. *Election of Secretary.* If a quorum be present, the Conference shall elect from the ministry or lay membership of The Methodist Church, on nomination from the floor, a Secretary, which election shall be by ballot if there be two or more nominees. (See Section IV.)

Should the Secretary not be a Delegate, he shall have the privilege of the floor, but without vote.

C. *Committee Nominations and Elections.* The Council of Bishops shall present nominations for the Administrative Committees, and such other nominations as are hereinafter committed to it, for election by the General Conference.

D. *Miscellaneous Business.*

E. *Adjournment.*

II. EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

There shall be a session of the General Conference held at 8:00 P.M., on the opening day, for the purpose of hearing the Quadrennial Address of the Council of Bishops.

III. PRESIDING OFFICERS

The Presiding Officers for the several sessions of the Conference, the opening session excepted (See Sec. I), shall be chosen from among the effective Bishops in the following manner: The Council of Bishops shall at the opening session nominate for election by the Conference a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from among the Delegates representing the Annual Conference outside the United States. The Committee thus constituted shall select the Presiding Officers for each session of the Conference, notifying the Bishop of his selection at least 24 hours in advance, and in each instance report its selection to the Conference prior to adjournment of the session immediately preceding.

IV. SECRETARIAL STAFF

1. The Secretary of the General Conference elected as

hereinbefore provided shall serve until the next General Conference is organized and a successor elected.

2. The Conference shall elect, upon the nomination of the Secretary, such Assistant Secretaries from the ministry or lay membership of The Methodist Church, as it may deem wise.

3. If in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference the office of Secretary shall for any reason be vacated, the Council of Bishops shall elect a successor to serve until the next session.

V. ENTERTAINMENT AND PROGRAM

There shall be a Commission on Entertainment and Program of the General Conference composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction who shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by General Conference. The Secretary of the General Conference and the Treasurer of the General Administration Fund shall also be members *ex officio*, but without vote. This Commission shall determine the place and time (within such limits as may be set up by the General Conference) of the next General Conference and shall make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith including arrangements for the publication of a Book of Quadrennial Reports of the General Boards and other General Agencies of the Church, the same to be published by The Methodist Publishing House.

The Council of Bishops shall designate one of their number to convene and organize the Commission within eighteen months following the adjournment of the General Conference. The Commission shall arrange for the local entertainment of Fraternal Delegates for the reasonable period of time required for their presentation to the General Conference.

VI. COMMITTEES

The General Conference shall have the Standing Committees hereinafter indicated with such functions, responsibilities, and limitations respectively as are hereinafter prescribed, and such Special Committees as it may order.

1. Administrative Committees

(1) *Committee of Chairmen.* The Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, and the Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment shall be constituted a Committee whose function it shall be to arrange for the presentation of Committee reports to the Conference in such order as to expedite the business.

(2) *Correlation and Editorial Revision.* There shall be a Committee of three known as a Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. This Committee shall be composed of three persons not members of the General Conference, appointed by the Council of Bishops. They shall be entitled to travel expense and *per diem* allowance, the same as the Delegates. The functions of this Committee shall be:

(a) To review all legislation enacted by the General Conference and to report promptly to the Legislative Committees concerned, or to the General Conference as the situation may warrant, any and all contradictions, duplications and inconsistencies discovered therein.

(b) To report to the Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees all changes it has made in the language of the Reports adopted by the General Conference.

(3) *Courtesies and Privileges.* There shall be a Committee of fourteen, composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction and one minister and one layman from among the Delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, known as the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, having the following duties and responsibilities:

a. To consider, as presented to it by members of the Conference, what said members regard as questions or matters of privilege, to decide whether they are such or not, and if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to the Conference that they be heard.

(NOTE: Only questions or matters of privilege which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this Committee may be presented immediately to the Conference as provided in Rule 9.)

b. To prepare with due regard for brevity, and present to the Conference for its action, such complimentary Resolutions as occasion may demand.

c. To arrange for extending courtesies of the Conference to any to whom they may be due, Fraternal Delegates and official visitors excepted.

d. To arrange for a Memorial Service, at some time agreeable to the Conference for deceased Delegates-elect, for Bishops and General Officers of the Church who have died since the adjournment of the last preceding General Conference.

e. To limit its Report, including the statement of the Chairman and the hearing of such persons as may be presented, to a maximum of twenty minutes in any one business session. No person or persons shall be presented after the sixth day unless approved by a 2/3 vote of the Conference.

f. To prepare and publish in the *Daily Christian Advocate* contemporaneously with the list of the nominees for election to the Judicial Council, biographical sketches not to exceed 100 words in length for each nominee.

(4) *Credentials*. There shall be a Committee of seven on Credentials. To this Committee the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference delegations shall report, on a form provided for that purpose, the names of absent Delegates and of available Reserve Delegates to be substituted for said absentees. This Committee shall in turn report all such cases of absence to the Conference with recommendations as to the seating of Reserves if such are available. No Reserve Delegates shall be seated except by action of the Conference and after a report has been made upon the case by this Committee; provided, the Reserve Delegates reported by the Chairman of the respective Annual Conference delegation as substituted for absentees at the opening session shall be seated tentatively without the action of this Committee; provided, further, that such substitutions shall be reported to this Committee for review and Report to the General Conference for its action.

All changes in the personnel of the seated delegates of the Annual Conference delegations shall be reported to this Committee on blanks provided by the Secretary of the Conference. *Per diem* allowances shall be paid on the basis of the Report of this Committee.

(5) *Fraternal Delegates*. There shall be a Committee of seven whose function it shall be to extend the courtesies of the Conference to the Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors and present them to the General Conference at its pleasure. The terms "Fraternal Delegates" and "Official Visitors" shall be interpreted to include only persons who have been duly elected by the Christian Communions of which they are respectively members to represent the same before the General Conference, and who present the appropriate Credentials of such elections.

(6) *Journal*. There shall be a Committee of seven which shall daily examine the record of the Secretary comparing it with the stenographic record and report its findings to the Conference, recommending appropriate action. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the Journal which has been approved shall be reported to the Conference for correction.

(7) *Presiding Officer*. See Section III.

(8) *Reference*. There shall be a Committee of Reference

composed of one ministerial and one lay representative from each Jurisdiction, at least two of whom shall be lawyers and one minister and one layman from Conferences outside the United States, to be appointed by the Council of Bishops from the regularly elected delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the said Council of Bishops, preceding the session of the General Conference. Said Committee shall meet with the Secretary of the previous General Conference at the seat of the Conference on the Monday preceding the opening of said Conference. This Committee shall be convened by the Secretary of the General Conference. After ascertaining that the Memorials, Resolutions and similar communications dealing with the regular business of the Conference meet the requirements herein specified, this Committee shall refer the same to the appropriate Administrative or Legislative Committees. This Committee shall be responsible for such assignment of all Memorials, which may be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the opening session, including the Episcopal Address, the Book of Printed Quadrennial Reports, and all other communications which shall come into his hands after the convening of the General Conference. The third day of the Conference shall be fixed as the deadline for the introduction of Memorials and Petitions.

The Committee of Reference may withdraw a paper after having assigned it to a Committee, either upon a request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author, or authors, thereof of its action in order that an appeal may be made to the Conference if desired. The Committee shall publish as promptly as possible, in *The Daily Advocate*, lists of the communications it has referred to the several Standing Committees, identifying each by number, title, origin, and destination. No Memorial or Petition shall be assigned by the Committee of Reference to any General Conference Committee unless it comes from some organization, minister, or member of The Methodist Church, and also contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin.

All Memorials should be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject. Not more than one Memorial should be presented on a single sheet of paper.

(9) *Rules.* There shall be a Committee of seven on Plan of Organization and Rules of Orders. The Secretary of the Conference shall be an ex-officio member and one of the seven. To this Committee shall be referred any proposed Amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Or-

der. (See Rule 40.) To it may be referred any other matters relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of the General Conference.

This Committee shall restudy the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and, after making such needed changes and adaptations therein as in its judgment are necessary, shall present them to the General Conference for consideration and final action, same to be published in the Journal of the General Conference.

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as published in the Journal of the preceding General Conference, until they have been altered or modified by the action of the General Conference. (See Par. 505, 1952 Discipline, The Methodist Church.)

(10) *Sifting Committee.* There shall be a Committee of seven to whom shall be referred, without motion or debate, all questions, proposals, Resolutions, communications, or other matters not included in the regular business of the General Conference, as set forth in this Plan of Organization. This Committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by the Conference. If matters of the nature above described shall be introduced in open Conference without having been approved by this Committee, the Presiding Officer shall, as soon as he shall have discovered the character of the same, refer all such matters to this Committee without reading, and the same shall not be publicized in *The Daily Advocate* unless and until they have been approved and presented to the Conference by the Sifting Committee; provided, however, that should the Sifting Committee determine that any matter referred to it should not be brought before the Conference for consideration, then if a petition signed by twenty, or more, members of the Conference shall be presented to the Conference requesting consideration, unless a two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference present and voting shall refuse consideration, the matter shall be referred by the Sifting Committee to a Standing Committee of its choice.

(11) *Tellers.* There shall be a Committee of sixty, to act as Tellers for the purpose of reporting on count votes and ballots ordered by the General Conference. The Tellers shall be divided into two groups of thirty each. Each group shall have Reserve Tellers in such number as the Council of Bishops may deem proper.

2. Legislative Committees

The General Conference shall have the following Standing

Legislative Committees which shall consider all proposals looking toward new legislation or changes in the present legislation of the Church and report recommendations relating thereto to the Conference. The term "legislative," however, as descriptive of the functions of these Committees, is not to be interpreted with absolute strictness, inasmuch as they may consider matters calculated to eventuate in the form of Advices, Resolutions, Appeals, etc., as well as in legislation.

(1) *Conferences.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the General, Jurisdictional, Central, Provisional Central, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences, and Missions, and the organization of the local church.

(2) *Education.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to the Board of Education and to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

(3) *Lay Activities.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating distinctly to Lay Activities and the Board of Lay Activities.

(4) *Membership and Evangelism.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to church membership, including conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; and all matters pertaining to Evangelism and to the devotional life and literature of the Church, made by the law of the Church the concern of the Board of Evangelism.

(5) *Ministry.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to the ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

(6) *Missions.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and church extension and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(7) *Pensions.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to the support of retired and supernumerary ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including Bishops, and all matters relating to pensions of Lay Employees of Church Organizations, Boards, Agencies or institutions.

(8) *Publishing Interests.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(9) *State of the Church.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to social service, **labor relations**, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other Committee.

(10) *Temporal Economy.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to Trustees, properties, church finance (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other Committee.

(11) *Temperance and Prohibition.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to temperance and prohibition of the liquor traffic and all matters relating to the Board of Temperance and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(12) *Hospitals and Homes.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board, and to all the eleemosynary work and responsibility of the Church not comprehended in the responsibility of any other Legislative Committee.

(13) *Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to Inter-Denominational activities, relations, interest, and responsibilities of The Methodist Church, including the American Bible Society, the National Council of Churches of Christ in U. S. A., and the World Council of Churches.

(14) *Judicial Administration.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to the formal disciplining, trial, and appeal of members and ministers of The Methodist Church and relating to the Judicial Council and the judicial procedure within the Church.

(15) *Ritual and Orders of Worship.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc. relating to ritual and orders of worship.

(16) *Enabling Acts and Legal Forms.* There shall be a Committee of seven charged with the responsibility of preparing and presenting for adoption by the Conference such Enabling Acts and Legal Forms as may be needed in the continuing process of unifying the interests and agencies of the Church.

3. Membership of Committees

(1) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan of Organization, or ordered by the General Conference, the membership of all Committees shall be constituted by election of the Conference, on nomination of the Council of Bishops. In making nominations the Council of Bishops shall maintain as nearly as practicable and advisable an equal ratio of representation between Ministerial and Lay Delegates on all Committees.

(2) Legislative Committees numbered 11 to 15, inclusive (**Temperance and Prohibition, Hospitals and Homes, Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities Judicial Administration, and Ritual and Orders of Worship**), shall each consist of two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from the Delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States.

(3) Each Delegate shall serve as a member of one of the Legislative Committees numbered 1 to 10. Within the Delegation each member shall choose from the Legislative Committees 1 to 10 the Committee on which he shall serve, the choice being made in order of election. (See footnote*) The Layman first elected shall be entitled to the first choice the Minister first elected to the second choice, and thus the right of choice shall continue to alternate between Lay and Ministerial Delegates in the order of their election; provided, that two members of a Delegation may not serve on any one of the above designated Legislative Committees 1 to 10, unless the said Delegation is represented on each of them. All Delegations composed of **twelve** or more members shall assign all members in excess of **ten** according to this same principle of distribution. (For example, a Conference with sixteen

(*) FOOTNOTE: The following action was taken by the 1940 General Conference: (See page 698, Journal 1940 General Conference.)

"Your Committee recommends that the first choice on Committees should alternate from quadrennium to quadrennium between the ministerial and lay delegates." This would mean that the laymen had first choice of Legislative Committees in 1944. In 1948 the minister first elected had the first choice of Legislative Committees. In 1952 the laymen first elected had first choice of the Legislative Committees. In 1956 the minister first elected will have first choice of the Legislative Committees.

Delegates shall have two members on each of any six of these **ten** Committees, and one on each of the remaining **four**. Each Delegate may in the order of his turn to choose, select any one of these **ten** Committees, provided that the foregoing division of Delegates among the Committees is maintained.)

If a matter is under consideration in any Legislative Committee which in the judgment of any Annual Conference Delegation vitally affects the interests of its constituency, and if the said Annual Conference is not represented in the membership of said Committee, then the said Delegation may choose one of its number to represent its Annual Conference in the Committee when the matter judged to be vital to the interests of its constituency is under consideration. Such a person shall be entitled to sit with the Committee while this particular matter is being considered. He shall be entitled to the floor, subject to such limitations as are imposed on the regular members of said Committee, but he shall not be entitled to vote.

4. Meetings of Committees

(1) *For Organization.* The Legislative Committees shall meet for organization on the afternoon of the first day of the General Conference sessions. Those numbered 11 to 16, inclusive, at 2:30 o'clock, and those numbered 1 to 10 inclusive, at 3:30. A Bishop appointed by the Council of Bishops and an Assistant Secretary appointed by the Secretary of the General Conference shall serve, respectively, as Chairman and Secretary to effect an organization in each of the several Committees.

- a. The first named on each of the other Committees shall act as Convenor, calling a meeting for organization at the earliest practicable date. **The Secretary of the General Conference shall convene the Committee of Chairmen.**
- b. The election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of each Committee, both Administrative and Legislative shall be by ballot.
- c. The Assistant Secretary appointed for the organization of each Legislative Committee shall report in writing to the Secretary of the Conference at the earliest possible date the officers elected. In the case of all other Committees the Secretary elected shall make such report immediately to the Secretary of the Conference.

(2) *Regular Meetings.* The Legislative Committees 1 to 10, inclusive, shall meet each weekday at 2:30 P.M., unless otherwise ordered by the Conference, until their work is

completed, and at such other times as the Committees may themselves determine.

Legislative Committees 11 to 16, inclusive, shall meet each weekday at 7:30 P.M., or such other times as they may themselves respectively determine until their work is completed.

(3) *Quorum for Committee Meetings.* A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in all Committees.

5. Function and Authority of Committees

(1) The Administrative Committees, without specific instruction or direction from the Conference, shall assume responsibility for considering and reporting to the Conference upon all matters which would logically fall within their respective purviews, if it seems wise to do so, as these are indicated hereinbefore.

(2) The Legislative Committees may not originate business, but shall consider and report only upon that which is referred to them directly by the Conference or through the Committee of Reference, the Sifting Committee, or the Committee of Chairmen.

VII. PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH NEW BOARD COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

When any proposal is submitted to the General Conference to establish an interim or continuing Board, Commission, or Committee, before final action is taken by the General Conference establishing **such Board, Commission or Committee**, said proposal shall be referred to the Council on World Service and Finance, or its Executive Committee, with the request that it bring to the General Conference an estimated Budget of the expense of operation of the proposed Board, Commission or Committee for the next quadrennium and a statement of how the adoption of such proposal will effect the Budget or Budgets for the existing Boards, Commissions or Committees as already presented by the Council on World Service and Finance.

VIII. DELEGATES' EXPENSE ACCOUNT

1. The Report of the Committee on Credentials shall be the basis for settlement with Principal and Reserve Delegates for their *per diem* allowance.

2. The total traveling expense shall be payable to the Principal Delegate if he be present and seated. If during the session of the Conference a Reserve Delegate is seated in his place, he shall adjust the travel expense with such Reserve on the basis of the time served by each.

3. Travel expense for Delegates to the Conference shall

be on the basis of railroad fare by the most direct route (clergy fare for Ministers) lower berth or roomette (Pullman) and meals en route. Overseas Delegates will be allowed the equivalent of second class ship fare for that portion of their trip which is by water. When two or more Delegates come in one automobile the owner shall be allowed 6 cents per mile for his car plus the cost of room and meals en route. Guest passengers who are members of the General Conference shall submit only the cost of room and meals en route. In all cases Delegates shall report only the actual cost of travel.

B. RULES OF ORDER

I. DAILY SCHEDULE

Rule 1. The following shall be the daily order for the General Conference, Sundays excepted:

- (1) 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.—Devotional Service under the direction of the Council of Bishops.
- (2) 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Conference business with recess for ten minutes at 10:30.
- (3) 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Committee Meetings.
- (4) 7:30 p.m.—Committee Meetings.

Rule 2. After devotional service the daily sessions of the Conference shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) Report of Committee on Journal of the previous meeting or meetings.
- (2) Report of Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.
- (3) Reports of other Administrative and Special Committees.
- (4) Calendar.
- (5) Miscellaneous business.

II. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Rule 3. The Bishop presiding shall be the legal Chairman of the General Conference. He shall decide points of order raised by the members, and shall rule on points of order not raised by the members, as he deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order; subject, in both cases, to an appeal to the Conference by any member without debate; except that the Chairman and the Appellant, in the order here named, shall each have five minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A tie vote in the case of appeal shall sustain the Chair. When any member raises a point of order he shall cite, by number, the Rule he adjudges to have been violated.

Rule 4. When the Chairman stands in his place and calls the Conference to order, no member shall speak, address the Chair, or stand, while the Chairman stands.

III. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Rule 5. Attendance and Seating Reserves.

No member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without permission of the Conference, and all absentees shall be reported by the Chairman of the several Annual Conference delegations to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided for this purpose. No Reserve Delegate shall have the privilege of membership until the substitution has been approved by the Conference, except at the first session of the Conference, as provided in the Plan of Organization, Division I, Section A, Subsection 2b.

Rule 6. Directions for "Securing the Floor."

When a Delegate desires to speak to the Conference, he shall arise at his designated seat, respectfully address the Presiding Officer, using the term, "Mr. Chairman," and after recognition, proceed to the speaker's platform, where, before speaking, he shall give the Chairman, in writing, his name and that of the Annual Conference which he represents; which, in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to the Conference.

If by reason of the intended brevity of his remarks he speaks from one of the microphones in the aisles of the assembly hall, he shall first announce his name and the name of the Annual Conference which he represents, which in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to the Conference.

Rule 7. Interrupting the Speaker.

No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a breach of order, or a misrepresentation, or to direct the attention of the Conference to the fact that the time has arrived for a Special Order, or to raise a very urgent question of high privilege.

Rule 8. Speaking More Than Once; Length of Speech.

No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, nor more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, nor longer than ten minutes unless his time shall be extended by the Conference, except as provided in Rule 37. This ten-minute limit may be reduced by a majority vote of the Conference at any time, and for any period of duration.

Rule 9. Question of High Privilege.

A member claiming the floor at any time for what he believes is a very urgent question of high privilege, shall be

allowed to indicate briefly the nature of the question, and if it be adjudged by the Chair to be such, he may proceed at his pleasure or until the Chairman judges that he has exhausted his privilege. (See Plan of Organization, Division V, Section 1, Subsection 3a.)

Rule 10. Voting Area of Conference.

Only Delegates within the area of the Conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All Delegates within the area at the time a question is put, shall vote, except such as shall have been excused for special reasons by the Conference.

Rule 11. Voting Procedure.

Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by the Conference. An "aye" and "no" vote if taken, shall be by signed ballot. A count vote may be ordered on call of many member supported by one-third of the members present and voting, in which case the Delegates shall rise from their seats and stand until counted.

No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or when the Previous Question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself, or that which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the Report of the Secretaries on a count vote, or an "aye" and "no" vote. The count shall be made by members seated next to the aisles, who shall be designated by the Secretary of the General Conference, and whose names shall be printed in *The Daily Advocate*.

Rule 12. Division of Question.

Before a vote is taken any Delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as he indicates. If no Delegate objects, the division shall be made, but if there is objection the Chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

Rule 13. Vote by Orders.

The Ministerial and Lay Delegates shall deliberate as one body; but upon a call, by motion of any Delegate, seconded by another Delegate of the same order and supported by one-third of the members of that order voting, the Ministerial and Lay Delegates shall vote separately. But when the Conference votes by orders no measure shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of both classes of Delegates. In cases of such a vote the order calling for it shall vote first; provided, however, that the Conference may not vote by orders on a proposed Amendment to the Constitution. (*Discipline*, Paragraph 10, Item 2.)

IV. BUSINESS PROCEDURE

Rule 14. Motion for Adoption of Reports and Resolution Unnecessary.

Whenever a Report of a Committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof, or a Resolution signed by two or more members of the Conference, shall be presented to the Conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by the Conference without the formality of a motion to adopt and a second thereto.

Rule 15. Required Forms for Reports, Resolutions, Motions.

All Resolutions and Committee Reports shall be presented in triplicate; and, when requested by the Secretary, motions, including amendments shall be presented in writing.

Rule 16. Reading of Reports and Resolutions.

All Resolutions, Committee Reports, and Communications to the Conference shall be read by the Secretary except as otherwise provided in Rule 34.

Rule 17. Alterations of Motions, Etc.

When a motion is made and seconded or a Resolution is introduced and seconded, or a Committee Report is read, or is published in the *Daily Advocate*, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Conference, and may not be altered except by action of the Conference. (See Rule 33.)

Rule 18. Undebatable Motions.

The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- (1) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the Conference finally.
- (2) To suspend the rules.
- (3) To lay on the table, except as provided in Rule 37.
- (4) To take from the table.
- (5) To call for the Previous Question.
- (6) To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
- (7) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (8) To call for the Orders of the day.

Rule 19. Rights of "The Main Question."

The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: To adopt, to commit, **or refer**, to substitute, to postpone, and to reconsider. No new motion, Resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of except as provided in Rule 11. The foregoing does not apply to secondary mo-

tions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

Rule 20. Precedence of Secondary Motions.

If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other motions are pending the order of their precedence in relation to one another shall be the same as the order of their listing below:

- (1) To fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table.)
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take recess.
- (4) To order the previous question.
- (5) To lay on the table.
- (6) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (7) To postpone to a given time.
- (8) To **commit** or refer.
- (9) To amend or to substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment.)
- (10) To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 21. Tabling Related Motions.

No motion which adheres to another motion, or has another motion adhering to it, can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they respectively adhere, or which adhere to them.

Rule 22. Referring Reports, Etc.

It shall be in order for the Conference to refer to a Committee a section or part of a Report or Resolution which is before the Conference for consideration, or any amendment offered thereto.

Rule 23. Procedure for Consideration of Substitutes.

When a Resolution or Committee Report is properly before the Conference for consideration and action (even if amendments thereto are pending), a substitute therefor may be offered by any member moving that the same may be substituted for the Resolution or Report under consideration. The motion to substitute may not be considered or put, however, until the original Report or Resolution is perfected, including consideration of and action on any amendments to it which may have been offered. The Conference may terminate this perfecting process by ordering the Previous Question on the motion to adopt the Report or Resolution. If this be done, the vote shall immediately be taken on any

amendments, to the Report or Resolution then pending, but the vote shall not be taken on the adoption of the Report or Resolution or on making the substitution until the substitute is also perfected. The main question, or Report, or Resolution, having been perfected, the substitute shall be considered, which consideration may be terminated at any time by ordering the Previous Question, in which case, after action on any amendments to the substitute then pending, the vote shall be taken on the motion to substitute. After this, without further notice, debate or amendment, the vote shall be taken on the motion to adopt, if the Previous Question thereon was ordered as above indicated as being allowable, or if it was ordered later. In the course of the foregoing perfecting process in the case of either the main question or the substitute, or both, the time to be consumed in presenting, considering and acting on amendments may be limited by action of the Conference. If this be done, the Previous Question may not be put on the adoption of the Report or Resolution, or on making the proposed substitution until two members (including the Chairman of Committee presenting the report and the member presenting the substitute, if the pending question is the adoption of a Report of a Committee) shall have spoken on each side of the proposal to substitute or adopt, as the case may be, after the motions to amend, if there be any, have been acted upon if there be those who desire so to speak.

Rule 24. Previous Question (See Rules 18-5, 23, 25, 37).

When any member moves the Previous Question (that is, that the vote be now taken on the motion or motions pending) he shall indicate to what he intends it to apply, if any secondary motion or motions are also pending. If he does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without debate, and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption, and if adopted the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate except as provided in Rule 37.

Rule 25. Unlawful Motion After Speech.

It shall not be in order for a member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

Rule 26. Exceptions to Majority Vote.

A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

- (1) One-third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a count vote in case the decision of the Chair is doubted. See Rule 11. A tie vote sustains the Chair, Rule 3.
- (2) A call for a vote by orders shall prevail if sustained by one-third of the members of the order from which the call came, present and voting. (See Rule 13.)
- (3) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend (See Rule 39) or amend (See Rule 40) to rules; to sustain a motion for the Previous Question (See Rule 24); to set aside a Special Order; to consider a Special Order before the time set therefor, or any motion whose adoption would limit debate; **to sustain the request of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges for the presentation of any person after the sixth day of the General Conference; to sustain a petition against a ruling of the Sifting Committee.**
- (4) A two-thirds vote shall be required to approve a proposal for a Constitutional amendment. (See Par. 10, *Discipline*.)

Rule 27. Reconsideration.

A motion to reconsider an action of the Conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated.

Rule 28. Calendar Regular: Non-concurrence.

The Secretary shall keep a chronological record of Orders of the Day and of reports of Committees (See Rule 32) and this record shall be called the Calendar, and the matters of business placed on it shall be considered in order, unless by a two-thirds vote of the Conference an item is taken up out of its order.

Legislative Committee Reports recommending Non-concurrence shall be kept upon a separate Calendar to be taken up when the regular Calendar is exhausted or at the pleasure of the Conference except when a Minority presents a Report recommending concurrence, in which case both shall be included in the regular Calendar.

Rule 29. Motion to Adjourn in Order Except—

The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except

- (1) When a Delegate has the floor.

- (2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, and before it is finally decided.
- (3) When the Previous Question has been ordered and action thereunder is pending.
- (4) When a motion to adjourn has been lost, and no business or debate has intervened.
- (5) When the motion to fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn is pending.

The foregoing does not apply to a motion to final adjournment of the Conference.

V. COMMITTEES

Rule 30. Rules of Order of Legislative Committee.

The Rules of Order of the General Conference shall be observed in meetings of Legislative Committees insofar as they apply.

Rule 31. Duties and Prerogatives of Committees.

When a Memorial or Resolution or any similar item is referred to one of the several Legislative Committees, it shall be understood that the whole question with which the paper has to do is referred to that Committee for such action as it may deem wise. Committees shall report to the Conference upon all matters referred to them by the Conference directly or through the Committee of Reference. Committee Reports on Resolutions, Memorials, Petitions, etc., shall cite the same, identifying them by the numbers they bear respectively, in the published reports of the Committee of Reference, or in some other suitable manner.

When a Committee ascertains that another Committee is or should, in its judgment, be considering a subject which the former is considering, it shall report the matter to the Committee of **Reference** for such adjustments as the situation may require.

Rule 32. Legislative Committees Report to Secretary.

At the close of each day's meeting the Chairmen and Secretaries of the several Legislative Committees shall provide the Secretary of the Conference with copies in triplicate of all Reports adopted by their respective Committees for presentation to the Conference. The Secretary shall enter said Reports on the Calendar in the order in which they reach him, and shall furnish the editor of *The Daily Advocate* with one copy of each of the said Reports for publication in the next day's issue. Reports from Committees (and Minority

Reports) recommending proposed changes in the *Discipline* shall give Chapter Section, and Paragraph to be affected.

They shall quote the language of the part it is proposed to change, *underscoring it*, and then state the language as it will appear if adopted, with the new part only in CAPITALS. *The Daily Advocate* shall follow the same rule in printing such reports substituting *italics* for Underscoring and Heavy Black-faced Type for CAPITALS.

Rule 33. Published Reports in Possession of Conference.

A Report of any Committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof and printed in *The Daily Advocate* shall be regarded as in the possession of the Conference, and on the day following its first appearance in *The Daily Advocate*, or any time thereafter, in order for its consideration at the pleasure of the Conference. The same rule shall apply to a Report of a Minority of any Committee signed by one-tenth of the members of the Committee or by ten members thereof. (See Rule 17.)

Rule 34. Preparation and Printing of Reports.

All Committee Reports shall be presented to the Secretary of the Conference in triplicate on paper provided therefor and bearing at the top the name of the Committee, its total membership, the number present at the time the Report was adopted, the number voting for and the number voting against the report respectively, and the number not voting. Reports of the Legislative Committees shall be printed in *The Daily Advocate* at least one day before being presented for consideration by the Conference and they shall not be read unless by its order.

Reports of Minorities of Committees adopted by them with a view to their being offered as substitutes for Committee reports shall likewise conform to this rule so as far as it is applicable, indicating clearly to what Committee the respective minorities belong and for what Reports by Serial Numbers, etc., they propose the respective substitutes.

Rule 35. Committee Chairman Not in Harmony with Report.

When the Chairman of a Committee is not in harmony with a Report adopted by the Committee, it shall be his duty to state the fact to the Committee, which shall elect one of its members to represent it in the presentation and discussion of the Report in the Conference; but if, in such a case, the Committee shall fail to select a representative, the Chairman shall designate a member to represent the Committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the Chairman in relation to such Report.

Rule 36. Presentation of Report of Minority.

A member selected by the signers of a report of a Minority of a Committee to present the same, shall have the same rights and privileges in relation thereto which belong to the Chairman in the presentation of the regular (Majority) Report of the Committee, except that he may not present said Minority Report until the Majority Report has been presented, and shall then offer it as a substitute therefor, and except, further, that in closing the debate on the question of making the substitution the member presenting the Minority Report shall speak first and the Chairman last. (See Rule 23.)

Rule 37. Speakers For and Against.

When the Report of a Committee is under consideration, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to ascertain, when he recognizes a member of the Conference, on which side he proposes to speak, and he shall not assign the floor to any member proposing to speak on the same side of the pending question as the speaker immediately preceding if any member desires to speak on the other side thereof.

Except for undebatable motions, no Report shall be adopted or question relating to the same decided without opportunity having been given for at least one speech for and one against the said proposal; provided that right is claimed before the Chairman or duly authorized member representing the Committee's Report or the Minority Report if there be such, is presented to close the debate.

When all have spoken who desire to do so or when (and after) the Previous Question has been ordered, the Chairman or/and duly authorized member or members presenting the Committee's Report (and the Minority Report if there be one) shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken.

This right of the Chairman and/or other member or members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner to a limit of five minutes when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone, to refer, or to lay on the table or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the Report under consideration; provided that this five minutes limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a minority report for a regular (Majority) Report of a Committee.

Rule 38. Legal Enactment.

All actions of the General Conference of The Methodist Church shall become effective upon the final adjournment of the session of the General Conference at which they are

enacted, unless otherwise specified, **except as provided in Paragraph 591 of the *Discipline*.**

VI. SUSPENDING, AMENDING, AND SUPPLEMENTING

Rule 39. Suspension of Rules.

The operation of any of the provisions of this Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Conference. Rule 26 (3).

Rule 40. Amending Rules.

This Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference; provided the proposed change or amendment has been presented to the Conference in writing and referred to the Committee on Rules, which Committee shall report thereon not later than the following day. Rule 26 (3).

Rule 41. Robert's Rules of Order Revised, Supplemental Authority.

In any parliamentary situation not clearly covered by this Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, the General Conference shall be governed in its action by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

A. WESLEY PUGH, *Chairman*;

M. LAFAYETTE HARRIS, *Secretary*.

9. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Chairman: George A. Fallon (New England).

Secretary: James S. Chubb (Nebraska).

Presiding Officers. The Presiding Officers for the several sessions of the Conference, the opening session excepted (see Sec. 1), shall be chosen from among the effective Bishops in the following manner: The Council of Bishops shall at the opening session nominate for election by the Conference a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from among the delegates representing the Annual Conferences outside the United States. The Committee thus constituted shall select the Presiding Officer for each session of the Conference, notifying the Bishop of his selection at least 24 hours in advance, and in each instance report its selection to the Conference prior to adjournment of the session immediately preceding.

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 24.)

Presiding officer for evening session of Wednesday, April 23, 1952, see Journal, pages 234, 235.

REPORT No. 1. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented April 23, 1952. See Journal, Page 236.

M, 14; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Arthur J. Moore will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 2. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented April 24, 1952. See Journal, Page 257.

H, 14; P, 12; F, 12

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop William C. Martin will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 3. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented April 25, 1952. See Journal, Page 270.

M, 14; P, 13; F, 13

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop James C. Baker will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented April 26, 1952. See Journal, Page 290.

M, 14; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Paul E. Martin will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented April 28, 1952. See Journal, Page 310.

M, 14; P, 13; F, 13

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Alexander P. Shaw will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented April 29, 1952. See Journal, Page 329

M, 14; P, 12; F, 12

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Ralph S. Cushman will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented April 30, 1952. See Journal, Page 354.

M, 14; P, 11; F, 11

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 1, 1952 (A.M.). See Journal, Page 385.

M, 14; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Clare Purcell will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 1, 1952 (P.M.). See Journal, Page 389.

M, 14; P, 12; F, 12

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop A. Frank Smith will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 2, 1952 (A.M.). See Journal, Page 434.

M, 14; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Paul N. Garber will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 2, 1952 (Afternoon). See Journal, Page 442.

M, 14; P, 11; F, 11

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Richard C. Raines will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 2, 1952 (P.M.). See Journal, Page 468.

M, 14; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop J. Ralph Magee will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 3, 1952 (A.M.). See Journal, Page 519.

M, 14; P, 13; F, 13

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Costen J. Harrell will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 3, 1952 (Afternoon). See Journal, Page 547.

M, 14; P, 12; F, 12

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Glenn R. Phillips will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 3, 1952 (P.M.). See Journal, Page 565.

M, 14; P, 12; F, 12

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop W. Angie Smith will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 5, 1952 (A.M.). See Journal, Page 601.

M, 14; P, 13; F, 13

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Marshall R. Reed will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 5, 1952 (Afternoon). See Journal, Page 622.

M, 14; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Paul B. Kern will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 5, 1952 (P.M.). See Journal, Page 656.

M, 14; P, 12; F, 13

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Presented May 6, 1952 (A.M.). See Journal, Page 712.

M, 14; P, 13; F, 13

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop Ivan Lee Holt will preside at the next session of the Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE ALBERT FALLON, *Chairman*;
JAMES S. CHUBB, *Secretary*.

10. REFERENCE

Chairman: Stewart Clendenin (Texas-SC).

Vice-Chairman: Lester L. Roush (Ohio).

Secretary: Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 24.)

Reference. There shall be a Committee of Reference composed of one ministerial and one lay representative from each Jurisdiction, at least two of whom shall be lawyers and one minister and one layman from Conferences outside the United States, to be appointed by the Council of Bishops from the regularly elected delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the said Council of Bishops, preceding the session of the General Conference. Said Committee shall meet with the Secretary of the previous General Conference at the seat of the Conference on the Monday preceding the opening of said Conference. This Committee shall be convened by the Secretary of the General Conference. After ascertaining that the Memorials, Resolutions and similar communications dealing with the regular business of the Conference meet the requirements herein specified, this Committee shall refer the same to the appropriate Administrative or Legislative Committees. This Committee shall be responsible for such assignment of all memorials, which may be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the opening session, including the Episcopal Address, the Book of Printed Quadrennial Reports, and all other communications which shall come into his hands after the convening of the General Conference. The third day of the Conference shall be fixed as the deadline for the introduction of memorials and petitions.

The Committee of Reference may withdraw a paper after having assigned it to a Committee, either upon a request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author, or authors, thereof of its action in order that an appeal may be made to the Conference if desired. The Committee shall publish as promptly as possible, in the *Daily Advocate*, lists of the communications it has referred to the several Standing Committees, identifying each by number, title, origin and destination. No memorial or petition shall be assigned by the Committee of Reference to any General Conference Committee unless it comes from some organization, minister, or member of The Methodist Church, and also contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin.

All memorials should be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject. Not more than one memorial should be presented on a single sheet of paper.

The Committee of Reference has received and referred the Memorials numbered in this Report to the various General Conference Committees as indicated.

The names of the Committees are printed in **BOLD-FACE TYPE**.

There are two sentences presented with each Memorial. The first sentence contains the Subject of the Memorial; the

second sentence indicates the author or the source of the Memorial.

(Signed) STEWART CLENDENIN, *Chairman*;
PAUL V. SHEARER (*), *Secretary*.

CONFERENCES

1. Return of Pastor for a New Year.
Maynard O. Witherell, Rehoboth Methodist Church, Rehoboth, Mass.
2. Annual Conference Status in Central Conference.
Burma Annual Conference.
3. Handbooks for Members of the Quarterly Conference.
Newark Annual Conference.
4. Membership of the Official Board.
Central Kansas Annual Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.
5. Ministerial Delegates to the General Conference.
Newark Annual Conference.
6. Admission of Accepted Supplies into an Annual Conference.
National Methodist Town and Country Conference's Study Group on Leadership.
7. Membership in the Annual Conference.
New England Southern Annual Conference.
8. The Central Jurisdiction.
Rock River Annual Conference.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY

9. Functions of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church.
Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church.

CONFERENCES

10. Amending *Discipline*, Par. 717 "The Permanent Fund."
Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church.
11. The Central Jurisdiction.
Mississippi Annual Conference (SE).

TEMPORAL ECONOMY

12. Methodist Historical Societies.
Mississippi Annual Conference (SE).

CONFERENCES

13. Segregation.
Quadrennial City Institute, Houston, Texas.
14. Abolition of the Central Jurisdiction.
Malaya Annual Conference.
15. Enabling Act for the Sarawak Provisional Annual Conference.
Malaya Annual Conference.
16. Jurisdictional Conference.
Survey Commission.
17. Lay Membership in the Annual Conference.
Juan Nabong, Knox Memorial Methodist Church, Manila.
18. Membership of the Quarterly Conference.
Southwest Texas Annual Conference.
19. Changing the Names of Churches.
Western North Carolina Annual Conference.
20. Organization of the Latin-American Annual Conference.
Alfredo R. Macias, Latin-American Provisional Annual Conference.

21. Ex-Official Members of an Annual Conference.
W. A. Kerns, Minnesota Annual Conference.

MINISTRY

22. In-service Training and Qualifications of Those Admitted on Trial and Accepted Supplies.
Newark Annual Conference.

CONFERENCES

23. Duties of the Secretary of an Annual Conference.
Secretaries and Statisticians of the South Central Jurisdiction.
24. Quarterly Conference.
Official Board, Methodist Church, Snyder, Oklahoma.
25. Official Methodist Record System.
Nebraska Annual Conference.
26. Functions of the District Board of Church Location and Building.
Southwest Texas Annual Conference.
27. Lay Ministers.
River Plate Annual Conference.
28. Laymen in the Annual Conference.
North Dakota Annual Conference.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

29. Affiliate Membership.
River Plate Annual Conference.

CONFERENCES

30. Bishops for the North Central Jurisdiction.
Indiana Annual Conference.
31. Enabling Act for Wyoming State Conference.
Wyoming State Annual Conference.
32. Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.
Continuing Committee of the National Methodist Rural Life Conference for the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area.
33. Youth Representation in General and Jurisdictional Conferences.
North-East Ohio Annual Conference.
34. Membership of the Annual Conference.
Layman's Organization, Southeastern Jurisdiction.
35. President of the Wesleyan Service Guild to be a Member of the Quarterly Conference.
C. P. Hardin, Holston Annual Conference.
36. President of the Wesleyan Service Guild to be a Member of the Official Board.
Wyoming Annual Conference
37. Report Blank for the Young Adult Fellowship.
Michigan Annual Conference.
38. Membership of the Quarterly Conference.
Michigan Annual Conference.
39. Mother's Day.
West Virginia Annual Conference.
40. Membership of the Quarterly Conference.
Northwest Philippines Annual Conference
41. Membership of District Conference.
Northwest Philippines Annual Conference
42. Enabling Act for Provisional Annual Conference in Mindanao.
Northwest Philippines Annual Conference

43. Annual Conference Deaconess Board.
Philadelphia Annual Conference.
44. Membership Committee of the Local Church.
Montana Annual Conference WSCS.
45. Publicizing the General Conference.
Michigan Annual Conference.
46. Rotation in Office of Stewards.
Woodrow Wood, South Carolina Annual Conference (SE).
47. Use of the Term "Church Lay Leader."
General Board of Lay Activities.
48. Trustees of John Street Methodist Church.
Board of Trustees for John Street Church.
49. Composition of the Official Board.
General Board of Lay Activities.
50. The Quarterly Conference.
R. R. Lewis, Hudson Falls Methodist Church, New York.
51. The Quarterly Conference.
Continuing Committee of the National Methodist Rural Life
Conference of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area.
52. The Jurisdictional System.
North Alabama Annual Conference.
53. The Jurisdictional System.
Kentucky Annual Conference.
54. Rotation of Stewards.
Quarterly Conference, Cookesbury Methodist Church, Atlanta
Georgia.

MINISTRY

55. Admission of Supply Pastors into the Annual Conference.
Quarterly Conference, Cookesbury Methodist Church, Atlanta
Georgia.

CONFERENCES

56. Certificate of Transfer.
Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference.
57. The Central Jurisdiction.
New Orleans Area Leadership Retreat.
58. The Central Jurisdiction.
Ohio Annual Conference WSCS.
59. The Central Jurisdiction.
North-East Ohio Annual Conference.

MINISTRY

60. Admission on Trial.
Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

CONFERENCES

61. Merger of Colored Churches in the Nebraska Annual Confer-
ence with the Nebraska Annual Conference.
Nebraska Annual Conference.
62. Statistical Report and Annual Conference Benevolences.
New Hampshire Annual Conference.
63. Additional Bishop for the North Central Jurisdiction.
Minnesota Annual Conference.
64. More Bishops for the North Central Jurisdiction.
North Iowa Annual Conference.
65. The Central Jurisdiction.
New Hampshire Annual Conference.

66. Accepted Supply Pastors in the Annual Conference.
Oregon Annual Conference.
67. Local Church Board of Missions and Church Extension.
Western North Carolina Annual Conference.
68. The Pastoral Relations Committee.
Lars Marum, Sunset Park Norwegian Methodist Church,
Brooklyn, New York.
69. Organization of Local Board of Trustees.
Northwest Indiana Annual Conference.
70. Segregation.
Omaha Council of Methodist Women.
71. Annual Conference Deaconess Board.
Southwest Missouri Annual Conference Deaconess Board.
72. Committees of Which the Pastor is an Ex-officio Member.
Earl E. Reisner, Pacific Northwest Annual Conference.
73. An Official Membership Card.
Quarterly Conference, Cookesbury Methodist Church, Atlanta,
Georgia.
74. The Central Jurisdiction.
Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.
75. The Pastoral Relations Committee.
Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.
76. Amending Par. 172, 1948 *Discipline*.
Abbot L. Fletcher, Simpson Methodist Church, Minneapolis,
Minnesota.
77. Church Conferences.
Official Board, Henderson Memorial Methodist Church, Detroit,
Michigan.
78. Segregation.
Official Board, Henderson Memorial Methodist Church, Detroit,
Michigan.
79. The right of a Retired Minister to Vote in the Annual Confer-
ence.
Northern Philippines Annual Conference.
80. Election of Delegates to the General, Jurisdictional, or Cen-
tral Conferences.
Northern Philippines Annual Conference.
81. Segregation.
Pacific Northwest Annual Conference.
82. Conference Commission on Christian Vocations to Share in the
World Service Dollar.
Pacific Northwest Annual Conference.
83. Business of the Quarterly Conference.
Commission Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks.
84. Committee on Records and History.
Commission on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks.
85. Membership and Voting Privileges in the Annual Conference.
Virginia Annual Conference.

HOSPITALS AND HOMES

86. Amending Par. 1531, 1948 *Discipline*, Annual Conference
Boards.
Board of Hospitals and Homes.

CONFERENCES

87. Latin-American Provisional Annual Conference.
Wm. B. O'Neill, Rio Grande Annual Conference.
88. Re-Organization of the Structure of Methodism Overseas.
Virginia Annual Conference.

89. Duties of Stewards.
David A. Dawson, Wyoming Annual Conference.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY

90. Methodist Foundation.
Board of Directors, Lake Bluff Orphanage.

EDUCATION

91. Audio-Visual Materials.
Southwest Missouri Annual Conference.
92. Children's Day.
Southwest Missouri Annual Conference.
93. Student Loan and Scholarship Fund.
Board of Lay Activities, Troy Annual Conference.
94. Youth Work.
Youth Workers of the Methodist Conference on Christian Education.
95. Audio-visual Aids.
East Tennessee Annual Conference.
96. Children's Day.
New Jersey Annual Conference.
97. Report on Scouting.
Broadway Temple Methodist Church, New York Annual Conference.
98. Curricula of Theological Schools.
Mrs. Abbott Fletcher, Simpson Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
99. Support of Colleges.
Board of Trustees, West Virginia Wesleyan College.
100. Content of Items or Editorials not Published in The Methodist Church.
Official Board, Westwood Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.
101. Audio-visual Materials.
East Oklahoma Annual Conference.
102. Children's Day.
East Oklahoma Annual Conference.
103. Study of Theological Schools.
Rock River Annual Conference Delegation.
104. Christian Education.
Board of Education, North-East Ohio Annual Conference.
105. Youth on Town and Country Commission.
National Conference of Methodist Youth.
106. Curriculum Committee.
National Conference of Methodist Youth.
107. Youth on Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations.
National Conference of Methodist Youth.
108. Church School Year.
Christian Education Staff, Topeka District, Kansas Annual Conference.
109. Special Days.
Rev. N. P. Harless, Gay, West Virginia.
110. Children's Day.
New Hampshire Annual Conference.
111. Audio-visual Materials.
New Hampshire Annual Conference.
112. Children's Day.
Michigan Annual Conference.
113. Commission on Theological Education.
Michigan Annual Conference.

114. More Adequate Support for Methodist Theological Schools.
Michigan Annual Conference.
115. Establishment of a Theological School in the Middle West.
North-East Ohio Annual Conference.
116. Theological Seminary on the Pacific Coast.
Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.
117. More Adequate Support for Methodist Theological Schools.
Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.
118. More Adequate Support for Church-related Schools and Colleges.
Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.
119. Student Work at Non-Methodist Centers.
Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY

120. John Wesley Students' House.
World Methodist Council and Conference.

EDUCATION

121. Aldersgate Sunday.
World Methodist Council.
122. Increased Support for Church-related Schools and Colleges.
Holston Annual Conference.
123. Increased Support for Theological Schools.
Official Board, Henderson Memorial Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan.
124. Increased Support for Church-related Schools.
Official Board, Henderson Memorial Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan.
125. Theological Schools to Report the Grades of the Students.
District Superintendents of the Indiana Annual Conference.
126. Christian Education in the Local Church for the Next Quadrennium.
Methodist Conference on Christian Education.
127. Adequate Support for Our Theological Schools.
North Indiana Annual Conference.
128. Work of the Church Schools.
Official Board, Highland Park Methodist Church, Topeka, Kansas.
129. Support for the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations.
Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference.
130. Children's Day.
Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference.
131. More Adequate Support for Theological Schools.
Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference.
132. Additional Support for Church-related Schools and Colleges.
Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference.
133. Student Day Offering.
Central Kansas Annual Conference.
134. Amending the *Discipline* Relative to the Board of Education.
Board of Education.
135. More Adequate Support for Church-related Colleges and Universities.
Northwest Indiana Annual Conference.
136. More Adequate Support for Schools of Theology.
Northwest Indiana Annual Conference.
137. Children's Day.
Northwest Indiana Annual Conference.

138. More Adequate Support for Church-related Schools and Colleges.
Michigan Annual Conference.
139. Methodist Youth Fund.
Methodist Youth Fellowship, Kentland, Indiana.
140. Christian Education to Be Emphasized in the Next Quadrennium.
Michigan Annual Conference.
141. Children's Day.
Indiana Annual Conference.
142. Increased Financial Support for Church-related Schools and Colleges.
Louisiana Annual Conference (SC).
143. Organization of the General Board of Christian Education.
Board of Education.
144. Young Adult Fellowship.
Young Adult Fellowship, Central Methodist Church, Detroit.
145. Education in the Local Church.
Board of Education.
146. Commission on Christian Vocations.
Board of Education.
147. More Adequate Support for Methodist Theological Schools.
West Virginia Annual Conference.
148. More Adequate Support for Theological Schools.
Florida Annual Conference (SE).
149. Children's Day.
Florida Annual Conference (SE).
150. Support for Theological Schools.
Troy Annual Conference.
151. Dating Church School Materials.
Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference.
152. Week-day Kindergarten in Methodist Church.
J. H. Chitwood, North Alabama Annual Conference.
153. Radio and Film Commission.
Michigan Annual Conference.
154. Audio-visual Materials.
Michigan Annual Conference.
155. Increased Support for Methodist Schools of Higher Education.
Kentucky Annual Conference.
156. Conference Commission on Christian Vocations.
Central Texas Annual Conference.
157. Increased Support for Theological Schools.
Minnesota Annual Conference.
158. Christian Education.
Western North Carolina Annual Conference.
159. More Adequate Support for Theological Schools.
Central Texas Annual Conference.
160. Increased Financial Support for Methodist-related Schools, Colleges, and Universities.
Missouri Annual Conference.
161. Increased Support for Schools of Theology.
Philadelphia Annual Conference.
162. Church School Literature.
Philadelphia Annual Conference.
163. Christian Education to be Emphasized 1952-56.
North Iowa Annual Conference.
164. More Adequate Support for Theological Schools.
North Iowa Annual Conference.
165. Support of Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations.
Peninsula Annual Conference.

166. Commission on Theological Education.
Genesee Annual Conference.
167. Children's Day.
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- 566. Church Extension Refunding Board.
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- 589. Members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.
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605. Amending Par. 1632, Sec. 8, Annuity Responsibility.
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612. Amending Par. 1624 on "Proportional Payment."
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614. Editors of Church School Publications.
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620. Methodist Federation of Social Action.
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628. Use of the word, "Methodist."
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634. Conscientious Objectors.
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635. Racial Relations.
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638. Rotation of Conference Members of Commissions and Com-
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639. Board of Social Action.
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640. General Board for Social Service.
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641. Segregation in The Methodist Church.
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ference.
642. Social Industrial Secretary.
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643. Crusade for World Order.
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- 644. Crusade for World Order.
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- 645. Over-population and Education on Birth Control.
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- 646. Emphases in Quadrennial Program.
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- 647. World Peace and Social Action Commission.
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- 648. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 649. Racial Segregation.
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- 650. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 651. Young Adult Fellowship.
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- 653. Board of Social Research.
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- 654. A Board of Social Causes.
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- 655. Commission on Christian Citizenship.
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- 656. Segregation.
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- 657. Racial Segregation and Institutions of the Church.
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- 658. Crusade for World Order.
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- 659. Establish Research Commission on Racial Matters.
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- 660. The Central Jurisdiction.
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- 661. Interagency Committee on Social Issues.
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- 662. Race Discrimination.
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- 663. Quadrennial Program for 1952-56.
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- 664. Crusade for World Order.
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- 665. Federation for Social Action.
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- 666. Service Committee.
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- 667. Marriage of Protestants and Catholics.
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- 668. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 669. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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Jackson, Miss.
- 670. Segregation.
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- 671. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 672. Social Action, Methodist Church, Dearborn, Mich.
- 673. Methodist Federation.
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- 674. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 675. Creating a Commission on the Faith of the Church.
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- 676. Methodist Foundation for Social Action.
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- 677. Marriage of Protestant and Roman Catholics.
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- 678. An Official Methodist Commission on Social Action.
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- 679. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 680. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 681. Annual Conference Commission on World Peace.
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- 682. Rotation of Members of General Boards and Commissions.
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- 685. Employment Practices.
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- 686. Public Morals.
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- 687. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 688. All Barriers of Discrimination to be Removed in the District of
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- 689. Annual Conference Committee on World Peace.
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- 690. Crusade for World Order.

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- 691. Federation of Social Action.
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- 692. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 693. Position of The Methodist Church Against Communism.
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- 694. A Crusade for World Order.
Wisconsin Annual Conference Lay Leaders Retreat.
- 695. Military Training in Methodist Schools.
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- 696. World Peace.
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- 697. Church Union.
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- 698. World Peace for 1952-56.
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- 699. World Peace.
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- 700. Board of Social Study and Action.
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- 701. The Christian Church and Race.
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- 702. A Service Committee.
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- 703. Commission to Study Segregation.
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- 704. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 705. The Social Creed.
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troit, Michigan.
- 706. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 707. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 708. World Peace Plan.
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- 709. Long-Range Goals for The Methodist Church.
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- 710. Crusade for a New World Order.
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- 711. Crusade for World Order.
Floyd J. Moeckly, Trinity Methodist Church, Des Moines, Iowa.
- 712. Crusade for World Order.
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- 713. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 714. The Use of the Name "The Methodist Church."
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- 715. Crusade for World Order.
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- 716. Marriage of Catholics and Protestants.
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- 717. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 718. General Board of Social Causes.
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- 719. Marriage of Protestants and Roman Catholics.
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- 720. Board of Social Research and Education.
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- 721. Smoking in Church Building.
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- 722. Using the Right of Franchise.
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- 723. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 724. Segregation.
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- 725. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 726. Universal Military Training.
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- 727. Freedom of Thought and Speech.
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- 728. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 729. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 730. Marriage of Divorced Persons.
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- 731. Anniversary of John Wesley's Birth.
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- 732. Board of Social Economic Relations.
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- 733. A Crusade for World Order.
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- 734. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 735. The Church and War and Peace.
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- 736. The Christian View of the Free Enterprise System.
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- 737. War and the Conscientious Objector.
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- 738. Racial Relations.
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- 739. Preservation of our Religion and our Christian Heritage.
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- 740. Racial Discrimination.
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- 741. Conscientious Objectors.
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- 743. Commission of Christian Citizenship.
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- 744. Fair Employment Legislation.
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- 745. Segregation.
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- 746. Legalized Gambling.
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- 747. Board of Human Relations.
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- 748. The United Nations Organization.
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- 749. World Peace.
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- 750. Segregation.
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- 751. Full Support of the United Nations Organization.
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- 752. Methodist Federation of Social Action.
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- 753. A General Commission on Social Action.
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- 754. Racial Tolerance.
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- 755. Annual Conference Board of Temperance.
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Oklahoma.
- 756. The Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.
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- 757. Beverage Alcohol.
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ance.

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- 758. Ministers Not to Perform Wedding Ceremonies if Alcoholic
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- 759. General Board of Temperance.
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- 760. General Board of Temperance.
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- 761. Objectives of the Duty of the Board of Temperance.
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762. Amending Paragraphs 147 and 148, Business of the Quarterly Conference.
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763. Time for Organization of the General Board of Temperance for 1952-56.
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764. Temperance to be Emphasized during the Quadrennium 1952-1956.
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765. Amending Paragraph 1460.
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766. Annual Conference Board of Temperance.
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767. Business of the Quarterly Conference.
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768. Courses of Study in Alcoholics.
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769. Support of General Board of Temperance.
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770. District Temperance Secretaries.
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771. Change "Class Leader" to "Charge Lay Leader."
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772. Manual for Preparatory Member Classes.
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773. Composition of Church Board of Education.
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774. Commitment Day.
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775. Fire and Tornado Insurance.
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776. Apportionment for Episcopal Fund.
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777. Apportionment for the Episcopal Fund.
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778. All Benevolent Askings to be Included in World Service Askings.
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779. Statistics of Membership.
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780. The Emergency Fund.
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781. A Methodist Insurance Company of America.
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782. Association of Methodist Historical Societies.
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783. Financing of Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations.
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784. The Emergency Fund.
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785. Association of Methodist Historical Societies.
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786. All Benevolent Askings to be Included in World Service Askings.

- Wyoming State Annual Conference.
787. All Benevolent Askings to be Included in World Service Askings.
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788. Special Collection.
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789. Association of Methodist Historical Societies.
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790. Financial Support for Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations.
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791. Sale of Abandoned Churches for Use of Intoxicating Liquor.
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792. Up-keep of the Parsonage.
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793. Regulations for Discontinued or Abandoned Churches Before Their Sale or Disposal.
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795. More Adequate Financial Support for Annual Conference Commissions on Christian Vocations.
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797. Administration of Funds for Special Annual Conference Projects.
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798. Apportionments.
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799. Use of the name, "Methodist."
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801. Observance of "Veterans Conference Day."
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804. Association of Methodist Historical Societies.
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805. World Methodist Council.
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806. World Methodist Council.
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807. Adding a New Paragraph 796, Concerning A Financial Foundation.
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808. More Adequate Support for the Conference Commission for the Christian Vocations.
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- 810. Fire and Tornado Insurance.
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- 811. Apportionment for Conference Claimants, Episcopal Fund,
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- 812. Use of World Service Funds for Propaganda Purposes.
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- 813. Stewardship and Tithing.
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- 814. Quadrennial Program for 1952-1956.
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- 815. A Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System.
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- 816. Increased Financial Support for Church Related Schools and
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- 817. Program for the Quadrennium 1952-1956.
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- 818. World Service Apportionments.
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- 819. Church-Wide Campaign for Christian Stewardship.
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- 820. Increased Support for Church-Related Colleges to be Taken
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- 821. Methodist Historical Societies.
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- 822. Apportioning the Episcopal Fund.
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- 823. Apportioning World Service Askings.
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- 824. Apportioning the Benevolent Dollar.
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- 825. Christian Vocations.
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- 826. Methodist Radio and Film Commission.
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- 827. General Conference Askings.
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- 828. All Benevolent Askings to be Included in the World Service
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- 829. Methodist Radio and Film Commission.
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- 830. Monies for Advanced Specials.
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- 831. Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance
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- 832. Term of Office for Board of Trustees.
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- 833. Association of Methodist Historical Societies.
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- 834. Amending Paragraph 245, 1948 *Discipline*.
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- 835. Methodist Publicity, David B. Achterkirch.
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- 836. Association of Methodist Historical Societies.
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- 837. A Tax Form for Tax Declaration and Contributions.
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- 838. Numbering the Sessions of the General Conference.
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- 841. In re Statistical Office.
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- 842. Special Sundays and Special Offerings.
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- 843. Chairman of the Official Board.
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- 844. The Methodist Foundation.
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- 845. Tithing.
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- 850. Special Offering for Church Wide Causes.
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881. Board of Hospitals and Homes.
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- 1014. Church School Literature to be Sold by Reputable Book Stores.
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- 1019. Curriculum Schools of Theology.
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- 1020. Membership, Board of Education.
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- 1021. Courses of Study.
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- 1024. Church School Officials.
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1049. Standing of Local Preachers.
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1051. A Course in Church Administration.
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- 1067. Area Evangelism.
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1073. Transfer of Church Membership.
LeRoy G. White, Brooklawn Methodist Church, Brooklawn,
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1074. Affiliated Membership.
LeRoy G. White, Brooklawn Methodist Church, Brooklawn,
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1075. Quadrennium Spiritual Emphasis.
John J. Porter, 1199 The Terrace, Hagerstown, Maryland.
1076. Training School in Evangelism.
E. B. Morton, Toulon Methodist Church, Toulon, Illinois.
1077. Evangelism in Church School Literature.
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1078. Probationary Period for Prospective Members.
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1079. Ashram in Every Local Church.
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1098. Membership for Local Elders.
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- 1139. Duties of Supply Pastors.
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- 1140. Salary Basis in Removing Bishop from Active Relationship.
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- 1141. Tenure of Office of a District Superintendent.
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- 1142. Ministers from Other Churches.
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- 1146. Limitation of Residence Assignment of Bishops.
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- 1149. Bishops Presidency to be Limited.
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- 1152. Special Advance Projects for the Rhodesia Annual Conference.
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1159. Editorial Division.
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1160. Publication of The Book of "Our Faith."
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1161. A New Methodist Hymnal.
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1162. Combining Methodist Publications.
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1165. Relation of Editorial Division, Board of Education to Board of Publication.
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1166. Publication Using the Name "Methodist."
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1167. Amending the *Discipline*, Par. 127.
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1170. Crusade for World Order.
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1171. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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1172. Segregation.
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1173. Prohibit Testimonial Fund Solicitation.
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1182. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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1183. Family Affairs Committee.
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1186. Jurisdictional System.
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1191. Commission on Social Action.
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1192. Peace Memorial.
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- 1196. Elimination of Segregation.
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- 1200. Commission on Social Relations.
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- 1201. Universal Military Training.
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- 1202. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 1203. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 1204. Commission on Social Action and Industrial Relations.
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- 1205. Social Dance.
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- 1206. Disposition of "Pink Fringe" Members.
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- 1207. Racial Discrimination and Institutions of the Church.
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- 1208. Attitude of Methodism Toward Communism and Socialism.
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ginia.
- 1209. Association of Methodist Historical Societies.
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- 1210. Methodist History.
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- 1213. Crusade to Prohibit the Liquor Traffic.
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- 1214. Temperance and Public Morals.
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- 1216. Liquor Traffic Legislation.
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- 1217. Crusade Against Alcohol.

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1218. Duties of the Pastor.
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1220. St. George's Methodist Church.
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1221. Financing Commission on Christian Vocations.
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1222. Episcopal Fund.
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1223. Methodist Historical Society.
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1230. Historical Society.
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1231. Insurance Profits for Pensions.
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1235. Provide Insurance for Conference Clergy Members.
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1249. Administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
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1250. Administration of Holy Communion by Unordained Pastors.
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1251. Amending the Book of Worship.
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1252. Reception of Members.
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1254. Reception of Members.
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1255. Membership, Board of Education.
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1256. Reception of Members.
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1257. Administration of Holy Communion by Accepted Supplies.
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1258. Reception of Members.
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1259. Ritual Change.
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1260. Accepted Supply Pastors, Right to Administer the Sacrament.
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1262. Proposed Change in Membership Vows.
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1263. Vows of Parents at Infant Baptism.
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1264. Ritual and Affirmation of Faith.
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1265. Administration of the Lord's Supper.
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1266. Ritual for Organization of New Church.
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1267. Administering the Sacraments.
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1268. Reception of Members.
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1269. Reception of Members.
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Illinois.
1270. Infant Baptism.
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1271. Reception of Members.
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Illinois.
1272. Hymns for Children.
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1273. Apostles' Creed.
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1274. Baptismal Vows.
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1275. Catholic Elements in Worship.
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1276. Administration of Holy Communion by Accepted Supplies.
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W. Va.

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1277. Collection of Hymns for Church School.
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1278. Infant Baptism.
R. O. Brown, Methodist Church, Bishop Hill, Illinois.
1279. Apostles' Creed.
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1280. Reception of Members.
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1281. Change in Affirmation of Faith.
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1282. Change in Lord's Supper Ritual.
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1283. Administration of Holy Communion by Deacons.
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1284. Membership Vows.
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1285. Church Membership Vows.
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1286. Crusade for World Order.
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Kirkman.
1287. Crusade for World Order.
Brevard Street Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., Mrs.
G. S. Lowrance.
1288. Crusade for World Order.
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1289. Crusade for World Order.
Methodist Church, Pleasant Garden, N. C.
1290. Crusade for World Order.
Brevard Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1291. Crusade for World Order.
St. Paul's Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C.
1292. Crusade for World Order.
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1293. Crusade for World Order.
Higgins Memorial Church, Burnsville, N. C.
1294. Crusade for World Order.
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1295. Crusade for World Order.
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1296. Crusade for World Order.
F. S. Johnson S.S. Class, Franklin, N. C.
1297. Crusade for World Order.
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1298. Crusade for World Order.

- Mrs. Earl E. Henley, WSCS, Ashboro, N. C.
1299. Crusade for World Order.
Rhyne Heights Methodist Church, Lincolntown, N. C.
1300. Crusade for World Order.
WSCS, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
1301. Crusade for World Order.
WSCS, Mocksville, N. C.
1302. Crusade for World Order.
Chadwick Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1303. Crusade for World Order.
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1304. Crusade for World Order.
First Methodist Church, Marion, N. C.
1305. Crusade for World Order.
Linwood Methodist Church, Linwood, N. C.
1306. Crusade for World Order.
Faith Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C.
1307. Crusade for World Order.
Faith Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C.
1308. Crusade for World Order.
West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C.
1309. Crusade for World Order.
Franklin Methodist Church, N. C.
1310. Crusade for World Order.
Oak Grove Circuit Q. C., Mount Airy, N. C.
1311. Crusade for World Order.
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1312. Crusade for World Order.
First Methodist Church, Marion, N. C.
1313. Crusade for World Order.
Chadwick Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1314. Crusade for World Order.
Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
1315. Crusade for World Order.
First Methodist Church, Elkin, N. C.
1316. Crusade for World Order.
Methodist Church, Saluda, N. C.
1317. Crusade for World Order.
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Candler, N. C.
1318. Crusade for World Order.
Sallie Moore Sunday School Class, Franklin, N. C.
1319. Crusade for World Order.
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Elkin, N. C.
1320. Crusade for World Order.
Maple Springs Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
1321. Crusade for World Order.
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
1322. Crusade for World Order.
The Helpers Class, High Point, N. C.
1323. Crusade for World Order.
Methodist Church, High Point, N. C.
1324. Crusade for World Order.
Rankin Memorial Church, High Point, N. C.
1325. Crusade for World Order.
Grace Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C.
1326. Crusade for World Order.
First Methodist Church, Forest City, N. C.
1327. Crusade for World Order.
Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1328. Crusade for World Order.

- Pleasant Grove Church School, Charlotte, N. C.
1329. Crusade for World Order.
Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1330. Crusade for World Order.
First Methodist Church, Mount Holly, N. C.
1331. Crusade for World Order.
First Methodist Church, Mount Holly, N. C.
1332. Crusade for World Order.
Trinity Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
1333. Crusade for World Order.
Big Spring Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1334. Crusade for World Order.
Methodist Church, Mars Hill, N. C.
1335. Crusade for World Order.
Longs Chapel Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, N. C.
1336. Crusade for World Order.
Midway Methodist Church, Kanapolis, N. C.
1337. Crusade for World Order.
Faith Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C.
1338. Crusade for World Order.
Kerr Street Church, Concord, N. C.
1339. Crusade for World Order.
Trinity Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C.
1340. Crusade for World Order.
Kerr Street Methodist Church, Concord, N. C.
1341. Crusade for World Order.
St. Paul's Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C.
1342. Crusade for World Order.
College Place Church School, Greensboro, N. C.
1343. Crusade for World Order.
Montmorenci Methodist Church, Canton, N. C.
1344. Crusade for World Order.
Belmont Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1345. Crusade for World Order.
Kerr Street Church, Concord, N. C.
1346. Crusade for World Order.
Trinity Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C.
1347. Crusade for World Order.
College Place Church, Greensboro, N. C.
1348. Crusade for World Order.
Ann Street Church, Concord, N. C.
1349. Crusade for World Order.
Burkhead Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
1350. Crusade for World Order.
Trinity Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C.
1351. Crusade for World Order.
Methodist Youth Fellowship, First Church, Forest City, N. C.
1352. Crusade for World Order.
Big Spring Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1353. Crusade for World Order.
Big Spring Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1354. Crusade for World Order.
Providence Church, Statesville, N. C.
1355. Crusade for World Order.
First Methodist Church, Belmont, N. C.
1356. Crusade for World Order.
Climbers Class, Gastonia, N. C.
1357. Crusade for World Order.
Men's Bible Class, Gastonia, N. C.
1358. Crusade for World Order.

- Loyal Wesley Class, Gastonia, N. C.
1359. Crusade for World Order.
Young Adult Class, Gastonia, N. C.
1360. Crusade for World Order.
Board of Education, Gastonia, N. C.
1361. Crusade for World Order.
Spahr Bible Class, Martha S. Warren, Secretary.
1362. Crusade for World Order.
North Davidson Charge Peace Committee, N. C.
1363. Crusade for World Order.
Shady Grove Church Official Board, Winston-Salem, N. C.
1364. Crusade for World Order.
Union Church, Lewisville, N. C.
1365. Crusade for World Order.
Methodist Church, Lewisville, N. C.
1366. Crusade for World Order.
Methodist Church, Lewisville, N. C.
1367. Crusade for World Order.
First Church, Lexington, N. C.
1368. Crusade for World Order.
Elkin Methodist Church, Elkin, N. C.
1369. Crusade for World Order.
Grace Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C.
1370. Crusade for World Order.
Mount Carmel Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
1371. Crusade for World Order.
Bethlehem Methodist Church, Climax, N. C.
1372. Crusade for World Order.
Marvin Methodist Church, Marvin, N. C.
1373. Crusade for World Order.
Ireland Bible Class, West Market Street Methodist Church,
Greensboro, N. C.
1374. Crusade for World Order.
West Market Street Church, Greensboro, N. C.
1375. Crusade for World Order.
Central Methodist Church, Mount Airy, N. C.
1376. Crusade for World Order.
West Market Street Church, Greensboro, N. C.
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1378. Crusade for World Order.
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1379. Crusade for World Order.
West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C.
1380. Crusade for World Order.
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Greensboro, N. C.
1381. Crusade for World Order.
MYF, Elkin-Yadkin, Elkin, N. C.
1382. Crusade for World Order.
MYF, Mount Airy and Vicinity, N. C.
1383. Crusade for World Order.
Central Methodist Church, Philathea Class, Shelby, N. C.
1384. Crusade for World Order.
West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C.
1385. Crusade for World Order.
Board of Stewards, Methodist Church, Rhodhiss, N. C.
1386. Crusade for World Order.
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1387. Crusade for World Order.
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1388. Crusade for World Order.
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1389. Crusade for World Order.
Board of Stewards, Methodist Church, Gibsonville, N. C.
1390. Crusade for World Order.
Fourth Quarterly Conference, Wesley Heights Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1391. Crusade for World Order.
J. H. Armbrust, North Carolina Annual Conference.
1392. Crusade for World Order.
Monticello-Rose Chapel Methodist Churches, Monticello, N. C.
1393. Crusade for World Order.
Board of Stewards Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1394. Crusade for World Order.
Green Street Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
1395. Crusade for World Order.
Quarterly Conference, Methodist Church, Mayodan, N. C.
1396. Crusade for World Order.
Men's Fellowship Club and Bible Class, Guilford, N. C.
1397. Crusade for World Order.
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C.
1398. Crusade for World Order.
Men's Bible Class, Mount Carmel Methodist Church Winston-Salem, N. C.
1399. Crusade for World Order.
Ruffin Methodist Church, Ruffin, N. C.
1400. Crusade for World Order.
Ardmore Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
1401. Crusade for World Order.
Central Methodist Church, Mount Airy, N. C.
1402. Crusade for World Order.
West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C.
1403. Crusade for World Order.
WSCS, Farmington, N. C.
1404. Crusade for World Order.
Reeds Methodist Church School, Lexington, N. C.
1405. Crusade for World Order.
Kernersville Circuit, Kernersville, N. C.
1406. Crusade for World Order.
Wesleyan Service Guild, Methodist Church, Pleasant Garden, N. C.
1407. Crusade for World Order.
WSCS, Charlotte, N. C.
1408. Crusade for World Order.
WSCS, Methodist Church, Ruffin, N. C.
1409. Crusade for World Order.
J. L. Armstrong, Belmont, N. C.
1410. Crusade for World Order.
Senior Youth Fellowship, Methodist Church, Ruffin, N. C.
1411. Crusade for World Order.
Methodist Church, Mount Tabor, N. C.
1412. Crusade for World Order.
MYF, Charlotte, N. C.
1413. Crusade for World Order.
Homestead Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
1414. Crusade for World Order.
Reid Young Adult Fellowship, Rutherfordton, N. C.
1415. Crusade for World Order.
Board of Stewards, Gastonia, N. C.

- 1416. Crusade for World Order.
Young Adult Class, Abernathy Methodist Church, Asheville,
N. C.
- 1417. Crusade for World Order.
Policy Committee, Methodist Church, Rock Springs, N. C.
- 1418. Crusade for World Order.
Quarterly Conference, Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro,
N. C.
- 1419. Crusade for World Order.
Quarterly Conference, Morris Chapel Methodist Church, Mor-
ris Chapel, N. C.
- 1420. Crusade for World Order.
Rural Hall Methodist Church, Rural Hall, N. C.
- 1421. Crusade for World Order.
Crews Sedge Garden, N. C.
- 1422. Crusade for World Order.
WSCS, Friendship Church, Guilford, N. C.
- 1423. Crusade for World Order.
Gibsonville Methodist Church, Gibsonville, N. C.
- 1424. Crusade for World Order.
Belle Sides Sunday School Class, Greensboro, N. C.
- 1425. Crusade for World Order.
Young People's Class, Guilford, N. C.
- 1426. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
Riverside Park Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 1427. Crusade for World Order.
Wisconsin Annual Conference, WSCS.
- 1428. Racial Discrimination.
Northeastern Jurisdiction WSCS.
- 1429. Segregation Ban Asked.
WSCS, Philadelphia District, Delaware Annual Conference.
- 1430. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
Board of Stewards, St. John's Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo.
- 1431. Segregation Ban Asked.
Deliah B. Hall, et al., Onancock, Va.
- 1432. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
Kansas City Circuit Riders.
- 1433. Crusade for World Order.
North Carolina Annual Conference Peace Commission (SE).

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- 1434. Persecution of Methodist Church in Bulgaria.
T. A. Litov, Bulgaria.

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- 1435. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
Methodist Church, Gloster, Miss.
- 1436. The Christian Home.
Inter-Board Committee on Family Life.
- 1437. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
First Methodist Church Official Board, Tulsa, Okla.
- 1438. Sovereignty.
H. H. Crane, et al., Detroit, Mich.
- 1439. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
First Methodist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 1440. Segregation.
WSCS, Philadelphia District, Delaware Annual Conference.
- 1441. Segregation.
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- 1442. Segregation.
T. J. Griffin, St. Matthews Methodist Church, Chicago, Ill.
- 1443. World Peace.
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- 1444. World Peace.
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- 1445. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
First Methodist Church, Duluth, Minn.
- 1446. Display of U. S. Flag.
N. P. Knudson, California-Nevada Annual Conference.
- 1447. Segregation.
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Kansas City, Kan.
- 1448. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
Central Methodist Church, Spokane, Wash.
- 1449. Segregation.
Methodist Federation for Social Action.
- 1450. Segregation.
WSCS Committee on Christian Social Relations, Clinton,
Conn.
- 1451. Crusade for World Order.
World Peace Committee, Methodist Church, Teaneck, N. J.
- 1452. State of the Church.
Marengo Avenue Methodist Church, Alhambra, Calif.
- 1453. Federal Gambling Stamps.
Quarterly Conference, Broad Street Methodist Church,
Hattiesburg, Miss.
- 1454. Commission on Brotherhood.
Lee Backman, California-Nevada Annual Conference.
- 1455. Unwarranted Restraints on Travel Rights and Documents.
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- 1456. Exemption from Military Service.
Methodist Federation for Social Action.
- 1457. Federal Department of Peace.
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- 1458. Social Creed.
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- 1459. Central Jurisdiction.
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- 1460. Social Creed.
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- 1461. Crusade for World Order.
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- 1462. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 1463. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 1464. Racial Discrimination.
WSCS, Northeastern Jurisdiction.
- 1465. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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Cynwyd, Pa.
- 1466. World Peace Referendum.
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- 1467. Racial Segregation.

- Methodist Federation for Social Action.
1468. Repeal of Smith-Canon Act.
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1469. Reception of Members.
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1470. Area Evangelism.
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1471. Reception of Members.
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1472. Reception of Members.
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1473. Termination of Church Membership.
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1474. Conference and General Evangelists.
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1475. Chairs of Evangelism in Seminaries.
F. D. Jenkins, Southern Illinois Annual Conference.
1476. Local Church Director of Evangelism.
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1478. Change in Church Membership Ritual.
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Vicksburg, Miss.
1479. Full-time Evangelist in Each Area.
Mrs. P. E. Cunningham, Crawford Street Methodist Church,
Vicksburg, Miss.
1480. Church Members Should Witness.
Mrs. P. E. Cunningham, Crawford Street Methodist Church,
Vicksburg, Miss.
1481. Specials for Evangelism.
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1482. Conference Evangelists.
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1483. Evangelism.
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1484. Membership Judicial Council.
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1485. Mission to Soviet Union.
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1486. Missions.
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1489. Missions and Church Extension.
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 1491. Segregation.
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1492. Support of Schools and Colleges.
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1493. Benevolent Dollar for Annual Conference.
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 1495. Temperance.
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 1496. Endorsement of CROP.
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 1497. Endorsement of CROP.
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 1498. Endorsement of CROP.
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 1499. Endorsement of CROP.
 H. W. Kendall.
 1500. Endorsement of CROP.
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 1501. Endorsement of CROP.
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 1508. Endorsement of CROP.
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1519. Retirement Age for Ministers.
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1521. Use of Tobacco.
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1523. Use of Tobacco.
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1525. Add to Qualifications for Admission on Trial.
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1526. Clergy Rights for Women.
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1527. License to Preach.
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1528. Clergy Rights for Women.
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1529. Course of Study for Ministers.
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1530. Administering the Sacrament.
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1531. Duties of Accepted Supplies.
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1535. Status of Supply Pastors.
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1536. Eligibility of Accepted Supply Pastors for Service as Delegates to Annual, Jurisdictional, and General Conferences.
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1537. Admission of Accepted Supply Pastors into Annual Conference Membership.
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1538. Accepted Supplies.
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1539. Accepted Supplies.
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1540. Term of Office of Bishop.
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1541. Temperance.
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1542. Commitment Day.
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1543. Temperance.
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1544. Economic Aid to Underprivileged Countries.
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1545. Election of Bishops.
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1546. Federal Union of Churches.
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1547. Radio and Film Commission.
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1548. Record of Attendance on Worship Service.
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1549. Statistics to List Scouts in Local Church Program.
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1550. Record System of Church Membership.
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1551. Revision of Church Registers.
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1552. Publishing Interests.
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1553. *Daily Christian Advocate*.
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1555. Election of Church School Superintendents.
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1556. Pre-marital Counseling in Course of Study.
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1557. Manual for Candidates for Marriage.
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1558. Pre-marital Counseling in Schools.

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1559. Membership of Board of Education.
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1560. Course on Evangelism for Training Schools.
Mrs. W. P. Massock.
1561. Curriculum for Seminaries.
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1562. Election of Executive Secretary of Conference Board of Education.
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1563. Officers of Annual Conference Board of Education.
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1564. Curriculum of Church Colleges.
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1565. Lesson Material for Youth.
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1566. Compulsory Worship Attendance by Church School Leaders.
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1567. Church School Literature.
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1568. Need for Emphasis on Youth in Next Quadrennium.
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1569. Church School Study Book on Evangelism.
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1570. Church Attendance Required.
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1571. Chair of Evangelism in Seminaries.
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1572. Evangelism Representation on Literature Board.
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1573. Regular Church Attendance.
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1574. Commission on Ministerial Training.
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1575. Curriculum for Church Colleges.
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1576. Remittances to Treasurers.
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1577. Apportioning World Service.
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1578. Social Security Act to Include Clergy.
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1579. Social Security Act to Include Clergy.

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1582. General Board Appropriations.
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1583. Combining Temperance and Peace Commission.
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1584. Methodist History.
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1586. Transportation Bureau of The Methodist Church.
Transportation Bureau of The Methodist Church.
1587. Association of Methodist Historical Societies.
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1588. Association of Historical Societies.
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1589. Fire and Tornado Insurance.
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1590. Commission on Chaplains.
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1591. Radio and Film Commission.
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1592. General Conference Expenses.
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1593. Choice and Appointment of District Superintendents.
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1594. Funds for Maintenance for John Street and St. George's
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1595. Increased Financial Support for Evangelism.
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1596. Acquisition of Property by Christian Processes.
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- 1601. Additional Areas.
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- 1602. Election of Delegates to General Conference.
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- 1610. Election of Lay Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.
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- 1611. Manner of Electing Church Officials.
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- 1613. Membership, Local Church Committees.
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- 1614. Power of Central Conferences to Legislate.
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- 1615. Election to Annual Conference.
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- 1618. Changing Name of Quarterly Conference.
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- 1619. Change of Name of Quarterly Conference.
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- 1621. Jurisdictional Conferences.
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- 1622. Rotating Service of Local Church Officials.
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- 1630. Annuity Claim of Retired Accepted Supply Pastors.
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- 1631. Pensions for Widows of Ministers.
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- 1632. Administering the Sacrament.
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- 1633. Baptism of Children.
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- 1634. Administering the Sacrament.
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- 1636. Change in Membership Vows.
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- 1638. Communion Elements.
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- 1639. Consecration of Directors of Christian Education.
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- 1640. Apostles' Creed.
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- 1641. Revising Apostles' Creed.
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- 1643. Conference Veteran's Day.
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- 1644. Official Pronouncements of the Church.
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1645. Church School Literature.
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1646. Apportionment System of the Church.
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- 1661. Jurisdictional Conference Membership.
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- 1662. Jurisdictional Conference.
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- 1663. Membership of Quarterly Conference.
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- 1664. Commission on World Peace.
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- 1665. War in Korea.
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- 1666. War and Peace.
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- 1667. Speaking for Church.
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- 1668. Speaking for Methodist Church.
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- 1669. Program for the Church.
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- 1670. Social Creed.
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- 1671. Resolutions.
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- 1672. Family Life.
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- 1673. Social Creed.
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- 1674. Program for 1952-1954.
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- 1675. Speaking for Church.
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- 1676. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 1677. Membership Records.
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- 1678. Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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- 1679. Use of Tobacco.
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1681. Support of Colleges.
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1690. Inter-National Federation of Protestant Workers Associations.
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11. SIFTING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore).

Secretary: James K. Mathews (Bombay).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 25.)

Sifting Committee. There shall be a Committee of seven to whom shall be referred, without motion or debate, all questions, proposals, Resolutions, communications, or other matters not included in the regular business of the General Conference, as set forth in this Plan of Organization. This Committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by the Conference. If matters of the nature above described shall be introduced in open Conference without having been approved by this Committee, the Presiding Officer shall, as soon as he shall have discovered the character of the same, refer all such matters to this Committee without reading, and the same shall not be publicized in the *Daily Advocate* unless and until they have been approved and presented to the Conference by the Sifting Committee; provided, however, that should the Sifting Committee determine that any matter referred to it should not be brought before the Conference for consideration, then if a petition signed by twenty, or more, members of the Conference shall be presented to the Conference requesting consideration, unless a two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference present and voting shall refuse consideration, the matter shall be referred by the Sifting Committee to a Standing Committee of its choice.

This Committee had no Report, as no matters were referred to them. (Editor.)

12. TELLERS

Chairman: Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia).

Section A: Robert M. Williams (Washington).

Section B: Walter C. Ball (Carolina-SE).

Section C: Bradshaw Mintener (*) (Minnesota).

Section D: Carl S. McFall (*) (West Oklahoma).

(For complete personnel of Tellers, see Journal, page 19.)

Tellers. There shall be a Committee of sixty, to act as Tellers for the purpose of reporting on count votes and ballots ordered by the General Conference. The Tellers shall be divided into two groups of thirty each. Each group shall have Reserve Tellers in such number as the Council of Bishops may deem proper.

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Chairman: Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia).

Vice-Chairman: Claude W. Cooper (Iowa-Des Moines).

Secretary: Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona).

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To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the General, Jurisdictional, Central, Provisional Central, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences and Missions and the organization of the local church.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?)

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for the Report. For Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1091. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 33; F, 31; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN JURISDICTIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1623

Withdrawn-Referred to Judicial Council April 29, 1952. See Journal, Pages 319, 396.

Amended, see Journal, Pages 503, 747.

Calendar No. 17. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 503

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Your Committee recommends the passage of necessary enabling legislation, so that any local church, or churches, of the Central Jurisdiction may become a part of any other Jurisdiction in which the church or churches concerned may be located, providing such membership is mutually desired by the said church or churches of the Central Jurisdiction concerned, the particular Annual Conference of each Jurisdiction concerned, and a majority of Annual Conferences of each Jurisdiction concerned.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 1-A. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 35; F, 35; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: LOCAL CHURCH IN THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 364

Calendar No. (68) (17). Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 505.

Amended, see Journal, Page 748.

(See Reports No. 1 and No. 1-B)

Your Committee moves that this Memorial be included with No. 1623 in Calendar item No. 17, Report No. 1.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 1-B. CONFERENCES

Ordered Printed by General Conference, May 1, 1952

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN JURISDICTIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 11, 13, 52, 53, 59, 70, 74, 292, 301,
309, 815, 966, 1459, 1662

Amended, see Journal, Page 505.

Calendar No. 148. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Pages 398, 505.

(See Reports No. 1 and 1-A)

The following Resolution is hereby submitted by the Committee on Conferences as a substitute for Memorial No. 1623, found on page 187 of the *Daily Advocate*, Calendar No. 17.

Paragraph 538 of the *Discipline* shall be amended as follows:

1. Any Methodist church shall be transferred from the Jurisdiction of which it is part to another Jurisdiction in which it is located geographically upon completion of all the following actions regardless of the order in which taken:

(a) Approval by the membership and the Quarterly Conference of said church.

(b) Approval by both the Annual Conference of which the church has been a part and the Annual Conference to which transfer is desired.

(c) Approval by a majority of the Annual Conferences and also by the Jurisdictional Conference of both the Jurisdiction of which the church has been a part and the Jurisdiction to which transfer is desired.

(d) Approval by the General Conference in the form of an Enabling Act.

(e) Such transfer shall be effected when all of the required actions have been certified to the Council of Bishops

by the Secretaries of all the Conferences involved, whereupon the Council of Bishops shall issue a declaration to the effect that the transfer has been duly effected.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2-A. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 33; F, 24; A, 5; N, 4

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF BISHOPS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 30, 63, 64, 300, 972, 986

Calendar No. 18. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 505.

Amended, May 6, 1952, see Journal, Page 478.

(See Report No. 2-A)

We, your Committee on Conferences, submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of a Bishop, both physically and administratively, is impaired in ministering to Episcopal Areas covering extremely large land areas; and,

WHEREAS, the average size of the Episcopal Areas in the South Central Jurisdiction is 131,621 square miles, thus impairing the effectiveness of Episcopal supervision to the churches in this Jurisdiction,

Therefore we respectfully memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church meeting in San Francisco in April, 1952, to change the ratio of church members for the election of bishops from 500,000 members to 400,000 in all Jurisdictions where the average Episcopal Area is greater than 70,000 square miles, by inserting in Paragraph 439 of the *Discipline*, these words following line 4—"provided, however, that in those Jurisdictions where this requirement would result in there being an average of more than 70,000 square miles per Episcopal Area, such Jurisdiction shall be entitled to four Bishops for each 400,000 church members or less, and for each additional 400,000 church members or two-thirds thereof shall be entitled to one additional Bishop." The entire Paragraph would read—(Chapter VI, Section V, Paragraph 439).

Each Jurisdiction having 500,000 church members or less shall be entitled to four Bishops, and for each additional 500,000 shall be entitled to one additional Bishop, **provided**, however, that in those Jurisdictions where this requirement would result in there being an average of more than 70,000 square miles per Episcopal Area, such Jurisdiction shall be entitled to four Bishops for the first 400,000 church members or less, and for each additional 400,000 church members

or two-thirds thereof shall be entitled to one additional Bishop, *provided* further, that the General Conference may authorize any Jurisdictional Conference to elect one or more Bishops beyond the quota herein specified in order to provide Episcopal Supervision for mission fields outside the territory of a Jurisdictional Conference.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 2-A. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 35; F, 35; A, 0; A, 0

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF BISHOPS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1545

Calendar No. (69) (18). Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 748.

(See Report No. 2)

Your Committee moves that this Memorial be included with others in Calendar item No. 18.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 3. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 43, 71

Calendar No. 38. Action Deferred May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 506.

(See Report No. 7, Part II, Missions and Church Extension, pages 625 and 1314)

We your Committee propose the following change in Paragraph 1254, Section 1 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church by adding after the word "*employed*" in line 13 the words "**and the Annual Conference representative to the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association**" so that the Paragraph when corrected will read:

"1. Annual Conference Deaconess Boards shall be set up in all Conferences where five or more deaconesses are working; Annual Conference Deaconess Boards may be set up in Conferences where fewer than five deaconesses are working. All active deaconesses within the bounds of the Conference shall be members of the Conference Deaconess Board, Superintendents of Districts in which there is deaconess work, or effective elders as alternates, two representatives of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and at least one non-deaconess representative from the local Board of Managers of each institution within the Conference where

deaconesses live or are employed and the Annual Conference representative to the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association shall also be members of the Conference Deaconess Board."

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ENABLING ACT FOR WYOMING STATE ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 31

Calendar No. 39. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 506.

We your Committee recommend that the status of the Wyoming State Annual Conference be referred to the Western Jurisdictional Conference with permission to continue as an Annual Conference during the quadrennium 1952-56.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ENABLING ACT FOR THE RIO GRANDE ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 315

Calendar No. 40. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 507.

We your Committee recommend that the status of the Rio Grande Annual Conference be referred to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference with permission to continue as an Annual Conference during the quadrennium 1952-56.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 56

Calendar No. 41. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Pages 507, 526.

We your Committee recommend that an official form be provided for use when a Certificate of Membership and of recommendation is to be given to a member in good stand-

ing who wishes to unite with any other denomination. (To be referred to the Committee on Correlation.)

Referred May 3, 1952, to Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision at the morning session.

The Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, reported at the evening session of May 3, 1952, as follows:

"For the transfer of a member of The Methodist Church to a church of another denomination, forms similar to those described in Paragraph 116 of the Commission's Report on The Study of the Local Church shall be used, with the substitution of the name of the denomination for the word 'Methodist' in those forms." See Journal, page 526.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;

EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 34; F, 34; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: DECLARATORY DECISIONS OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 952

Calendar No. 46. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 507.

We, your Committee, recommend that the following be substituted for Par. 914 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church:

"Par. 914. When the General Conference shall have passed any act or legislation that appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when any Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning, or application, the Judicial Council, on petition as hereinafter provided, shall have jurisdiction to make a ruling in the nature of a Declaratory Decision as to the meaning, application and effect of such act, legislation, or Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline*; and the decision of the Judicial Council thereon shall be as binding and effectual as a Decision made by the Judicial Council on appeal under the law relating to appeals to the Judicial Council.

"The following bodies in The Methodist Church are hereby authorized to make such petitions to the Judicial Council for Declaratory Decisions:

- (1) The Council of Bishops.
- (2) Any General Conference Board or body, on matters relating to or affecting the work of such Board or body.
- (3) A majority of the Bishops assigned to any Jurisdiction on matters relating to or affecting Jurisdictions or the work therein.

- (4) Any Jurisdictional Conference, on matters relating to or affecting Jurisdictions or Jurisdictional Conferences or the work therein.
- (5) Any Jurisdictional Conference Board or body, on matters relating to or affecting the work of such Board or body.
- (6) Any Central Conference, on matters relating to or affecting Central Conferences, or the work therein.
- (7) Any Central Conference Board or body, on matters relating to or affecting the work of such Board or body.
- (8) Any Annual Conference, on matters relating to Annual Conferences or the work therein.

"The Judicial Council shall determine from the facts in connection with each such petition whether or not it has jurisdiction to hear and determine the same."

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 41

Calendar No. 47. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 507.

We, your Committee, recommend the following change in Par. 667 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church:

Following the words "A District Conference shall be composed of all the preachers—traveling, superannuated or retired, supernumerary, and local," add "**the deaconesses**," so that the Paragraph when amended shall read as follows:

"Par. 667: A District Conference shall be composed of all preachers—traveling, superannuated or retired, supernumerary, and local—**the deaconesses**, the exhorters, the Church School Superintendent and the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from each church in the District, the District Stewards (Par. 146, Sec. 3, Pars. 784, 789), the District Trustees (Par. 708), the District Lay Leader and Associate District Lay Leaders (Pars. 1499, 1510), The Charge Lay Leaders (Pars. 1505, 1511), the President of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, the District Director of Young People's Work, of Adult Work, of Children's Work, and such other persons as the Annual Conference may determine."

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 9 CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 29; F, 28; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON RECORDS AND HISTORY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 84

Calendar No. 70. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 748.

(See Report No. 9-A)

We, your Committee, move to amend Paragraph 147, Section 7, of the 1948 *Discipline* by deleting the first sentence and substituting the following:

Par. 147.7—The Committee on Records and History shall be responsible for assisting the pastor to see that all church and Quarterly Conference records are kept on the official record blanks as provided by The Methodist Publishing House under the direction of the Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks.

(This action was taken by the General Conference April 29, 1952, in connection with the Report of the Commission on the Local Church.)

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;

EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 9-A. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 29; F, 28; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON RECORDS AND HISTORY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 25

Calendar No. 222. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 752.

(See Report No. 9-A)

Add Memorial No. 25 to Report No. 9, Calendar No. 70, Page 305 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;

EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 10. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 36; F, 30; A, 3; N, 3

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES IN LOCAL CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 293

Calendar No. 71. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 748.

We, your Committee, move to amend Paragraph 242 of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church by adding the words "or from the floor" to the seventh line following the

words "District Superintendent." The amended Paragraph would then read:

242. Except as the laws of the state, territory, or country, or the existing charter of any incorporated charge or church prescribe otherwise, such Board of Trustees shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference on nomination by the Nominating Committee, of which the pastor shall be the Chairman, or in his absence, the District Superintendent, **or from the floor**; or they may be elected by the members of the charge not less than twenty-one years of age at a meeting called for that purpose, as may be arranged by the Quarterly Conference. At least ten days' notice of such meeting and the purpose thereof shall be given from the pulpit of the charge.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 11. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: THE ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 946

Calendar No. 72. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 748.

We, your Committee, move to amend Paragraph 162, *Discipline* 1948, by adding to line three following the words "members of the church or churches of the charge" the words **"who are eighteen years of age or older."**

The amended Paragraph would then read as follows:

162. The Quarterly Conference may authorize and constitute in any charge an annual Church Conference, composed of members of the church or the churches of the charge, **who are eighteen years of age or older**, in conjunction with the fourth Quarterly Conference. The District Superintendent shall preside, or in his absence the pastor shall preside. The Recording Steward shall be the Secretary of the meeting, or in his absence, a Secretary pro tem may be elected. The minutes shall be recorded in the records of the Quarterly Conference.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 12. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 36; F, 36; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SPECIAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE STATUS ASKED
FOR SAVANNAH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 951

Calendar No. 73. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 749.

We, your Committee, moved that the status of the Savannah Annual Conference be referred to the Central Jurisdictional Conference with permission to continue as an Annual Conference during the Quadrennium 1952-56.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 13. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 36; F, 36; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: LAY MEMBER OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE
MEMBER OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 959

Calendar No. 74. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 749.

We, your Committee, move to amend Paragraph 667, *Discipline* 1948, by adding the words "**the lay member of the Annual Conference from each charge in the District,**" following the words "Associate District Lay Leaders" in the eighth line.

So that the amended Paragraph would read as follows:

667. A District Conference shall be composed of all the preachers—traveling, superannuated or retired, supernumerary, and local—the exhorters, the Church-School Superintendent and the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from each church in the District, the District Stewards, the District Trustees, the District Lay Leader and Associate District Lay Leaders, **the Lay Member of the Annual Conference from each charge in the District,** the Charge Lay Leaders, the President of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, the District Director of Young People's Work, of Adult Work, of Children's Work, and such other persons as the Annual Conference may determine.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 14. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 32; F, 30; A, 2; N, 0

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 967

Calendar No. 75. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 749.

We, your Committee, move to amend Paragraph 142, *Discipline* 1948, by adding the words, "**The first Reserve**

Lay Member," following the words, "and the Lay Member" in line four.

So that the amended Paragraph would read as follows:

142. The Quarterly Conference shall be composed of all traveling, supernumerary, and retired preachers residing within the circuit or charge; the Charge and Church Lay Leaders, the Lay Member and **the first Reserve Lay Member** of the Annual Conference; all Local Preachers, Exhorters, deaconesses, class leaders, Secretaries of the annual meetings, Stewards, Trustees, Financial Secretaries, and Treasurers of local churches; Chairmen of Church Boards of Education; Church School Superintendents; Presidents of Young People's Departments, or Divisions, of Methodist Youth Fellowships; Presidents of Women's Societies of Christian Service and of men's work; Directors of Christian Education (or Educational Assistants), Social and Recreational Life, and Golden Cross; Secretaries of Good Literature; Presidents or Superintendents of other organizations approved by the Quarterly Conference for membership therein; and, when elected by the Quarterly Conference, not more than three members nominated by the City or District Missionary Society; provided that all members of the Quarterly Conference shall be members of The Methodist Church.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;

EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 37; F, 37; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ENABLING ACT FOR SOUTH FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 942

Calendar No. 82. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 751.

We, your Committee, recommend that the status of the South Florida Annual Conference be referred to the Central Jurisdictional Conference with permission to continue as an Annual Conference during the quadrennium 1952-1956.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;

EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 34; F, 33; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: MERGER OF CENTRAL JURISDICTION CHURCHES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 61

Calendar No. 140. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 749.

We, your Committee, move this General Conference grant to the Nebraska Annual Conference, the Detroit Annual Conference, the Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference, and the North Iowa Annual Conference, Enabling Acts for the purpose of effecting the transfer of **Central Jurisdiction** churches within the bounds of the respective Conferences.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 35; F, 35; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: STATUS OF CONFERENCES OVERSEAS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2, 15, 42, 949, 950, 956, 957,
968, 993, 1624

*Calendar No. 141. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 750.*

We, your Committee, move to concur in these Memorials. (They will be included in the report of the Commission on the Structure of The Methodist Church Overseas.)

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 26; F, 14; A, 7; N, 5

SUBJECT: EPISCOPAL ADMINISTRATION FOR PAKISTAN

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 989

*Calendar No. 142. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 750.*

(See Report No. 18-A)

We, your Committee, move that the request of Pakistan be granted by the appointing of a Bishop from the United States for Episcopal Supervision.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18-A. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 27; F, 19; A, 7; N, 1

SUBJECT: EPISCOPAL ADMINISTRATION FOR PAKISTAN

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 989

*Calendar No. (177) (142-B). Withdrawn. See Journal,
Page 750.*

(See Report No. 18-A)

We move to substitute the following for the wording in Report 18 which is Calendar Item 142 as printed on page 359 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* for May 2, 1952:

"We move that the North Central Jurisdictional Conference shall provide Residential and Presidential Supervision for the work in Pakistan and is hereby authorized according to the provisions of Paragraph 8, Article 4 and Paragraph 439 to have one Bishop in addition to its membership quota (Par. 534) in order to provide for this supervision.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 19. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 25; F, 20; A, 0; N, 5

SUBJECT: DIVISION OF LIBERIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1647

Calendar No. 143. Not Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 750.

We, your Committee, move that the Liberia Annual Conference be granted an Enabling Act to divide said Conference into two Conferences, to be known as the Northwest Liberia Annual Conference, and the Southeast Liberia Annual Conference, and that the Bishop appointed to Liberia be authorized to carry out the provisions of this act.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 20. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 27; F, 27; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: POWER OF CENTRAL CONFERENCES TO LEGISLATE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1614

Calendar No. 178. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 752.

We move to concur, inasmuch as this matter is covered in Central Conference Legislation.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 21. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 27; F, 27; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: BISHOPS ELECTED BY CENTRAL CONFERENCES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 554

Calendar No. 179. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 752.

We concur in this Memorial and refer to the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas

as printed on Page 362 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.
(For Report, see Journal, page 1728, Editor.)

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 22. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 27; F, 27; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: DEACONESSSES MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL BOARD

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 40

Calendar No. 180. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 752.

We move to amend Paragraph 172 of 1948 *Discipline* by adding the words "**the Deaconesses**" following the words "pastor" in the fourth line, so that the amended paragraph will read as follows:

172. The Board, when designated by the Quarterly Conference as the Official Board, shall be composed of the duly elected Stewards of the church or charge (P. 174), the Trustees, the Pastor, **the Deaconesses**, the Lay Leader, the Superintendent of the Church School, the Chairman of the Board of Education, the Lay Member of the Annual Conference, the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the President of Methodist Men or Brotherhood or men's club, the church or charge Treasurer or Treasurers, the Director of Christian Education, the Associate Pastor and a representative of the Youth Division (Methodist Youth Fellowship). All members of the Official Board shall be members of The Methodist Church.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 23. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 29; F, 29; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF AN ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 23

(This Report was referred to the Judicial Council, April 29, 1952. See page 319. The Judicial Council returned the Report for action of the General Conference, May 2, 1952. See page 457)

Calendar No. 223. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 752.

We move that Paragraph 1629, Sec. 3, of the 1948 *Discipline* be amended by adding the following sentence:

"If the alphabetical roll printed in the Conference Journal contains the required information a separate chronological roll shall not be mandatory,"

so that the Paragraph when amended shall read: The Secretary of each Annual Conference shall publish annually the chronological roll of the ministers' service record in the Annual Conference Journal, indicating the accredited service years of each such member. **If the alphabetical roll printed in the Conference Journal contains the required information a separate chronological roll shall not be mandatory.**

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 24. CONFERENCES

M, 49; P, 36; F, 36; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT CALENDAR

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. *See Report*

Calendar No. 224. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 753.

The following Memorials were voted non-concurrence: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 54, 57, 58, 62, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 87, 88, 89, 291, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 310, 311, 312, 314, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 381, 395, 403, 471, 530, 757, 838, 843, 857, 943, 947, 948, 953, 954, 955, 958, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 969, 970, 971, 973, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 987, 988, 990, 991, 992, 994, 1133, 1143, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1621, 1622, 1625, 1626, 1649, 1660, 1663, 1664, 1686.

Memorials 9, 10, 12 were referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Memorials 22, 55, 60 were referred to the Committee on the Ministry.

Memorial 79 was referred to the Judicial Council.

Memorial 86 was referred to the Committee on Hospitals and Homes.

Memorial 974 was referred to the Board of Missions.

LEON T. MOORE, *Chairman*;
EDWARD P. O'REAR, *Secretary*.

NO. 2. EDUCATION

Chairman: Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama).

Vice-Chairman: M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington).

Secretary: F. Bringle McIntosh (Ohio).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 29.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Education and to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for the Report. For Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1091. Editor.)

REPORT No. 1. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 73; F, 73; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 143

Amended. See Journal, Page 390.

Calendar No. 5. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 390.

The Committee recommends that Part VII, Chapter III, Section I, be amended as follows:

Paragraph 1326. 1. In line 2 at the top of page 298 delete the following words: "*and one youth representative twenty-three years of age or under at the time of his election, and chosen from nominations made by the Youth Organizations of the Annual Conferences within the Jurisdiction; provided that if any youth representative shall attain his twenty-fourth birthday during the quadrennium, the period of service shall terminate at the close of the session of the annual meeting of the Board next following; and he shall be replaced by one within the youth age range by the Board, from nominations made by the Conference Youth Organizations of the Jurisdiction affected,*" and in their place substitute the following "*one youth representative or student representa-*

tive, twenty-one years of age or under at the time of his election, and chosen from nominations which have been made by Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowships and State units of the Methodist Student Movement, and selected by the National Conference of Methodist Youth, which shall nominate six representatives, four from Youth Commission and two from Student Commission, alternating student and youth nominations each year so as to rotate their representation from the Jurisdiction; *provided*, that if any youth or student representative shall attain his twenty-fourth birthday during the quadrennium, the period of service shall terminate at the close of the session of the annual meeting of the Board next following; and he shall be replaced by one within the youth age range by the Board from nominations made by the National Conference of Methodist Youth."

2. Delete the last sentence of this Paragraph, which reads as follows:

"The Board, on nomination of its Committee on Nominations, shall elect the members to three Divisions—Educational Institutions, Local Church, and Editorial—in the ratio of five, five and two." The Paragraph as amended shall then read:

Paragraph 1326. The Board shall be constituted quadrennially and shall be composed of all effective Bishops of The Methodist Church resident in the United States, together with additional members selected as follows: Upon the nomination of its Committee on Education, each Jurisdictional Conference shall elect to membership in the Board one minister, one layman, one youth representative or student representative, twenty-one years of age or under at the time of his election, and chosen from nominations which have been made by Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowships and State units of the Methodist Student Movement, and selected by the National Conference of Methodist Youth, which shall nominate six representatives, four from Youth Commission and two from Student Commission, alternating student and youth nominations each year so as to rotate their representation from the Jurisdiction; *provided*, that if any youth or student representative shall attain his twenty-fourth birthday during the quadrennium, the period of service shall terminate at the close of the session of the annual meeting of the Board next following; and he shall be replaced by one within the youth age range by the Board from nominations made by the National Conference of Methodist Youth." In addition, upon nomination of the Committee on Education the Jurisdictional Conference shall elect

one minister and one layman for each 300,000 members or major fraction thereof within the Jurisdiction. Not more than three members of the Board shall come from any one Annual Conference. Members as elected, and officers and Committees as constituted under this Constitution, shall continue in office until their successors are chosen and organized as provided in Paragraph 1327. *Ad interim* vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Board from the Jurisdictions in which the vacancies occur.

Paragraph 1327. Delete this Paragraph and in its place substitute the following:

Paragraph 1327. Within three months after the adjournment of the last Jurisdictional Conference to meet in that year, the elected members of the Board shall be assembled by a convener, designated by the Council of Bishops, to organize in the following manner:

1. A. Nominating Committee shall be elected which shall be composed of one member chosen by the members from each Jurisdiction and one Bishop chosen by the Bishops who are members of the Board.

2. The Nominating Committee shall nominate all the members of the Board of the three Divisions—Educational Institutions, Local Church and Editorial—in the ratio of five, five and two; and shall nominate a President and a Recording Secretary.

3. The members of the Division and the President and Recording Secretary of the Board shall be elected quadrennially from the membership of the Board.

4. Each of the Divisions shall elect a Chairman and these Chairmen shall be Vice-Presidents of the Board.

5. The Executive Secretaries of the Division of Educational Institutions and the Division of the Local Church shall be elected for the quadrennium by the Board from nominations made by the respective Divisions. The Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

6. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Board upon the nomination of the Executive Committee.

7. No member of the Board shall be a salaried officer of the Board.

8. The salaries and duties of all employees of the Board except in the Editorial Division shall be fixed by the Board.

Paragraph 1343. In line 2, page 301, change *twice* to *once*, and add the following sub-paragraph following sub-paragraph 2:

The Treasurer of the Board shall be the custodian of all the funds of the Board. He shall keep the accounts of the

assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements of the Board and of the Division of Educational Institutions and the Division of the Local Church. He shall pay out funds upon the order of the Executive Secretaries of these Divisions. He shall report annually to the Board and to the Executive Committee as requested by it. An Associate Treasurer may be elected by the Board upon nomination of the Executive Committee, so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1343. The Executive Committee of the Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary of the Board, and the members of the Advisory Committees of the three Divisions as hereinafter provided: Educational Institutions, seven; Local Church, seven; and Editorial, four. The President of the Board shall be ex officio a member of each Advisory Committee, but he shall not be charged against any Division's quota as established above. The Vice-Presidents of the Board and the Recording Secretaries of the Divisions shall be included in the representation of their respective Advisory Committees. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

The Executive Committee shall manage the funds of the Board under such regulations as the Board may adopt; appoint Finance and Investment Committees, which shall render to it detailed reports at each meeting; fix the official bond of the Treasurer and of any other officers entrusted with the handling of funds; consider and approve the Administrative Budgets of the Board and its Divisions, except the Editorial Division.

The Treasurer of the Board shall be the custodian of all the funds of the Board. He shall keep the accounts of the assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements of the Board and of the Division of Educational Institutions and the Division of the Local Church. He shall pay out funds upon the order of the Executive Secretaries of these Divisions. He shall report annually to the Board and to the Executive Committee as requested by it. An Associate Treasurer may be elected by the Board upon nomination of the Executive Committee.

The Board may commit to the Executive Committee such other powers and duties as it may determine. Minutes of the Executive Committee shall be sent to the members of the Board and submitted to the annual meeting of the Board for approval. Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least once each year, not including meetings held in connection with the annual meetings of the Board.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 41; F, 40; A, 0; N, 1.

SUBJECT: MESSAGE ON METHODISM AND HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 99, 118, 119, 122, 124, 132, 135, 138, 142, 155, 160, 168, 202, 217, 218, 223, 236, 252, 258, 260, 265, 274, 278, 1028, 1033

Amended. See Journal, Page 654.

Calendar No. 20. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 654.

Reconsidered May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 698.

Readopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 700.

The Committee received a number of Memorials regarding more adequate support for the Church's institutions of higher education and for Wesley Foundations, and recommends the adoption of the following statement, including the Resolution contained in section V:

Message on Methodism and Higher Education

I. The Christmas Conference of 1784 which organized the Methodist Episcopal Church planned also for the first Methodist college. Methodism has ever since been deeply concerned about Christian higher education. Today there are 118 Methodist schools and colleges related to the Board of Education, creating an educational network spreading from coast to coast. Valued at over a half billion dollars, these institutions enroll more than 250,000 students, or over 10 per cent of the total enrollment in institutions of higher learning in the United States.

The colleges were founded by dedicated men and women to keep a stream of Christian leadership flowing into the Church and into every other area of American life. These were to be the "creative minority," the saving remnant, which should strive through the Church for the redemption of society. Any fair appraisal of the results since 1784 fully justifies the faith of the founders.

II. The growth of state and independent colleges and universities required that the Church make provision to meet its youth at these institutions too, and in 1913 the Wesley Foundation movement was born at the University of Illinois. A Wesley Foundation is the Church at work on the university campus. A center of Christian training and recruitment, where study, fellowship, and worship are primary means to Christian ends, a Wesley Foundation is a "home away from home." From the Foundations, as from the colleges, has come a steady flow of life-service candidates to enrich the Church directly.

Now there are 160 Wesley Foundations and 22 interdenominational units, located in every State of the union, and on campuses enrolling over 116,000 Methodist students. More than 55 per cent of this total are being touched by the movement, at least 20,000 intimately. Today the 56 Wesley Foundation Student Centers are valued at more than five million dollars. During the past quadrennium alone 26 new structures have been built, and 22 reconstructed or rehabilitated.

III. Church colleges and Wesley Foundations represent Methodism's approach to higher education. Together they form a system unparalleled by any other denomination in the United States. From ranks of students and faculty has grown the Methodist Student Movement, a community witnessing for Christ *within* the fellowship of the Church.

IV. The influence of Methodism in higher education is required today more than at any time in the history of the nation, for secularism, which says there is no God, threatens to make practical atheism the American philosophy. Our present danger is the loss of our highest spiritual life and of the vitality of our social institutions. As a nation we are now struggling to gain the very qualities which secular education makes impossible.

But as the need for the Christian emphasis in higher education intensifies, the desperate difficulties facing the colleges and foundations increase also. Rising deficits confront many colleges, making their survival precarious. Although institutions have been able to weather depressions, they are far less able to live through inflation. Especially acute is the crisis facing the Negro institutions of the Church, now being asked to meet higher standards of accreditation, which involve much larger financial resources. These institutions are needed as never before, in spite of the gradual breakdown of segregation in colleges and universities of the South.

Once relatively few Americans attended colleges and universities. In 1900, only 4 per cent of the population from ages 18 to 21 were enrolled in institutions of higher learning, but by 1940 the number had risen to 15 per cent. In 1950 over 30 per cent were in colleges and universities. It will not be long before half or more of those from 18 to 21 are attending college or university. Higher education is clearly a spreading frontier for Christianity, a new challenge and a new danger. To neglect higher education is an invitation to disaster.

This is the Day of Decision!

V. In view, therefore, of the extreme urgency of the problems facing the colleges and foundation, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the General Conference recognize the dangers confronting our schools, colleges, and Wesley Foundations, and take decisive steps to lay upon the conscience of every Methodist the necessity for immediate and adequate support for Methodist responsibilities in higher education.

2. That the General Conference concur in the recommendation of the Commission on World Service and Finance that each Annual Conference **be encouraged** to provide annually, as a minimum, a sum equivalent to 50 cents per church member for the schools and colleges, and a minimum of 15 cents for the Wesley Foundations; and that these funds be given recognition in a column in the pastor's Report to the Annual Conference.

3. That the General Conference give endorsement to efforts of the educational institutions and Wesley Foundation which seek to strengthen educational plants and equipment to keep pace with the needs of the nation and of the Church.

4. That the General Conference urge all local churches to participate in the observance of Race Relations Sunday, thus to increase the financial aid to Negro institutions.

5. That the General Conference give endorsement:

- (a) To the legislation designed to set higher educational standards for Wesley Foundations and through co-operation with the Annual Conference Board of Education, to give the Foundations proper classification, and
- (b) To the legislation designed to strengthen the religious program among students in Methodist colleges and in Wesley Foundations, and to strengthen the work of the Methodist Student Movement.

6. That in view of the urgency of the times the General Conference instruct its Board of Education to take exceptional steps:

- (a) To acquaint the Church with the needs, opportunities, and distinctive qualities of Christian higher education;
- (b) To encourage enrollments for our institutions from among our own youth, particularly those who have made life-service commitments;
- (c) To promote adequate facilities for all Methodist students desiring education in Methodist institutions;
- (d) To provide financial counseling to institutions and Annual Conferences for securing resources needed for

the development and maintenance of our educational institutions;

- (e) To give special attention to the religious life of students in Methodist colleges and Methodist students on non-Methodist campuses:
 - (1) By standardizing and developing the program of student religious work in Methodist colleges.
 - (2) By continuing the program for the development of educational standards for Wesley Foundations.
 - (3) By correlating the total student religious program of The Methodist Church in Methodist colleges, in Wesley Foundations and in all other units; and by strengthening the work and projects of the Methodist Student Movement.
 - (4) By continuously presenting to Methodism its primary responsibility for the religious life of its students, potential leaders of the Church of tomorrow.

VI. The time has come for the schools to acknowledge that union with the Church means more than financial support. It means the increasing of their opportunities for the highest sort of service. Keeping religious faith within a modern educational institution can best be achieved by the institution rededicating itself to religious purposes and making vital the historic union created by Church and school. By giving priority to religion the educational institution will find its real place in life.

VII. The section on higher education in the Episcopal Address strongly affirms the aims of these Resolutions, and in the following words clearly defines the educational issues confronting the Church:

"We rejoice that our colleges and Wesley Foundations are drawing closer to the Church which gave them birth. Ever more seriously they are seeking to give religion a full expression in life and at the same time conserve their intellectual integrity and their search for the truth. They are recognizing that our culture needs an integrating unity, a central core of reality which lends significance to the mystery of our fragmentized existence, and this they are finding in a theistic conception of the universe.

"On the other hand, the Church must move closer to the colleges. . . . If the Church wants Christian higher education it must pay for it. This for years it has not done with either liberality or adequacy. We shall not get good education on a bargain counter. Our Conferences must accept much larger apportionments for their colleges, and our Methodist people should support, by their gifts, their loyalty, and their

patronage, our own Methodist institutions. Unless the Church is concerned to pour into the stream of our democratic life men and women schooled in a Christian sense of values, and fired with a passion for public service, the drift toward materialism and nihilism will go steadily on to our confusion and shame."

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 43; F, 43; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS AND INTER-BOARD COMMITTEES ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 134

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 693.

Calendar No. 21. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 693.

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part IV, Chapter VIII, Section III. In Paragraph 640, line 2, delete the words *Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations* (Par. 1415), and in their place substitute the following words, **Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations** (Par. 643). After "with" in line 4 insert **the Bishop**. Delete "and" at the beginning of line 5, and after "pastors" insert "**and laymen,**" so that this section of this Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Paragraph 640. The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in each Annual Conference shall seek, through co-operation with the **Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations** (Paragraph 643) and with the Bishop, the District Superintendents, pastors and laymen of the Conference, to enlist suitable candidates for the Christian ministry, and shall keep a record of all persons enlisted within the bounds of the Conference. It shall seek in every way practicable to provide guidance and counsel to them in their training and preparation for the ministry, recommending properly accredited colleges and seminaries.

No change in the remaining sections of the Paragraph.

Delete Paragraph 643, page 155, and in its place substitute the following:

Paragraph 643. In each Annual Conference there shall be a **Commission on Christian Vocations**. The membership of this Commission shall be: a representative of the Cabinet, the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, the Conference Director of Youth Work, the Chairman (or

Registrar) of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, the Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; and one representative each from the Conference Boards of Hospitals and Homes, Missions, Deaconess Work, Lay Activities, Evangelism, World Peace, the State or Regional Methodist Student Movement, and one youth under 23 years of age. The Cabinet or the Commission may appoint other persons to membership on the Commission when advisable.

It shall be the duty of this Commission: (1) to co-operate with the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations (Paragraph 1415), and with the Committee on Christian Vocations in every pastoral charge (Paragraph 147.9); (2) to promote among youth and adults a philosophy of Christian vocation that recognizes the potential sacredness of all useful work and all opportunities for Christian life service; (3) to organize a program for presenting to youth and adults the opportunities and claims of the pastoral ministry and other Church vocations; (4) to take into account the basic interests and aptitudes of interested youth and adults and inform them of the necessary preparation for specific Church vocations; (5) to keep accurate and useful records of each youth who has indicated an interest in Church vocations from the time of his first commitment until he is appointed to full-time work in the Church, or until such time as responsibility for him is accepted by the proper Annual Conference Board or Commission; (6) each Annual Conference, in whatever way it may decide shall make adequate provision for the financial support of the work of the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations, so that the Commission may be able to carry forward an effective program and guidance in the field of Christian Vocations.

In Part VII, Chapter III, Section V, Paragraph 1415, line 3 of sub-paragraph 2 on page 318, delete the word *five* and substitute the word *four*. In line 6 following the word "Homes" insert **one representative of the Association of Methodist Theological seminaries**. In the third line from the bottom of page 318 delete *Paragraph 643*, and in its place substitute **Paragraphs 147.9, 150, 640, 643, 1189, 1389, 1534** so that the Paragraph as amended will read:

Paragraph 1415. There shall be an Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations. Its purpose shall be to develop plans and correlate efforts for the more effective enlistment and guidance of persons in vocations in the Church and its Agencies, and to seek to interpret to the Church through its several Agencies the total field of vocation in Christian terms. It shall give leadership in developing a philosophy of

Christian vocation, always stressing the potential sacredness of all useful work. It shall lead in discovering and making known the various needs of the Church at home and abroad, and seek to enlist youth for Christian service through all the appropriate Agencies of the Church.

The Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocation shall be composed of three Bishops, to be selected by the Council of Bishops; **four** representatives of the Board of Missions, four representatives of the Board of Education, two representatives of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, **one representative of the Association of Methodist Theological Seminaries**, one representative of the Commission on World Peace, one representative of the Board of Lay Activities, and one representative of the Board of Evangelism, to be selected by their respective Agencies; the Educational Director of the Commission on Ministerial Training; and the Secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

It shall elect from its membership an Executive Committee of seven persons, consisting of one Bishop, one representative from the Commission on Ministerial Training, one from the Board of Hospitals and Homes, two from the Board of Education, and two—one a woman—from the Board of Missions.

There shall be a Secretary for the Committee. He shall be elected by the Board of Education, on nomination of the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations. He shall be responsible to that Committee. He shall be administratively related to the Division of the Local Church and have such Staff relationships with the other participating Agencies as shall be necessary to the promotion of his work.

The expenses of the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations shall be met by the participating Boards and Commissions upon such ratio as they may decide. (See Paragraphs 147.9, 150, 640, 643, 1189, 1389, 1534.)

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 4. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 43; F, 43; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MATTERS RELATED TO THE DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 134

Amended May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 509.
Calendar No. 22. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 509.

Paragraph 1399 was referred to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision at the morning session of Saturday, May 3, 1952, with instructions.

The Committee reported to the morning session of Monday, May 5, 1952. For their Report see page 569.

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part IV, Chapter IX, Paragraph 667. Beginning in line 10 of this Paragraph delete the following words, *the District Director of Young People's Work, of Adult Work, of Children's Work*, and in their place substitute the following: **the District Directors of Children's, Youth and Adult Work, and General Church School Work**, so that the Paragraph as amended will read:

Paragraph 667. A District Conference shall be composed of all the preachers, traveling, superannuated or retired, supernumerary, and local—the exhorters, the Church-School Superintendent and the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from each church in the District, the District Stewards (Par. 146, Sec. 3, Pars. 784, 789), the District Trustees (Par. 708), the District Lay Leader and Associate District Lay Leaders (Pars. 1499, 1510), the Charge Lay Leaders (Pars. 1505, 1511), the President of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, **the District Directors of Children's, Youth, and Adult Work, and General Church School Work**, and such other persons as the Annual Conference may determine.

In Part VII, Chapter III, Section V, between Paragraphs 1397 and 1398 insert two new Paragraphs, as follows:

Paragraph 1398. The Division shall provide guidance for local churches in equipment, arrangement, and design of Church School buildings or rooms. It shall develop standards governing the work of Local Church Directors of Christian Education and concerning their certification as provided for in Paragraph 192. It shall develop standards governing the work of the Local Church Director of Music and serve as may be possible in advancing this field of work in the Church.

Paragraph 1399. The Division shall have authority to determine the statistical questions which shall be asked concerning the Church School in the Quarterly Conference and Annual Conference blank forms and shall co-operate with the Commissions on Statistical Blanks in the organization of these questions in the authorized forms.

On page 315 of the *Discipline*, immediately following Paragraph 1403, insert three new Paragraphs as follows:

Paragraph 1404. The Division of the Local Church in co-operation with the Division of Educational Institutions shall be authorized to sponsor the National Conference of Method-

ist Youth. Some of the functions of the National Conference are the following:

(1) To provide for the free expression of the voice of Methodist youth.

(2) To provide for fellowship of Methodist youth and students from the entire Church.

(3) To select projects of particular interest to youth which shall be promoted and supported by them.

(4) To give youth free opportunity to participate creatively in planning the Church's program by making recommendations to all the Boards and Agencies of the Church and through the youth members of the General Boards and Agencies and through fellowship with the Staff members of these Boards and Agencies.

The members of the National Conference of Methodist Youth shall consist of the Presidents of Annual Conference Youth Organizations and the Presidents of State Student Organizations, eight students at large, six State Directors of Methodist Student Work elected by the National Methodist Student Commission, and six Conference Directors of Youth Work elected by the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission. The following shall be ex officio members of the National Conference: members of the Staff of the Division of the Local Church who have responsibility for Youth Work, members of the Staff of the Division of Educational Institutions who are responsible for Student Work, four representatives of the Staff of the Division of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions, one Staff member from each of the other General Boards. Each of the other General Boards and Agencies which have work with youth shall be invited by the Board of Education to appoint one representative each to participate in the meetings of the National Conference.

The National Conference shall meet annually and shall elect from its membership a President, Vice-President, and a Secretary. The Treasurer of the General Board of Education shall be the Treasurer of the National Conference. The financial support of the National Conference shall be provided for by the General Agencies which co-operate with it. The National Conference may make by-laws governing its operations. It shall report annually on its meetings and activities to the Board of Education.

Projects selected by the National Conference shall be administered by one or more Project Secretaries under the supervision of the Joint Staff on Youth and Student Work of the Division of the Local Church and the Division of Educational Institutions. Project Secretaries shall be selected by the Executive Secretaries of the Division of the Local

Church and the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education from nominations made by the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

Paragraph 1405. (1) For the purpose of correlating Youth and Student Work of the Board of Education, the Division of the Local Church and the Division of Educational Institutions shall develop Inter-Staff co-operation between the members of the Staffs of the two Divisions who are responsible for Youth Work and for Student Work. This Joint Staff shall correlate Youth and Student Work of the Board, giving particular emphasis to areas of mutual concern; it shall develop an effective program for older youth of The Methodist Church. This Joint Staff shall meet at least twice each year. The President of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, the Chairman of the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission, and the Chairman of the National Methodist Student Commission shall meet with this Joint Staff.

(2) The Division of the Local Church shall be responsible for unifying Youth Work of The Methodist Church and the Division of Educational Institutions shall be responsible for unifying Student Work of The Methodist Church so that there may be no overlapping and duplicating programs of Work for youth and students. To this end at least once each year representatives of the other Boards and Agencies which are concerned with work with youth and students shall be invited to participate with the members of the Staff of the Division of the Local Church and the Division of Educational Institutions who are responsible for work with youth and students in a joint Inter-Board Youth Staff for the purpose of the inclusion of the interests, emphases and concerns of the Boards of The Methodist Church in the unified program of Youth Work and the unified program of Student Work. The following shall also be invited to participate in this meeting: the youth and student members of the Board of Education; the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth; three representatives of the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission; three representatives of the National Methodist Student Commission; these representatives to be elected by these Commissions. The Executive Secretaries of the Division of the Local Church, Educational Institutions, and the Editorial Division of the Board of Education shall attend these Staff conferences.

Paragraph 1406. There shall be a National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission for the purpose of fellowship, evaluation and program planning in the areas that relate to general Youth Work, particularly in the local church.

It shall be composed of the Presidents of Conference Youth Organizations, the Conference Directors of Youth Work, the Conference Directors of Intermediate Work, the Staff of the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church, one-half the youth members of the Boards and Agencies of the Church, and the Staff related to Youth Work of other Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church.

There shall be a National Methodist Student Commission for the purpose of fellowship, evaluation and program planning in areas that relate to Student Work. It shall be composed of the Presidents of State or similar Regional Student Organizations, at least eight representative students at large, State Directors of Student Work, the Staff of the Department of College and University Religious Life, one-half the youth members of the Boards and Agencies of the Church, and the Staff related to Student Work of other Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church.

Each Commission shall have power to make recommendations to all groups, Agencies, and Boards in the Church which have work with youth, particularly to the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church and the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Division of Educational Institutions.

In Paragraph 1400, line 4, delete "*an annual*" and substitute "a," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Paragraph 1400. The Division shall have authority to cooperate with the Jurisdictional and Conference Boards of Education, the Editorial Division, and other Agencies in the promotion and holding of a meeting to be known as the Methodist Conference on Christian Education.

In Part VII, Chapter III, Section IX, Paragraph 1443, in the first line at the top of page 327 after the words "terminate at the" add the words "**beginning of the,**" so that the Paragraph when amended shall read:

Paragraph 1443. The Board shall be composed: (1) of an equal number of laymen and ministers elected quadrennially, the number and manner of election to be determined by the Annual Conference; and (2) of the President of the Conference Youth Organization and three other young people, twenty-three years of age or younger at the time of their election, two of whom shall be chosen by the Annual Conference Youth Organization and the other chosen by the Annual Conference Board of Education from nominations from State or Regional Student Organization or Organizations operating within the territory of the Annual Confer-

ence; *provided*, that in event of a change in the President of the Conference Youth Organization the current President shall be the representative; and *provided*, further, that if any of the three youth representatives attain their twenty-fourth birthday during the quadrennium the period of service on the Board shall terminate at the **beginning of the session of the Annual Conference** next following, and they shall be succeeded by other youth representatives chosen as they were; and so on to the end of the Paragraph.

In the second line of Paragraph 1444 after the word "Treasurer," add **"elected quadrennially."** After the word "Board" in line 4 delete "*in such manner as it may determine*" and substitute the words **"after consultation with the Bishop and his Cabinet and confirmation by the Annual Conference,"** so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1444. The officers of the Board shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer **elected quadrennially**, and an Executive Secretary (who may serve two or more contiguous Conferences), **elected by the Board after consultation with the Bishop and his Cabinet and confirmed by the Annual Conference. provided, that in the filling of a vacancy which occurs between sessions of an Annual Conference, the approval of the Annual Conference shall not be required for the interim period.**

The retiring Board shall complete the business and make its annual Report to the Conference. The retiring Board shall make such recommendations as it may desire to the new Board, which Board shall take charge immediately, and shall make recommendations to the Annual Conference.

In line 19 of Paragraph 1448, on page 328, delete the period and the words, "*The District Superintendent*," and substitute for them the word **"and."** In the seventh line from the last line of this Paragraph after the words "of Children's Work" add the words **"District Director of General Church School Work,"** so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1448. The Executive Secretary shall have responsibility for the general oversight and promotion of all the work of the Board and for the direction and supervision of its salaried and volunteer workers. He shall give leadership and direction to the program of Christian education in the local churches; give active co-operation to the Methodist schools and colleges within the Conference; and help to integrate the work of Christian education as undertaken by the local church and by the schools and colleges. On nomination of the Executive Secretary, such other salaried and volunteer workers as the Board may deem necessary shall

be elected annually. In the case of the Annual Conference Directors of Youth Work the nomination shall be made after consultation with the responsible officers of the Annual Conference Youth Organizations under the direction of the Conference Board of Education. The Executive Secretary shall consult with the District Superintendent relative to nominations for the District Staff of Christian Education, and shall report to the Board for confirmation by the Annual Conference those persons **agreed upon** who, with the District Superintendent, shall constitute the District Staff; District Director of Adult Work, District Director of Youth Work, District Director of Children's Work, **District Director of General Church School Work**, and such other workers as may be desired. The Executive Secretary shall make a full Report annually both to the Conference Board of Education and to each of the three Executive Secretaries of the General Board of Education. Workers, salaried or volunteer, shall report as may be required to the Executive Secretary.

In Paragraph 1453, line 5, delete the words "*an annual*" and substitute the article "**a**," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1453. The Board shall have authority to co-operate with other Annual Conference Boards in matters of common interest. It shall also have authority to co-operate with the General and Jurisdictional Boards of Education and other Agencies in the holding of a meeting to be known as the Methodist Conference on Christian Education. (See Par. 1400.)

In Paragraph 1454 delete the last sentence in sub-paragraph 1, which reads *The General Board shall be the certifying agency for persons serving as Directors of Christian Education at the time of the session of the General Conference in 1948, and shall report to the Conference Board for recording and publishing as provided.* Delete from sub-paragraph 2 the last two words, "*of 1952*," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1454. 1. It shall be the duty of the Conference Board of Education to determine whether applicants meet the standards of the General Board of Education for Directors of Christian Education (Par. 192) and to certify and keep a record of those who do. In discharging this duty the Conference Board shall set up a Committee to review the credentials of candidates for the office of Director of Christian Education, and make recommendations to the Board for certification. Whenever possible one or more Directors should serve on this Committee. The Directors shall furnish

information for purposes of review and approval of status annually to the Conference Board upon blanks provided by the General Board.

2. A roster of Certified Directors shall be included in the annual Report of the Conference Board of Education and published in the Conference Journal. Certified Directors may move to another Annual Conference and be recorded there without re-establishing status. Certified Directors of Christian Education may be consecrated and commissioned at a session of an Annual Conference or other suitable time, for which a ritual shall be provided and published in the *Discipline*.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 63; F, 63; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: RELATION OF THE EDITORIAL DIVISION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Calendar No. 37. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 508.

The Committee has considered the Report of the General Conference Committee to Study the Relation of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education to the Board of Publication contained on page 168 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* for April 26, 1952, and by unanimous vote recommends that the changes in the *Discipline* proposed by the Committee be adopted by the General Conference.

(For Report see 5-A which follows.)

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

NO. 5-A. EDUCATION

REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
TO STUDY THE RELATION OF THE EDITORIAL
DIVISION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Amended May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 508.

Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 508.

The Committee to Study the Relation of the Editorial Division of the Board of Publication was formed by the General Conference of 1948 in adopting Report No. 14 of the Committee on Education.

This Report is as follows:

"The Committee requests the General Conference to authorize the appointment of a Committee of sixteen, five from the Board of Education, five from the Board of Publication, and six others (one from each Jurisdiction appointed by the College of Bishops), to study the relation of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education to said Board and the Board of Publication, with a view to arriving at the soundest possible organization and administrative procedure, guaranteeing editorial freedom and consistently progressive educational policies. This Committee shall make a Report to each Board and a Joint Report to the General Conference of 1952."

The members of the Committee are as follows: (See Paragraph 2173, the *Discipline* 1948.

Appointed by the College of Bishops: Rector W. Johnson (Minister) (WJ), C. H. Dubra (Minister) (CJ), Leroy A. Martin (Minister) (NEJ), John C. Murphree (Layman) (SCJ), C. E. Lundy (Minister) (SEJ), C. A. McPheeters (Minister) (NCJ).

Appointed by the Board of Publication: (*The election of Marvin Franklin to the Episcopacy created a vacancy in the Board of Publication group which has been filled by the Board of Publication Chairman William H. Swiggart's appointment of J. A. Bays. Judge Swiggart also appointed an alternate on this Committee, Arthur R. Howard.*) J. Lester Buford (Layman) (NCJ), J. A. Bays (Minister) (SEJ), Frank C. Probert (Layman) (NEJ), Marshall T. Steel (Minister) (SCJ), Rufus C. Baker (Minister) (WJ), Arthur R. Howard (Minister) (CJ).

Appointed by the Board of Education: Paul E. Martin (Bishop) (SCJ), Leon M. Adkins (Minister) (NEJ), C. M. Dannelly (Layman) (SEJ), J. N. R. Score (Minister) (SCJ), Frank D. Slutz (Layman) (NCJ), (*Lud H. Estes was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of J. N. R. Score.*)

The Committee held two meetings during the quadrennium—the first in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 15, 1949; the second in Nashville, Tennessee, January 5, 1951.

The Committee organized with the following officers: Chairman, Bishop Paul E. Martin; Vice-Chairman, Marshall T. Steel; Secretary, Rector W. Johnson.

The Convener of the Committee, Bishop Paul E. Martin, brought to the first meeting a statement concerning the history of developments in Methodism which formed a background for the appointment of this Committee, certain developments in the Church regarding the concern for choosing and electing the Editor of Church School Publications, which led to a number of Memorials being presented to the

Legislative Committee of the Board of Education, and finally to the General Conference of 1948. The Convener's statement included the statement above from the Education Committee Report No. 14, and a list of the members of the Committee as provided by Paragraph 2173, the *Discipline* 1948.

A statement concerning the plan and functioning of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education and the Board of Publication from unification to the year 1948 was made available by Dr. C. A. Bowen, Editor of Church School Publications, and the Publishing Agents, Dr. Roy L. Smith and Mr. Lovick Pierce. These men were asked to meet with our Committee to be available for information and resource data which might be required—the Committee to meet in executive session at any time it seemed necessary to the members.

Your Committee considered the reasons for its appointment, its duties and scope of its work, and the history, plan, work, and related functions of the Editorial Division and the Board of Publication. This covered some data previous to unification, and down to the present quadrennium.

The Committee considered the composition of and the work of the Curriculum Committee, the method of selecting the Editor of Church School Publication, choosing of Editorial Assistants, and other personnel, and the problem of "time lag" in choosing Editorial Assistants in General Conference years. It sought to find answers to the following questions: Where does final authority rest in editorial policy? What are the distinct and separate functions and co-operative functions of the Editorial Division and the Board of Publication? Who nominates, and who elects the Editor of the Editorial Division and the Editorial Assistants? Is final authority with the Editor of the Editorial Division as to what shall be included in Church School Publications, or is it in the Board of Publication? What is the financial relation of these two?

In addition the Committee made a thorough study and analysis of all the Memorials concerning the relation of the Editorial Division to the Board of Publication which were submitted from across the Church to the General Conference in 1948.

Therefore, the members of your Committee, following a unanimous vote of all members present (three members absent) at Nashville, Tennessee, January 5, 1951, desire to submit the following Reports:

1. That Paragraph 1132, the *Discipline* 1948, which reads:

"The Assistants to the Editor of Church School Publications shall be elected annually by the Board of Publications upon nomination of the Editor of Church School Publications. The Board of Publication shall fix and pay the salaries of the Editor of Church School Publications and his Assistants and shall have full financial responsibility for all other expenses connected with the work of the Editor of Church School Publications."

be changed to read as follows:

"The Assistants to the Editor of Church School Publications shall be appointed by the Editor of Church School Publications. The Board of Publications shall fix and pay the salaries of the Editor of Church School Publications and his Assistants and shall have full financial responsibility for all other expenses connected with the work of the Editor of Church School Publications."

2. That there be added to Paragraph 1130, the *Discipline* 1948, the following:

"The Editor of Church School Publications shall be responsible to the Board of Education through its Editorial Division for editorial policies and content, and preparation of curriculum materials, including periodicals, undated materials and books authorized for use in the program of Christian education; and in matters related to the publication and financing thereof he shall be responsible to the Board of Publication."

3. That the first sentence of Paragraph 1423, the *Discipline* 1948, which reads:

"The Assistants in the Editorial Division shall be elected annually by the Board of Publication upon nomination of the Editor of Church School Publications."

be changed to read:

"The Assistants to the Editor of Church School Publications shall be appointed by the Editor of Church School Publications."

the second half of Paragraph 1423, the *Discipline* 1948, to remain as it is.

Paragraph 1425. After "responsible" in line 5 delete the remainder of the sentence, and add the words **"to the Board of Education through its Editorial Division for Editorial Policies and Content, and preparation of Curriculum**

Materials, including periodicals, undated materials and books authorized for use in the program of Christian Education; and in matters related to the Publication and financing thereof he shall be responsible to the Board of Publication."

Then add a sentence: **"He shall also be responsible for the preparation of visual education materials relating to the curriculum."**

The Paragraph shall then read as follows: "Through the Editorial Division, working in co-operation with the Curriculum Committee, the General Board of Education shall provide all curriculum materials necessary for carrying on its work. The Editor of Church School Publications shall be responsible to the Board of Education through its Editorial Division for editorial policies and content, and preparation of curriculum materials, including periodicals, undated materials and books authorized for use in the program of Christian Education; and in matters relating to the publication and financing thereof to the Board of Publication. He shall also be responsible for the preparation of visual education materials relating to the curriculum. The circulation of the literature prepared by this Division shall be a joint responsibility of the Board of Education and the Board of Publication.

By action of our Committee a copy of the foregoing recommendations were conveyed to Mr. Thomas A. Harwood of George Fry & Associates, Management Engineers, employed to make a research study of the administrative organization and procedures of The Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL E. MARTIN, *Chairman*;

RECTOR W. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 63; F, 63; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MORE ADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR METHODIST SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 117, 123, 150, 159, 161, 164, 171, 179, 196, 203, 228, 237, 238, 253, 254, 259, 267, 272, 282, 286, 1039

Calendar No. 57. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 653.

The Committee voted concurrence with the Memorials listed in this Report, all of which recommend increased financial support for Methodist schools of theology.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;

F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 64; F, 64; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 113, 114, 127, 131, 148, 157, 166,
210, 213, 219, 239, 240, 261, 1011, 1013, 1042

*Calendar No. 58. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 654.*

The Committee voted concurrence with the Memorials listed in this Report, which call for increased financial support for Methodist schools of theology and for the inclusion of theological education within the organizational structure of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 64; F, 64; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS
MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 103, 1017

*Calendar No. 61. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 694.*

The Committee recommends adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Since the growth of the Church and the growing need for trained ministers will place increasing demands upon the Methodist theological schools, and

WHEREAS, Since the schools themselves cannot make unlimited increases in size without endangering the quality of training which they offer, *Therefore Be It*

Resolved, That the General Conference provide that during the next quadrennium a systematic study be made:

1. Of the optimum size of our ten Methodist theological schools;
2. Of the possible need for, and desirable location of, any new Methodist theological schools;
3. Of the possibility and wisdom of designating any present existing non-Methodist theological schools to receive Methodist sanction and support;

and that any move to establish new theological schools or to sanction and support existing non-Methodist schools be postponed until after this study has been completed.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 9. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 68; F, 64; A, 4; N, 4

SUBJECT: CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 100, 162, 264, 1567, 1645

Calendar No. 62. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 655.

The Committee, having carefully considered the Memorials listed above, makes the following statement relative to them:

We note that these Memorials are concerned with matters of faith and interpretations of social issues rather than with matters which can be implemented into legislation by action of the Conference.

However, we sincerely feel that these Memorials should not be slighted simply because they cannot become matters of legislation.

In different ways and in diverse degrees of intensity they have called upon the Editors of our Church School Publications for special emphasis upon various Doctrines both of religion and social theory. In some instances the plea has been made that editorial content should be severely limited to a particular point of view.

We have the most sincere regard for the need of great care in the advancement of true Christian Doctrine and righteous social theory by Editors and writers engaged in producing our Church School literature. The above Memorials are appreciated in so far as this is their intention although we feel that it would be impossible to vote concurrence or non-concurrence because of their non-legislative nature.

Having said this, we feel that it is needful to remind the Church that the entire content of all the above Memorials has been more than adequately cared for in two statements of the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education. In 1948 a statement entitled, "Some Points of Needed Emphasis in Making the Curriculum of Christian Education" was issued to the Church. It was uncompromising in its devotion to the basic principles of Methodist belief and Christian social ethics. The recent (1952) statement of the Board of Education's Curriculum Committee is entitled, "Educational Principles in the Curriculum." It is a fifty-page presentation of the basic religious Doctrines which our Church School literature should proclaim. As for social doctrines underlying our literature, this document rightly asserts (p. 46), "The curriculum does not set itself up to be a judge, but is designed to help persons become aware of the problems involved and the possible solutions, to supply re-

sources that help persons to think and to clarify issues, to weigh values and to find their way through to decisions that are in keeping with the Christian faith."

We are convinced that a prayerful reading of these two statements of the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education would be an adequate answer to those who are fearful that subversive religious or social doctrines will creep into our literature.

To all those within The Methodist Church whose concern for our Church School publications has been heightened during these years of tension, we urge a thoughtful study of the above suggested documents which may be followed by careful reading of all our publications.

This would be a large but worthwhile task; and those who read *all* that is now being published will discover that the policies and views of the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education have been faithfully observed in the production of our Church School literature which, according to the *Discipline* of 1948, Par. 1134, "This literature is to be of such type and variety as to meet the needs of all groups of our people."

To assist the churches in becoming acquainted with all these types of literature we recommend the chart "Resources for Christian Teaching" which is available from The Methodist Publishing House.

We further refer all those who are interested in the general subject of these Memorials to several sections of the Episcopal Address of 1952, especially those dealing with the following subjects: "Our Church-School Literature," "What Methodists Believe," "The Negro in The Methodist Church," "The Church and the Achievement of Peace," "Freedom in American Life in Methodism."

Adherence to the principles stated therein will insure that our Church School literature will be "of such a type and variety as to meet the needs of all groups of our people." (Par. 1134.)

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 66; F, 64; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: THE NEED FOR EMPHASIS ON YOUTH IN THE
NEXT QUADRENNIUM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1568

*Calendar No. 76. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 655.*

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following

Resolution on the need for emphasis on youth in the next quadrennium:

American youth are growing up in a baffling environment. They are confronted with momentous decisions while conflicting voices cry for their loyalty. False and destructive ideologies claim their attention.

Six million American youth are members of Protestant Churches. These youth are being taught the Christian way of life. They are committed to Christ and loyal to the Church. They are the hope of the future. But twenty million American youth do not belong to any Church or Synagogue. They need Christ and the ministries of the Church. Left without Christian teaching they may become the seedbed of communism, fascism, secularism and atheism. Won for Christ, they will be the bulwark of freedom and the heralds of Christ around the world.

It is a safe estimate that in the next ten years the youth population will increase by six and one-half million. On the basis of Church membership of Protestant Churches in the United States, The Methodist Church should have 14 per cent of American youth as members of our Church. On that basis our Methodist youth membership should be 4,600,000 by 1960. It is now 1,125,000.

The situation facing youth presents The Methodist Church with one of its greatest challenges and opportunities. If the Church is to meet its responsibility, it is essential that it give strong leadership—

To help youth find an undergirding faith in God, a vital dedication of personal life to Christ, and a passionate sense of mission to serve Christ in every relationship of life.

To reach additional millions of youth with a program of Christian education through which life will be transformed.

To help youth share in creative Christian experience through study, worship, evangelism, missions, church attendance, recreation, volunteer service, and Christian vocations.

To recruit and train thousands of adult workers with youth.

To help youth become world minded, with a commitment to the world mission of the Christian faith and to world peace.

To provide guidance to youth for the establishment of Christian homes.

Throughout its history The Methodist Church has sought to provide a vital program of Youth Work. In the face of present emergencies and pressures it is imperative that we strengthen our program and discover new and more effective means of ministering to the youth of this generation.

The Commission of Youth Workers of the Methodist Conference on Christian Education has presented a Memorial to the General Conference calling for this movement.

In the light of these conditions, and this challenge to the Church,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the General Conference of 1952:

First, That we call upon The Methodist Church to place a special emphasis during the quadrennium 1952-56 upon developing, improving, and extending its Youth Program and upon reaching increased numbers of youth for the Christian life and membership in the Church.

Second, That we call upon the Bishops, District Superintendents, Conference Boards of Education, pastors, youth and adult members of our Church, for leadership and support in this movement in their Conferences, Districts, and local churches.

Third, That we call upon the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education to assume administrative responsibility for planning and promoting this movement and that we call upon the other Boards, Divisions of Boards and Agencies which have interest in the youth of the Church, to give co-operation.

Fourth, That we request the Council on World Service and Finance to counsel and advise with the Division of the Local Church regarding the necessary funds for the direction and promotion of this particular enterprise.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 11. EDUCATION
M, 83; P, 64; F, 64; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PROVISION FOR AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAM

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 91, 95, 101, 111, 147, 153, 154, 177,
178, 180, 181, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 192, 195, 197, 198,
199, 207, 214, 215, 232, 235, 242, 243, 244, 245, 247,
262, 266, 270, 271, 276, 277, 285, 290, 998, 1006,
1007, 1008, 1010, 1012, 1029, 1030, 1031,
1032, 1038, 1040, 1041, 1057

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 691.

Calendar No. 77. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 691.

The Committee recommends that in Part V, Chapter I, Section X on page 248 of the 1948 *Discipline* Paragraph 1144 be deleted and the following substituted in its place:

Paragraph 1144.1. There shall be a Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church.

Amend Par. 1144, Sec. 2. Substitute the following:

2. The membership shall be constituted from and elected by the following agencies: Two members from the Council of Bishops; three members from the Board of Missions (including the two Executive Secretaries of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation and one other elected by the Board); three from the Board of Education; two from The Methodist Publishing House; and one each from the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Lay Activities, the Commission on World Peace, the Board of Temperance, the Board of Social and Economic Relations, the Commission on Public Information, the Board of Pensions, and the American Bible Society; one from each Jurisdiction, elected by the College of Bishops of that Jurisdiction; and five members at large elected by the Commission.

3. Officers of the Commission shall be composed of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, elected on a quadrennial basis in such manner as the Commission may determine.

4. The purpose and function of the Radio and Film Commission shall be:

a) To unify and co-ordinate the audio-visual programs of all Methodist Agencies dealing with projected pictures, recordings, transcriptions, radio and television programs and other audio-visual materials.

b) To make the studies necessary for the development of a unified and comprehensive program of resources to serve all age groups in the home, Church, and community, and to represent the great causes of the Church.

c) To produce and distribute such programs and materials in the area of the work of member Agencies as the Agencies may request and finance, and such other resources as are needed to serve the great causes of the Church. In so far as practical the rental or sale of materials for Methodist use shall be handled through The Methodist Publishing House.

d) To represent The Methodist Church in the Central Department of Broadcasting and Films of the National Council of Churches and any other Inter-Denominational Agencies working in the area of mass communication.

e) To provide funds for scholarships, and other training opportunities, to prepare qualified persons for full-time Christian service in this field, and to provide training opportunities for ministers and lay leaders so that resources provided may be effectively used.

5. The financial support of the Commission shall be de-

terminated as follows: The General Conference shall determine and provide from World Service Funds, upon the recommendation of the Commission on World Service and Finance, the Budget of the Radio and Film Commission. The Budget shall include provision for necessary Staff and administrative cost and such funds as may be deemed necessary to enable the Commission to fulfill its stated functions. Additional contributions may be accepted from member Agencies which are not supported by World Service Funds.

The General Conference, upon recommendation of the Council on World Service and Finance, and the Radio and Film Commission, shall allot such funds as it deems wise to the Central Department of Broadcasting and Film of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. If this apportionment is included in a total Church Budget for the National Council of Churches, it shall be paid only after annual approval by the Radio and Film Commission.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 60; F, 60; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: AUDIO-VISUAL COMMISSION IN THE ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1037

Calendar No. 78. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 693.

The Committee voted concurrence with the following Memorial (which includes one amendment made by the Committee) from the Joint Radio Commission of the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions:

The Joint Radio Committee of The Methodist Church, composed of a representative from each Area in the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions, and representing the two Jurisdictions, hereby request the 1952 quadrennial session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church to pass the following permissive legislation:

The Annual Conference may have on appointment by its presiding Bishop and its Cabinet a quadrennial Commission on Television, Radio, and Audio-visual Education, which, in co-operation with the program Boards and Agencies in the Conference, shall have for its purpose the promotion, use, and production of mass communications media. The Annual Conference Commission shall be composed of one person from each District in the Annual Conference, who shall also act as District Director of Television, Radio, and

Audio-visual Education. The Annual Conference Commission shall be related to the General, Jurisdictional, and Area organizations which have responsibility in this field. The Annual Conference Commission shall organize by electing a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. It may request funds from the Annual Conference Commission on World Service.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 13. EDUCATION
M, 83; P, 66; F, 66; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: EMPHASIS ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE
LOCAL CHURCH

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 104, 126, 140, 163, 170, 172, 190
Calendar No. 118. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 655.

The Memorials listed above call for a strong emphasis during the ensuing quadrennium on Christian education in the local church. The Committee voted concurrence.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 14. EDUCATION
M, 83; P, 65; F, 65; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 241, 432, 1053
Calendar No. 136. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 696.

These Memorials came from the Methodist students of the Divinity School of Duke University and from the Student Council of Candler School of Theology, asking that the General Conference urgently recommend that all Methodist Schools of Theology admit qualified students without regard to race or color. The Committee voted concurrence except in those instances where State laws would force an undue hardship upon the institution involved.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 15. EDUCATION
M, 83; P, 54; F, 54; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE
GENERAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1046

*Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 691.
Calendar No. 137. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 691.*

Division of Educational Institutions

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chapter III, Section II, 1948 *Discipline*, pages 302-307.

Insert this sentence at the beginning of Paragraph 1351: **There shall be a Division of Educational Institutions which shall represent The Methodist Church in all activities connected with secondary, higher, theological, and ministerial education.** Delete "*The Division of Educational Institutions*" and substitute "**it**" before "shall have"; change "*relation*" to "**relationship**" and delete "*in the business and educational management of,*" putting in its place the word "**to**"; insert "**and**" before "Wesley Foundations"; delete the comma after "Foundations"; delete "*and other educational institutions related to*" and instead put "**affiliated with.**" Insert a period after "Church" and delete "*in the United States except those institutions owned or supervised by other Boards.*" Add the following sentence: "**Upon request, it may act in advisory capacity to the educational institutions in the United States, its territories and dependencies, owned or supervised by the several Agencies of The Methodist Church.**" Delete "*object of this advisory relationship*" and insert instead: "**principal objectives of the Division**" in the first sentence of the second sub-paragraph of Paragraph 1351. After "to develop" change "*a*" to "**an**" and delete the word "*Methodist*"; after "plan and purpose" delete the words "*in which the educational institutions of the Church shall be definitely related to*" and insert "**which shall definitely relate the educational institutions of**"; change "*and*" to "**to**" and delete the words "*assume adequate obligation for their financial support*"; after "within" change "*the*" to "**these**"; delete the words "*maintenance of*" after "institutions"; after "standards" add the following: "**and soundest business practices**"; after "create" insert the words "**and maintain**" and after "atmosphere" insert the words "**in the institution**"; delete the comma after "life" and also the words "*a Christian standard of conduct, and membership in Christ's holy Church*" and insert "**to the end that all members of the college and university communities may possess a knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith and that students may emerge from their educational experiences prepared to witness to the gospel in every area of life.**" Delete the remainder of Paragraph 1351, so that Paragraph 1351 as amended shall then read:

Paragraph 1351. **There shall be a Division of Educational**

Institutions which shall represent The Methodist Church in all activities connected with secondary, higher, theological, and ministerial education. It shall have an advisory relationship to all universities, colleges, schools, theological schools, and Wesley Foundations affiliated with The Methodist Church. Upon request, it may act in advisory capacity to the educational institutions in the United States, its territories and dependencies, owned or supervised by the several Agencies of The Methodist Church.

The principal objectives of the Division shall be: (1) to develop an educational plan and purpose which shall definitely relate the educational institutions of the Church to the Church; (2) to foster within these institutions the highest educational standards and soundest business practices; and (3) to create and maintain an atmosphere in the institutions conducive to the development of a Christian philosophy of life to the end that all members of the college and university communities may possess a knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith and that students may emerge from their educational experiences prepared to witness to the gospel in every area of life.

Change Paragraph 1352 as follows: After "Board" delete the remainder of the paragraph and insert the following: "of education, the Division of Educational Institutions shall devise ways and means to aid the educational institutions of the Church. To this end, it may organize and maintain such departments, engage personnel for their operation, appoint such Commissions and Committees and adopt such regulations as are necessary for the discharge of its responsibilities."

The second sub-paragraph of Paragraph 1352 shall be the first sentence from the fourth sub-paragraph of Paragraph 1351 of the 1948 *Discipline*, with no changes. Change the third sub-paragraph of Paragraph 1352 to begin with this sentence: "The Board through this Division shall have an advisory relationship to the theological schools in the planning of their educational programs and in the development of their financial support." Add the third sentence of the fourth sub-paragraph of Paragraph 1351 of the 1948 *Discipline*. Make the fourth sub-paragraph of Paragraph 1352 the fourth sentence of the fourth sub-paragraph of Paragraph 1351 of the 1948 *Discipline*, with these changes: Delete "It" and add "the Board through this Division"; after "shall" delete "seek to"; after "tax-supported" delete "and other"; after "institutions" add "and others," so that Paragraph 1352 as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1352. Subject to the approval of the Board of Education, the Division of Educational Institutions shall de-

wise ways and means to aid the educational institutions of the Church. To this end, it may organize and maintain such departments, engage personnel for their operation, appoint such Commissions and Committees, and adopt such regulations as are necessary for the discharge of its responsibilities.

The Board through this Division may establish and conduct schools in the United States in communities in which facilities for education are not adequately provided.

The Board through this Division shall have an advisory relationship to the theological schools in the planning of their educational programs and in the development of their financial support. It shall develop and conduct in-service programs for Supply Pastors, and for persons engaged in the regular ministry.

The Board through this Division shall promote the religious training and activities of students at institutions of The Methodist Church and of Methodist students at tax-supported institutions and others not related to The Methodist Church.

Change Paragraph 1353 as follows: Make the first sub-paragraph the same as the first sub-paragraph in Paragraph 1353 of the 1948 *Discipline*. The second sub-paragraph shall be Paragraph 1357 of the 1948 *Discipline* with no changes, followed by the third sub-paragraph of Paragraph 1358 of the 1948 *Discipline*, with no changes. The third sub-paragraph shall be as follows: "The Division shall co-operate with the General and Annual Conferences in their efforts to provide the institutions related to them adequate financial income for the operation of accredited educational programs." The fourth sub-paragraph shall be the same as Paragraph 1359 of the 1948 *Discipline*. The fifth sub-paragraph shall be the same as Paragraph 1354 of the 1948 *Discipline*. The sixth sub-paragraph shall be as follows: "The Division may take such action as necessary to protect or recover the investment which it or an Annual Conference has made in capital funds to any institution founded, organized, developed, or assisted under the direction or with the co-operation of The Methodist Church, should any such institution discontinue operation or move to sever its connection with the Church," so that Paragraph 1353 as amended shall then read:

Paragraph 1353. The Division shall disburse such funds as are approved by the Board for the maintenance and promotion of the work committed to it under such rules as the Board may adopt.

The Division shall give attention to the financial needs of the institutions related to it and from funds which are avail-

able may make appropriations toward their support. In making appropriations for the support of educational institutions, the Division shall give due consideration to the actual current needs of such institutions as shown in carefully prepared Reports presented by them on forms provided by the Division. Appropriations to institutions from funds at the disposal of the Division shall not debar those institutions from soliciting aid from their supporting Conferences or from other sources. In no case shall the Division aid an institution which announces a change in its classification until the University Senate shall have approved the new classification.

The Division shall co-operate with the General and Annual Conferences in their efforts to provide the institutions related to them adequate financial income for the operation of accredited educational programs.

The Division shall recommend to Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Education that the appropriation of Annual Conference funds shall be made only to those approved institutions whose educational and religious aims and programs are in active accord with the policies of the Church as expressed in the *Discipline*, and through special General Conference enactments.

The Division shall have power to administer under the rules and regulations of the Board any and all funds, gifts, and bequests which have been or may be committed to the Board for the purpose of the Division; and, subject to the approval of the Board, it may solicit or create special funds for its projects. The purposes for which the funds are given and accepted shall be sacredly observed.

The Division may take such action as necessary to protect or recover the investment which it or an Annual Conference has made in capital funds to any institution founded, organized, developed, or assisted under the direction or with the co-operation of The Methodist Church, should any such institution discontinue operation or move to sever its connection with the Church.

Change Paragraph 1354 so that its two parts shall be the same as the first and second sub-paragraphs of 1358 in the 1948 *Discipline*.

Make no change in Paragraph 1355.

Delete all of Paragraph 1356 and substitute the following:

Paragraph 1356. The Division shall promote the work of Christian education throughout the Church. In co-operation with the Annual Conferences under the leadership of the pastors it shall bring to the attention of our members the contribution of Christian education to the life and character

of youth and the place it has in the preservation and propagation of Christianity.

It shall be responsible for promoting the Special Days, Race Relations Sunday and Methodist Student Day, referred to in Paragraph 233, Sections 3 and 4, and 1350 of the 1952 Discipline.

Make Paragraph 1357 Paragraph 1360 of the 1948 Discipline, with the following changes:

Delete the first three words, "*In fulfillment of*," and in their place put "**to fulfill**"; after "Division" delete the words "*shall*" and substitute "**may**"; after "maker" delete "*such*"; after "appropriations" delete "*as the funds at its disposal shall warrant*"; after "maintenance of" insert "**approved**"; after "Wesley Foundations" place in parentheses the words at the end of the sentence: "under conditions approved by the Division," so that "may hereafter be established" will be the end of the sentence. After "A Wesley Foundation" delete "*in a non-Methodist institution or a student*" and substitute "**is The Methodist Church at work at State and independent colleges and universities. The Division shall revise annually a list of approved Wesley Foundations which have met the requirements of the Division.**" Make the second subparagraph begin with the words: "**A Wesley Foundation or other**" before the word "religious"; after "Methodist" insert "**or non-Methodist**"; delete "*making request for*" after "institution" and substitute "**Receiving**"; after "submit" delete "*for consideration carefully prepared*" and insert "**annually**"; after "Reports" insert "**of its work and financial operations**"; after "on" delete "*Budget.*" After "Appropriations" insert "**made**"; after "maintenance of" delete "*student*"; after "work at" change "*a*" to "**any**"; after "shall not" delete "*debar it from soliciting*" and substitute "**preclude the solicitation of**," so that Paragraph 1357 as amended shall then read:

Paragraph 1357. **To fulfill** its responsibility for the religious training and activities of Methodist students, the Division **may** make appropriations for the maintenance of **approved** Wesley Foundations (under conditions approved by the Division) and other organizations with similar purposes in the United States, which have been established or which may hereafter be established. A Wesley Foundation **is The Methodist Church at work at State and independent colleges and universities. The Division shall revise annually a list of approved Wesley Foundations which have met the requirements of the division.**

A Wesley Foundation or other religious program in a

Methodist or non-Methodist institution receiving financial aid shall submit annually Reports of its work and financial operations on forms provided by the Division. Appropriations made by the Division toward the maintenance of religious work at any given institution shall not **preclude the solicitation of additional funds from supporting Conferences.**

Paragraph 1358 shall be Paragraph 1361 of the 1948 *Discipline* with the following changes:

After "division" delete "*may employ one or more persons whose duty it shall be*" and substitute "**shall have responsibility in co-operation with Annual Conferences**"; after "and" delete "*carry on*" and substitute "**maintain**"; after "independent institutions" delete "*where practicable*"; after "and" delete "*may co-operate with*" and substitute "**assist**"; after "the" delete "*colleges of the Church in promoting student*" and substitute "**Methodist institutions of higher education in their.**" After "needs of" delete "*the campus*" and substitute "**students**"; delete "*to offer advice in planning programs,*" so that Paragraph 1358 as amended shall then read:

Paragraph 1358. The Division shall have responsibility in co-operation with Annual Conferences to organize and maintain Wesley Foundations at State and independent institutions and assist the Methodist institutions of higher education in their religious activities. It shall also be its duty to study the religious needs of students, to enlist suitable candidates for full-time religious vocations, and to assist in evangelistic work.

Delete the entire first sub-paragraph of Paragraph 1362 in the 1948 *Discipline*. Make the first sentence of the second sub-paragraph of Paragraph 1362 the first sentence of Paragraph 1359 with the following changes: After "Committee" insert "**or a Board of Directors.**" Insert "**qualifications for membership and duties of the Committee or Board of Directors shall be outlined by the Division**" as the second sentence, followed by two entirely new Paragraphs, so that Paragraph 1359 as amended shall then read:

Paragraph 1359. There shall be a Campus-Church Relations Committee or a Board of Directors in every college community where The Methodist Church is at work. Qualifications for membership and duties of the Committee or Board of Directors shall be outlined by the Division.

The Division of Educational Institutions shall appoint a Commission to be known as the Standardizing Commission for Wesley Foundations. This Commission shall be the Stand-

ardizing Agency for all student work related to The Methodist Church at State and independent campuses in the United States. It shall be composed of six members of the Division of Educational Institutions and five persons, not members of the Board of Education, who are actively engaged in Wesley Foundation work and who are fitted by training and experience to establish standards and evaluate the educational, religious, and financial program of Wesley Foundations. This Commission shall report to the Division of Educational Institutions the Wesley Foundations which meet the standards established by the Commission and therefore qualify for financial support from the General Board of Education and the Annual Conference or Conferences.

A Wesley Foundation approved by the Wesley Foundation Commission on Standards shall have a Board of Directors composed of members from the local campus church community and members at-large representing the interests of the Annual Conference or Conferences. Board members shall be elected by the Annual Conference or Conferences on nomination of the Conference Board of Education or Boards of Education. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the direction and administration of the Foundation in accordance with the policies and standards established by the Annual Conference Board or Boards and the General Board of Education.

Insert as Paragraph 1360 the following:

Paragraph 1360. The Division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of religious work among Methodist students enrolled in institutions of higher education. The Division shall be related to the campus Christian organization on Methodist college campuses. Wesley Foundations at State and independent colleges and universities, and such other organizations as may be developed in an Inter-Collegiate Student Christian Movement. There shall be such State or similar area units, regional and national, the Division shall see fit to maintain. The Division shall publish such materials as are necessary to develop this work.

Insert as Paragraph 1361, Paragraph 1363 of the 1948 *Discipline*, with the following changes: After "given state" in the first sentence change "*may*" to "*shall*"; after "Religious Work" insert "to co-ordinate all Inter-Collegiate work of the Methodist Student Movement and"; after "oversight to" delete "*all such projects in*" and substitute "*student work at*"; after "higher learning" change "*within*" to "*in*"; put a period after "state" instead of a comma, delete the word "*and*" and begin a new sentence with "It." After "Boards of Education" insert "*in consultation with the Division of*

Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education," so that Paragraph 1361 as amended shall then read:

Paragraph 1361. The Board of Education of the Annual Conferences of a given State **shall create at the beginning of each quadrennium an Inter-Conference Commission on Student Religious Work to co-ordinate all Inter-Collegiate work of the Methodist Student Movement and to give general oversight to Student Work at the institutions of higher learning in the State.** It shall have such powers and responsibilities as the Conference Boards of Education **in consultation with the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education** shall delegate to it.

Paragraph 1362 shall be the same as Paragraph 1364 of the 1948 *Discipline*.

Paragraph 1363 shall consist of two sub-paragraphs: the first the same as Paragraph 1367 of the 1948 *Discipline* and the second the same as Paragraph 1368 of the 1948 *Discipline*.

Paragraph 1364 shall be the same as Paragraph 1365 of the 1948 *Discipline* except for the deletion of the two words "*for Negroes*" after "educational work in institutions."

Paragraph 1365 shall be the same as Paragraph 1366 in the 1948 *Discipline*.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE McINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 54; F, 54; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: THE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. A COMMITTEE STATEMENT

Calendar No. 138. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 694.

The Committee recommends the approval of the following statement regarding the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund.

The Student Loan Fund of The Methodist Church now celebrates its eightieth year of service to Methodist college and university students. Founded in 1872, the first loan of \$100.00 was granted a year later to a young man from India studying at Drew Theological Seminary. Since that day more than 70,000 students have received loans totaling nearly \$11,000,000. Every dollar in the fund in 1873 has been used at least eight times by different students.

In 1944 the General Conference broadened the function of the Student Aid Fund to provide scholarships as well as loans. This action was the result of a keen awareness of the increased financial needs of students and of greater possibilities for the Fund. At present the offerings received on Methodist Student Day are divided 9 per cent for scholarships and 10 per cent for Loan Funds.

The scholarships have helped to draw to the colleges and universities of the Church young Methodists of outstanding attainment. The results have fully borne out the aims of the Church. Twenty-three per cent of those receiving scholarships between 1945 and 1951 have become teachers, 19 per cent ministers, 12 per cent workers in local churches, and 3 per cent missionaries. Medicine, nursing and social work have claimed another 12 per cent. From the beginning in 1944, National Methodist Scholarships have symbolized the concern of the Church for Christian character, scholarship and leadership.

The collection of loans granted to Methodist students has received careful attention. Honesty toward obligations to the Church is essential, for only thus can faith be kept with the contributors whose sacrificial gifts sustain the Funds.

The history of the Loan and Scholarship Programs reveals unusual opportunities for the encouragement of future Church leadership. What happens across the country on Methodist Student Day has therefore great significance for the future of the Church. As the need for scholarships grows more acute, the calls upon the loan fund will probably exceed \$400,000 in 1952-53.

These are investments in our youth!

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 17. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 66; F, 66; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 129, 146, 156, 165, 222, 250, 251,
281

*Calendar No. 158. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 693.*

The Committee recommends that the following Paragraph be added to Paragraph 643:

Each Annual Conference, in whatever way it may decide, shall make adequate provision for the financial support of the work of the Conference Commission on Christian Voca-

tions so that the Commission may be able to carry forward an effective program of promotion and guidance in the field of Christian vocations.

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Committee would propose this orally as an amendment to Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education, page 214 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 18. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 62; F, 55; A, 7; N, 0

SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S DAY

MEMORIALS: SERIAL Nos. 92, 102, 110, 112, 130, 137, 141, 149, 167, 169, 174, 176, 191, 194, 201, 206, 220, 225, 227, 263, 268, 269, 275, 279, 283, 287, 288, 999, 1000, 1001, 1015, 1022, 1036, 1043, 1058

Calendar No. 157. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 698.

The Committee recommends that the following change be made in the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church: In the first line of the last paragraph in Section 205 on page 48 of the report, insert after "National Family Week" or some other day designated by the Annual Conference for Observance as Children's Day.

It was agreed that this change would be proposed as an amendment by the Chairman of the Committee when this section of the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church was presented to the General Conference.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 19. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 62; F, 62; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL Nos. 94, 182, 193, 205, 226, 996, 1560, 1569, 1575, 1650, 1672

Calendar No. 158. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 698.

The Committee recommends reference of the Memorials listed below as follows: No. 94, to the Board of Education; No. 182, to the Radio and Film Commission and the Commission on World Service and Finance; No. 193, to the Commission on Statistical Blanks; No. 205, to the Curriculum Committee; No. 226, to the Board of Education; Nos. 996,

1560, and 1569 to the Department of Leadership Education of the Board of Education; Nos. 1575 and 1650 to the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education; No. 1672, to the Radio and Film Commission.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 67; F, 67; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MEMORIALS COVERED BY OTHER ACTIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 115, 116, 136, 145, 158, 188, 204, 221, 246, 248, 249, 289, 1492, 1562, 1563

Calendar No. 159. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 698.

The Committee voted to report that the following Memorials, several of which were received after most of the Committee's work had been completed, are covered by previous action, as follows:

Nos. 115, 116, and 188—covered by Report No. 8.

Nos. 136, 204, 246, and 289—covered by Report No. 6.

No. 145—covered by the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church.

Nos. 158, 221, and 1492—covered by Report No. 2.

No. 248—covered by Reports No. 10 and 13.

No. 249—covered by Report No. 1.

Nos. 1562 and 1563—covered by Report No. 4.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 21. EDUCATION

M, 83; P, 67; F, 67; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: REPORT OF NON-CONCURRENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 165. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 753.

The Committee voted non-concurrence on the Memorials listed below. In many cases the Committee was in sympathy with the intent of the Memorials, but because they dealt with administrative rather than legislative problems, or because the matters under consideration were already being cared for by some Agency of the Church non-concurrence was voted. The numbers are: 93, 97, 98, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 121, 125, 128, 133, 139, 144, 151, 152, 175, 189, 200, 208, 211, 212, 216, 224, 229, 230, 231, 233, 234, 255, 256, 257, 273, 280, 284, 533, 651, 995, 997, 1002, 1003, 1005, 1009, 1016,

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1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1034,
1035, 1044, 1045, 1047, 1048, 1050, 1052, 1054, 1055, 1056,
1255, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1558, 1559, 1561, 1564, 1565, 1566,
1570, 1571, 1572, 1574.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

NO. 3. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

Chairman—James F. Farr (*), (New England)

Vice-Chairman—Lawrence D. Havighurst (North Iowa)

Secretary—John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada)

(For a complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 25.)

There shall be a Committee of seven charged with the responsibility of preparing and presenting for adoption by the Conference such Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, as may be needed in the continuing process of unifying the interests and agencies of the Church.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

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REPORT NO. 1. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: WYOMING STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 225. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 716.*

Authority is given whereby Wyoming State Annual Conference may continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium 1952-56, subject to the approval of the Western Jurisdictional Conference.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SOUTH FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 226. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 716.*

Authority is given whereby South Florida Annual Conference may continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium 1952-56, subject to the approval of the Central Jurisdictional Conference.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: RIO GRANDE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 227. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 716.

Authority is given whereby Rio Grande Annual Conference may continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium 1952-56, subject to the approval of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SAVANNAH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 228. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 717.

Authority is given whereby Savannah Annual Conference may continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium 1952-56, subject to the approval of the Central Jurisdictional Conference.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CHINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE, ELECTION OF BISHOPS

Calendar No. 229. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 717.

The China Central Conference is authorized to elect one or more Bishops for China; provided that by such an election there shall not be more than four effective Bishops resident in that field at any one time during the quadrennium.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SOUTH AMERICAN CENTRAL CONFERENCE, ELECTION OF BISHOPS

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 717.

Calendar No. 230. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 717.

The South American Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect two Bishops for South America; provided that by such election there shall not be more than two effective Bishops resident in that field at any one time during the quadrennium.

The South American Central Conference is also authorized (Par. 561) by the General Conference to conduct a Central Conference with privileges and powers as provided under Central Conference legislation; provided that it shall have at least a total of fifteen ministerial and fifteen lay delegates on the regular basis of registration.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF BOLIVIA
Calendar No. 234. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 717.

Authority is given whereby the Provisional Annual Conference of Bolivia may continue as a Provisional Annual Conference with a minimum of four instead of six ministerial members for the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
CENTRAL AMERICA
Calendar No. 232. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 718.

Authority is given whereby the Provisional Annual Conference of Central America may continue as a Provisional Annual Conference with a minimum of four instead of six ministerial members for the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: BURMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Calendar No. 233. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 718.

The Burma Annual Conference is hereby granted permis-

sion to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SARAWAK (BORNEO) PROVISIONAL ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 234. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 718.*

The Methodist Church in Sarawak (Borneo) is authorized to organize into a Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MINDANAO PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 235. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 718.*

Upon full compliance with all provisions of the *Discipline* of 1952 relating thereto the Methodist Church in Mindanao is authorized to organize into a Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: AUSTRIA MISSION

*Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 719.
Calendar No. 236. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 719.*

Authority is hereby given to the Austria Mission to function under its constitution as approved by the government of Austria during the quadrennium ending 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST AFRICA PROVISIONAL ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 237. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 719.*

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1952 relating thereto the Southeast Africa Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CONGO PROVISIONAL ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 238. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 719.*

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1952 relating thereto the Southern Congo Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN EUROPE PROVISIONAL
CENTRAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 239. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 719.*

The Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference shall have such powers of a Central Conference as are indicated in Par. 601.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SWITZERLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 240. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 720.*

The Switzerland Annual Conference in the present emergency shall be given enlarged rights and privileges during the quadrennium ending in 1956 only as indicated in the following specification:

A. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to add to the business of the Annual Conference supplementary questions considered desirable or necessary for meeting its own needs; to make such adaptations in procedure as the peculiar conditions of the field require; and to adapt the temporal economy of the Church within its own territory, including orders of business suitable for District and Quarterly Conferences.

B. Subject to the approval of the Bishop in charge, the Switzerland Annual Conference shall have the power to prescribe Courses of Study for its ministry including local preachers, exhorters, deaconesses, teachers, both male and female, and all other workers whatsoever, ordained or lay. It shall also make rules and regulations for examinations in these Courses.

C. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to conform the detailed rules, rites and ceremonies for the solemnization of marriage, to the statute laws of Switzerland.

D. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to prepare and translate simplified or adapted forms of such parts of the Ritual as it may deem necessary, such changes to require the approval of the Bishop in charge.

E. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to adopt Rules for Procedure for the trial and appeal of its ministers as the necessities of the field may require; to appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a traveling preacher of that Conference from the decision of a Committee on Trial; provided, however, that these rules shall in all respects conform to the restrictions and limitations prescribed in the chapter on Jurisdictional Administration.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: POLISH PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Calendar No. 241. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 720.

Upon full compliance with all provisions of the *Discipline* of 1952 relating thereto the Polish Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN ASIA
Calendar No. 242. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 720.

The Central Conference of Southern Asia is authorized to increase the number of Annual Conferences by one at any time during the quadrennium in accordance with the provisions of Par. 580.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: THE BALTIC AND SLAVIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Calendar No. 243. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 720.

The Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference is hereby granted permission to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN EUROPE CENTRAL
CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 244. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 720.

The Annual and Provisional Annual Conferences and Missions of the Central and Southern Europe Provisional Conference or a part thereof is authorized to organize in the Quadrennium 1952-56 as a Central Conference provided that it have twenty ministerial delegates on the regular disciplinary method of representation. If, however, it be impossible to organize such a Central Conference, then Switzerland and any other constituent Annual or Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to unite with the Germany Central Conference to form the Central Europe Central Conference and that then the Central Europe Central Conference is authorized to elect an additional Bishop.

The remaining Conferences and Missions of the Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference, if

there be any, shall continue under the presidency of the Bishop appointed by the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 21. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: BELGIUM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 245. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 721.

The Belgium Annual Conference is hereby granted permission to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 22. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: URUGUAY PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 246. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 721.

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1952 relating thereto, authority is given whereby Uruguay be allowed to form a Provisional Annual Conference at any time during the quadrennium ending in 1956, when this may be feasible.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 23. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NORTHEAST GERMANY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 247. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 721.

The Northeast Germany Annual Conference is hereby granted permission to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 24. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAKIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 248. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 721.

The Czechoslovakia Annual Conference is hereby granted permission to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 25. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CHINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL
CONFERENCES

Calendar No. 249. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 722.

Each of the following Annual Conferences in China Central Conference is granted permission to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1956, namely, East China, Foochow, Hinghwa, Kiangsi, Mid-China, North China, Shantung, West China, and Yenping.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 26. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: KALGAN PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Calendar No. 250. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 722.

Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference in China Central Conference is granted permission to continue as a Provisional Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1956.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 27. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NEBRASKA ANNUAL CONFERENCE—MERGING
CENTRAL WEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Calendar No. 253. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 722.

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1952 relating thereto the Nebraska Annual Conference of the South Central Jurisdiction is authorized to merge into its Conference any church of the Central West

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(Pars. 28, 29, 538 of the 1952 *Discipline*)

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 28. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: LIBERIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 254. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 722.

Authority is given whereby Liberia Annual Conference may, subject to applicable provisions of the *Discipline* of 1952, divide into two Conferences, said two Conferences to be known as Northwest Liberia Annual Conference and Southeast Liberia Annual Conference, respectively.

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 29. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: IOWA-DES MOINES ANNUAL CONFERENCE—
MERGING CENTRAL WEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHURCHES
Calendar No. 255. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 723.

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1952 relating thereto the Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference of the North Central Jurisdiction is authorized to merge into its Conference any church of the Central West Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction within the geographic bounds of the Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference.

(Pars. 28, 29, 538, of the 1952 *Discipline*)

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 30. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS
M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NORTH IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE—MERGING
WITH CENTRAL WEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHURCHES
Calendar No. 256. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 723.

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1952 relating thereto the North Iowa Annual

Conference of the North Central Jurisdiction is authorized to merge into its Conference any church of the Central West Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction within the geographic bounds of the North Iowa Annual Conference. (Pars. 28, 29, 538 of the 1952 *Discipline*)

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 31. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 4; F, 4; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE—MERGING LEXINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Calendar No. 257. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 723.

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1952 relating thereto the Detroit Annual Conference of the North Central Jurisdiction is authorized to merge into its Conference any church of the Lexington Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction within the geographic bounds of the Detroit Annual Conference.

(Pars. 28, 29, 538 of the 1952 *Discipline*)

JAMES F. FARR (*), *Chairman*;
JOHN R. WILKINS, *Secretary*.

NO. 4. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Chairman: Frank Prentzel, Jr. (Philadelphia).

Vice-Chairman: J. Homer Magee (Montana).

Secretary: Leon S. Moore (Delaware).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 25.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board, and to all the ellemosynary work and responsibility of the Church not comprehended in the responsibility of any other Legislative Committee.

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REPORT NO. 1. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL BUREAU

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 885

Calendar No. 66. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 639.

Amend Paragraph 1534 by adding sub-paragraph as follows:

"(3) To co-operate in the work of the Inter-Board Committee of Christian Vocations."

FRANK PRENTZEL, JR., *Chairman*;
LEON S. MOORE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: INTER-BOARD COMMITTEE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 884

Calendar No. 104. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 639.

Amend Paragraph 1537, *Discipline* 1948 by making the

present Paragraph (a) and by addition of the following new Paragraph as (b):

"There may be in each Annual Conference an Inter-Board Committee of ten persons, composed of five representatives elected by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and five representatives elected by the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes for co-operation in matters of mutual interest."

FRANK PRENTZEL, JR., *Chairman*;
LEON S. MOORE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 86

Calendar No. 105. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 639.

Amend Paragraph 1531.1 by deleting sub-paragraph (a) which reads as follows:

"Seven members shall be elected, three from the ministerial and four from lay members of the Conference" and substituting the following sub-paragraph (a)

(a) at least one ministerial and one lay member shall be elected from each District of the Conference provided that there shall be a minimum of four ministers and four lay members.

And adding as sub-paragraph (c)

(c) Administrators of hospitals and homes related to the Conference shall be ex-officio members, without vote, of such Conference Boards.

FRANK PRENTZEL, JR., *Chairman*;
LEON S. MOORE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CURRENT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 608, 880, 882, 883, 879, 1247

Calendar No. 167. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Pages 639, 753.

These Memorials were considered individually by the Committee and voted non-concurrence.

FRANK PRENTZEL, JR., *Chairman*;
LEON S. MOORE, *Secretary*.

NO. 5. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Chairman: Bernell L. Schubel (Saint Louis).

Vice-Chairman: J. Henry Chitwood (North Alabama).

Secretary: D. Stewart Patterson (*), (Baltimore).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 26.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Inter-Denominational activities, relations, interests, and responsibilities of The Methodist Church, including the American Bible Society, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and the World Council of Churches.

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REPORT NO. 1. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 14; F, 13, A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF THE COMMISSION ON CHURCH
UNION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 936

*Calendar No. 48. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page
731.*

WHEREAS, the General Conference of 1948 created a commission on Church Union, and

WHEREAS, this Commission has taken an active part in the work of the Inter-Denominational Conference on Church Union.

We Therefore recommend that this Commission on Church Union be continued and commended.

BURNELL L. SCHUBEL, *Chairman*;

D. STEWART PATTERSON (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. COMMITTEE ACTION

Calendar No. 182. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 732.

For 132 years, the American Bible Society has been the official agency of The Methodist Church for translation, publication, and distribution of the Holy Scriptures for missionary and evangelization purposes. Over 400,000,000 copies of the Bible or books of the Bible have been distributed during this period.

An all-time record was made in 1951 when over 16,000,000 volumes of Scripture were supplied at home and abroad by the American Bible Society. The Society is currently publishing in over 140 languages and dialects, not including the 35 editions and languages for the blind.

The Methodist Church is proud to have had part in sustaining the work of the Society, and recognizes its opportunities and responsibilities during the coming quadrennium. Nearly one-half of all the missionary Scriptures of the world are being provided by American Protestants through the agencies of the American Bible Society. America and Methodism must not permit any neglect of this primary and basic need to provide God's Word to every man on earth in his own tongue.

We rejoice in the evidences of success in spreading more and more widely the written record of our Lord and His salvation. We commend the American Bible Society for its steady assistance in bringing out new translations and revisions and in reaching newly literate peoples.

We offer and pledge our co-operation in the strategic and vital ministry of the American Bible Society, and we recommend continued generous support.

BURNELL L. SCHUBEL, *Chairman;*

D. STEWART PATTERSON (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 3. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND
ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF
CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 933

Calendar No. 183. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 732.

We recommend that The General Conference of The Methodist Church urge The National Council of the Churches

of Christ in the United States of America to expand the services of its Washington office to meet the needs of its constituent Denominations that have concerns and programs in the field of Christian citizenship.

BURNELL L. SCHUBEL, *Chairman*;
D. STEWART PATTERSON (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND
ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON UNION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 938

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 732.

Calendar No. 184. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 732.

We commend our Commission on Church Union for its leadership in the field of Church Union. The 1948 General Conference gave the strongest endorsement ever given to the movement for a larger Protestant Union and instructed its Commission to seek union with any and all Churches minded to discuss union with the people called Methodists. Acting under these instructions our Commission has (1) begun discussions with the Evangelical United Brethren Church leaders, which it has hoped may result some day soon in formal discussions and negotiations; (2) it has met four times in the quadrennium the Committee on Approaches to Unity of the Protestant Episcopal Church seeking to explore paths to union between these two great Churches which have so much in common; (3) it has been a part of the Conference on Church Union, which has brought together representatives of eight Denominations to formulate and consider the first plan ever drawn for uniting great Churches in the United States with differing traditions and policies.

In lands beyond the seas Bishops and members of our Church have been participating in discussion of union with other Denominations. The urge in the younger Churches is even stronger than in the homeland.

All of these movements we approve, and we give instructions no less compelling than the 1948 General Conference for the continuance of these discussions, and for the initiation of others that may arise. It is impossible to conceive of a follower of John Wesley who is not co-operative. As was so well said in the Episcopal Address, "What deeply concerns us is that this universal movement toward Christian unity should create within the hearts of individual believers and local churches a sense of the supernal grandeur of the

Church to which they belong, and lift their eyes from the round of petty interests and sectarian rivalries to the lofty endeavor of making a whole world Christian."

To this end we recommend a Commission on Church Union to be composed of 1 Bishop, 1 minister, and 1 layman from each Jurisdiction to be nominated by the Council of Bishops for election by the General Conference. The duties of this Commission shall be as follows: (1) to consider specific overtures or proposals for organic union with other Denominations and report to the General Conference, (2) to initiate studies looking toward organic union, (3) to confer with representatives of other Denominations in any general discussion of Church Union, (4) to encourage Inter-Denominational co-operation through the Church and to have responsibility for any Inter-Denominational activities not specifically cared for by other agencies.

BURNELL L. SCHUBEL, *Chairman*;

D. STEWART PATTERSON (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION ON CO-OPERATION AND COUNSEL WITH THE COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 935

Calendar No. 185. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 733.

Add to Paragraph 1236 of the 1948 *Discipline* the following sentence:

This Committee of fifteen shall include co-opted members from other Boards having co-operative relations with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Paragraph will then read: The Board of Missions is authorized to appoint not more than fifteen representatives to a Joint Commission on Co-operation and Counsel, with like representation from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, for study and consideration of the problems involved. **This Committee of Fifteen shall include co-opted members from other Boards having co-operative relations with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.**

BURNELL L. SCHUBEL, *Chairman*;

D. STEWART PATTERSON (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 14; F, 13; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 937

Calendar No. 186. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 733.

We recommend that the Co-ordinating Council add the World Methodist Council to the list of Inter-Denominational Agencies in the proposed plan of organization.

BURNELL L. SCHUBEL, *Chairman*;
D. STEWART PATTERSON (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 7. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND
ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. COMMITTEE ACTION

Calendar No. 187. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 733.

The Eighth Methodist Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, held at Oxford, England, in the late summer of 1951, was one of the most important Methodist Conferences held since the days of John Wesley, and the most constructive of all Methodist Ecumenical Conferences. Beginning in 1881 Ecumenical Conferences were held at ten year intervals until 1931. The Second World War prevented the holding of the Seventh Conference until 1947 in Springfield Massachusetts. That Conference began the re-organization of the whole movement. Hitherto Ecumenical Conferences were gatherings for discussion and fellowships. A Methodist World Organization, begun at Springfield, was completed at Oxford. For the first time in the history of Methodism the followers of him who called the world his parish were brought into A World Organization. A Bishop of our own Church was named to a position of high honor and great responsibility as the first leader of World Methodism; two able ministers were selected as Secretaries in London and New York; as honorary Vice-Presidents and members of the Council were chosen influential ministers and laymen of our Church. To carry on the widening program of co-operation, Committees were named; the building of a hostel for Methodist students at Oxford University was proposed as an enterprise of World Methodism; and a great Campaign of Evangelism among all Methodist churches and lands was launched for 1953, the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of John Wesley's birth. We pray God's blessing on this great enterprise and confirm the selection of all our Church leaders elected at Oxford as our representatives.

One result of the Oxford Conference has been the organization of a fellowship known of the member churches in the United States of the World Methodist Council. It has brought together for consultation representatives of The Methodist Church, the A.M.E., the A.M.E. Zion Colored Methodist Churches. A Bishop and leader of the A.M.E. Church in this country for forty years has said, "This is the most constructive thing done for Negro Methodism in our time and the one who has brought it about was truly led of God and the Holy Spirit."

May all that has been done to make Methodists one people around the world strengthen the World Council of Churches as we believe it will, and hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God as it will bring together the broken fragments of Christ's Holy Church!

BURNELL L. SCHUBEL, *Chairman*;
D. STEWART PATTERSON (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND
ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF
CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1189

*Calendar No. 188. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page
733.*

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. unites twelve great Inter-Denominational Agencies in the most significant expression of Christian co-operation in the history of the nation. The Methodist Church has been a charter member of all major Inter-Denominational Agencies and has made contributions second to none. We pledge our continuing support in personnel and finance, and call upon our people to participate in its service and to remember it in our prayers.

BURNELL L. SCHUBEL, *Chairman*;
D. STEWART PATTERSON (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND
ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. COMMITTEE ACTION

*Calendar No. 189. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page
734.*

We rejoice in the formation of The World Council of

Churches, at Amsterdam in 1948. This was one of the great events in the history of the Christian Church. The World Council of Churches is not a Church, but is the Churches themselves in co-operation at the world level. It is a fellowship of Churches that believe in Jesus Christ as God and Saviour.

We commend The World Council to the people called Methodists and voice our gratitude for the remarkable achievements of the first four years of its history. We are proud of the contribution in leadership and in financial support made by our people, and of the fact that the Second Assembly of 1954 will meet upon the campus of a Methodist university at Evanston.

The World Council has our full support and we pledge our co-operation as we record our commendation. We request the Council of Bishops to nominate for election by their General Conference Methodist representatives in the 1954 Second Assembly.

BURNELL L. SCHUBEL, *Chairman*;
D. STEWART PATTERSON (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 215. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 753.

These Memorials were considered individually by the Committee.

Non-Concurrent Memorials: 697, 934, 1198, 1544, 1546, 1637.

BURNELL L. SCHUBEL, *Chairman*;
D. STEWART PATTERSON (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 6. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Chairman: Thomas B. Clay (*), (Tennessee).

Vice-Chairman: John W. Branscomb (Florida-SE).

Secretary: Virgel W. Russell (West Oklahoma).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 27.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the formal disciplining, trial, and appeal of members and ministers of The Methodist Church, and relating to the Judicial Council and the judicial procedure within the Church.

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REPORT NO. 1. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: TRIAL OF A TRAVELING PREACHER, OR A PREACHER
ON TRIAL

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 941

Amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 653.

Calendar No. 173. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 653.

Par. 935 of the *Discipline* is amended to read as follows:

"The Bishop in charge, or the District Superintendent or the traveling elder duly appointed by the Bishop in charge, within ten days after receipt of a copy of such charges, shall appoint counsel for the Church and notify the accused in writing to appear at a fixed time and place no less than seven days after service of such notice and within a reasonable time thereafter to select the members of the Trial Court.

"At the appointed time, upon nomination by the majority of the District Superintendents of the Annual Conference of twenty-one effective elders of the Annual Conference, of which the accused is a member, and in the presence of the accused and his counsel, if requested, and counsel for the Church, thirteen effective elders shall be selected as a Trial Court.

"The counsel for the Church and the accused shall have each peremptory challenges to the number of four and challenges for cause without limit. If by reason of challenges for cause being sustained the number is reduced below thirteen, additional elders shall be nominated, in like manner as was the original panel, to take the places of the numbers challenged, who likewise shall be subject to challenge for cause. This method of procedure shall be followed until a Trial Court of thirteen members has been selected.

"The presiding officer in charge shall also fix the time and place for the trial, notice of which shall be given in writing to the accused by the counsel for the Church seven days in advance of the time fixed; provided that, with the consent of the accused, the time of the trial may be fixed at an earlier date. The Bishop in charge, or another Bishop invited by him, or a traveling elder appointed by him, shall preside at the trial. The presiding officer shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a record of the proceedings and of the testimony.

"The court thus constituted shall have full power to try the accused and upon his conviction by a vote of nine or more thereof shall have power to suspend him from the exercise of the functions of his office; to depose him from his office or the ministry or both; to expel him from the Church; or in case of conviction of minor offenses, to fix a lesser penalty.

"Its findings shall be final, subject to appeal to the Committee on Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conference, **or the Central Conference, as the case may be.** It shall make a faithful report in writing of all its proceedings, signed by the President and Secretary of the Committee, to the Secretary of the Annual Conference for permanent record, and deliver to him therewith the bill of charges, the evidence taken, and the decision rendered, together with all documents brought into the trial."

THOMAS B. CLAY (*), *Chairman*;
VIRGEL W. RUSSELL, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 2. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 505, 939, 940, 1484

Calendar No. 174. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 753.

Non-concurrent Memorials voted: 505, 939, 940, 1484.

THOMAS B. CLAY (*), *Chairman*;
VIRGEL W. RUSSELL, *Secretary*.

NO. 7. LAY ACTIVITIES

Chairman: Ray H. Nichols (*), (Northwest Texas).

Vice-Chairman: Elmer Jolly (*), (Illinois).

Secretary: Fran H. Faber (*), (Minnesota).

(For complete personnel of this Committee, see Journal, Page 31.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating distinctly to Lay Activities, and the Board of Lay Activities.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—The total membership of this Committee.

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REPORT No. 1. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 67; F, 67; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION CONCERNING LAY ACTIVITIES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 324

Calendar No. 13. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 393.

We respectfully memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church that legislation dealing with Lay Activities be retained as a unit in the 1952 *Discipline*.

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 2. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 336

Amended May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 394.

Calendar No. 14. Action Deferred May 1, 1952. See Journal, Pages, 393 and 1693, Par. 753-A.

We memorialize the General Conference as follows:

The program of emphasis for the quadrennium 1952-56 shall include the development of Christian Stewardship in

all its phases, with particular emphasis upon the **spiritual emphasis of stewardship of possessions**, the Church-Wide undertaking to be under the leadership of the General Board of Lay Activities.

Stewardship of possession shall be interpreted to mean that the obligation of the tithe shall be the minimum standard of giving for our individual members.

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 60; F, 57; A, 1; N, 2

SUBJECT: STATISTICAL FORMS FOR METHODIST MEN
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1061

Calendar No. 15. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 394.

We memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church

Be It Resolved, That the General Conference have included in the statistical forms prepared for Reports to the Annual Conference a column for listing membership in chartered Methodist Men's groups.

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 71; F, 54; A, 17; N, 0

SUBJECT: LAYMEN TO BE ADDED TO THE CONFERENCE BOARD
OF TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 343

Referred to Judicial Council at Evening Session, May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 395.

Returned by Judicial Council Afternoon Session, May 1, 1952, No Decision. See Journal, Pages 611, 612.

To add new sentence to Paragraph 639 in line 9 following the words "to be elected by the Annual Conference." The new sentence to read **"Of this number, at least one but not more than three shall be laymen."**

This portion of Paragraph No. 639 shall then read

In each Annual Conference the presiding Bishop, after consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the previous quadrennium, or a Committee of the Board, or, in the case of a new Conference, after consultation with the Cabinet, shall nominate a Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifica-

tions consisting of not fewer than six nor more than eighteen members to be elected by the Annual Conference. Of this number, at least one but not more than three shall be laymen. It is recommended that the Conference Board of Education, etc.

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 71; F, 65; A, 3; N, 3

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF METHODIST MEN

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 339

Amended May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 526.

Calendar No. 19. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 526.

To delete Part VII, Chapter V, Section VII, Paragraph 1514 of the 1948 *Discipline* and to substitute in lieu thereof a new Paragraph which shall be numbered as 1514 and which shall read as follows:

The Official Board or the Board of Stewards in co-operation with the pastor and the Lay Leader, shall be responsible for organizing Methodist men in the local church for the development of the spiritual life of the men of the church and the attainment of the following objectives:

1. To seek daily Christ's way of life; to bear witness to this way in business dealings and in social contacts; to engage in some definite Christian service.
2. To study and become familiar with The Methodist Church, its organization, and its doctrines.
3. To promote personal evangelism, especially among men and boys.
4. To develop Christian fellowship in the church, especially among laymen, by promoting Christian understanding.
5. To co-operate with the Bishop, District Superintendent and pastor in promoting the program of the Church.
6. To co-operate with other units of Methodist men in the promotion of District, Conference and Church-wide projects under the leadership of the General Board of Lay Activities.

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 61; F, 60; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: ISSUING A CHARTER FOR METHODIST MEN

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 340

Calendar No. 33. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 527.

To amend Part VII, Chapter V, Section VII, Paragraph 1513 by adding the following sentences:

Larger units such as a county, sub-district, metropolitan area or District may be chartered by the Board for the purpose of promoting units in the local churches and as a means of developing a wider fellowship of service, in co-operation with the District Lay Leader, District Superintendent and Conference Lay Leader. The Board shall develop such organizational and administrative procedures as necessary to meet the needs of an expanding fellowship of Christian service.

Said Paragraph 1513, when amended, to read as follows:

The General Board of Lay Activities shall give special consideration to men's work, correlating it with the total program of lay activities. **Methodist men** shall be the duly authorized organization for this purpose. The Board shall have authority to promote and charter local units of Methodist Men and to affiliate with the movement of other existing men's organizations in the local church. **Larger units such as a county, sub-district, metropolitan area or District may be chartered by the Board for the purpose of promoting units in the local churches and as a means of developing a wider fellowship of service in co-operation with the District Lay Leader, District Superintendent and Conference Lay Leader. The Board shall develop such organizational and administrative procedures as necessary to meet the needs of an expanding fellowship of Christian service.**

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 67; F, 65; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: TIME FOR LAYMEN'S DAY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 334

Calendar No. 34. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 527.

Amended May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 536.

We memorialize General Conference that Paragraph 1483 be rewritten as follows:

To further the work of Lay Activities, one Sunday each year shall be designated as Laymen's Day, the program to be under the direction of the General Board of Lay Activities. The official date for Laymen's Day shall be the date approved by the General Division of United Church Men of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America as a joint observance by the constituent

Denominations provided, that the designation of a date shall not apply to overseas Conferences.

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 70; F, 70; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF DISTRICT AND ASSOCIATE DISTRICT
LAY LEADERS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 341

Calendar No. 35. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 528.

We memorialize General Conference to expand Paragraph No. 1499 as follows: After the words "Conference Lay Leader" add "**provided that, in those cases where the Annual Conference so determines, the following optional procedure shall be followed: The District Lay Leader and Associate District Lay Leaders shall be nominated by the District Board of Lay Activities.**"

Paragraph 1499 then to read as follows:

The District and the Associate District Lay Leaders shall be elected annually by the Annual Conference on nomination of the District Superintendents and the Conference Lay Leader, **provided that, in those cases where the Annual Conference so determines, the following optional procedure shall be followed: The District Lay Leader and Associate District Lay Leaders shall be nominated by the District Board of Lay Activities.**

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 65; F, 64; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATE DISTRICT LAY LEADERS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 326

Calendar No. 36. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 528.

We memorialize the General Conference to amend Paragraph 1498 of the *Discipline* by substituting the words "**two or more**" for the words "*not less than two nor more than four.*"

Amended Paragraph 1498 shall read:

There shall be in every District a District Board of Lay Activities composed of the District Lay Leader, who shall be Chairman, **two or more** Associate District Lay Leaders,

the District Superintendent, and the Lay Leader of each Charge.

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 10. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 335,
337, 338, 652, 1059, 1060, 1062, 1063, 1065

Calendar No. 67. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 753.

These Memorials were considered individually by the Sub-committees and acted upon by the main Committee, which voted non-concurrence.

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 11. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 90; P, 50; F, 49; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 209, 325, 333, 344

Calendar No. 135. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 753.

The Committee voted non-concurrence.

RAY NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 8. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

Chairman: Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona).

Vice-Chairman: Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas).

Secretary: Albert W. Cliffe (Philadelphia).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 33.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Church membership, including conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; and all matters pertaining to Evangelism and to the devotional life and literature of the Church, made by the law of the Church the concern of the Board of Evangelism.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?)

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REPORT NO. 1. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 54; F, 54; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: WORLDWIDE MISSION OF EVANGELISM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NOS. 357-363

Calendar No. 8. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 377.

Whereas the World Methodist Council at its recent session in Oxford, England—August 28 to September 7, 1951—recommended that a World-wide simultaneous Evangelistic Mission be carried out in all the Methodist Churches of the world in 1953; and

Whereas the year 1953 will mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, the illustrious founder of Methodism,

Therefore Be It Resolved, That we recommend:

First, that all our Churches co-operate to the fullest extent in the Evangelistic Campaign recommended by the World Methodist Council;

Second, that we identify specifically this World-wide Evangelistic Program in 1953 with the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, who said, "The World is my parish";

Third, that we designate the period from World-wide Communion Sunday, October 5, 1952, to Watch Night Service, December 31, 1952, as a period of intensive evangelistic preparation;

Fourth, that we designate the year 1953 as a period of World-wide Evangelism with Pentecost Sunday (which in the year 1953 falls on Aldersgate Sunday, May 24th) as one of the high points of emphasis for the entire period;

Fifth, that we instruct the Board of Evangelism to create a Committee of Fifty, with representatives from all Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church, to inaugurate, implement, and carry out this World-wide Evangelistic Program;

Sixth, that we make this World-wide Evangelistic Movement an integral part of whatever forward movement the General Conference may adopt for the ensuing quadrennium, and instruct the Council of Bishops, the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Missions, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Board of Education, the Board of Lay Activities, The Methodist Publishing House and other appropriate Agencies of the Church to co-operate in the promotion of this Evangelistic Campaign.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NOS. 352-374

Calendar No. 9. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 392.

We respectfully memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church, now in session to make the District Secretaries of Evangelism and the Chairman of the Christian Witness Commission of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship members of the Conference Boards of Evangelism, by adding the words "District Secretaries of Evangelism" after the words "District Superintendents" and "the Chairman of the Christian Witness Commission of the Methodist Youth Fellowship" after the words "the Secretary of Spiritual Life of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service" in Paragraph 1559 of the 1948 *Discipline*.

This Paragraph now reads:

"1559. Each Conference Board of Evangelism shall include in its membership the District Superintendents, one pastor and one lay member from each of the Districts, such members of the Jurisdictional Board as may reside within

the bounds of the Annual Conference, the Secretary of Spiritual Life of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Conference Secretary of Evangelism, together with such further organization as the Annual Conference may desire; provided that no salaried officer, employee, or one receiving remuneration from the Conference Board of Evangelism shall be a member thereof."

When amended the Paragraph will read:

"1559. Each Conference Board of Evangelism shall include in its membership the District Superintendents, **the District Secretaries of Evangelism**, one pastor and one lay member from each of the Districts, such members of the Jurisdictional Board as may reside within the bounds of the Annual Conference, the Secretary of Spiritual Life of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Secretary of Evangelism, **the Chairman of the Christian Witness Commission of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship**, together with such further organization as the Annual Conference may desire; provided that no salaried officer, employee, or one receiving remuneration from the Conference Board of Evangelism shall be a member thereof."

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: DUTIES OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF EVANGELISM
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NOS. 348-350

Calendar No. 10. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 392.

Add a new Paragraph to follow P. 1555 in the 1948 *Discipline*, the new Paragraph to read as follows:

"The Board shall give particular emphasis to the promotion of full, well rounded, and practical programs of evangelism on the Conference, District, and local church levels. To this end it shall give guidance and help to the Jurisdictional Boards of Evangelism, the Conference Boards of Evangelism, the District Committees on Evangelism, and the Committees on Membership and Evangelism in the local church. The Board shall give guidance to the Church in using the appropriate days and seasons of the Christian calendar for Special Evangelistic Emphasis."

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

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REPORT NO. 4. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF EVANGELISM
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 356

Calendar No. 11. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 392.

Add sentence to Paragraph 1558 in the *Discipline* to read as follows: "The Conference Board of Evangelism shall be elected by the Annual Conference for the quadrennium."

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66, P, 49; F, 45; A, 2; N, 2

SUBJECT: EVANGELISM IN OUR SEMINARIES

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 358, 1081, 1475

Calendar No. 56. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 528.

Brethren:

WHEREAS, The rising current of evangelistic concern in The Methodist Church requires an adequately trained ministry in the field of evangelism,

AND WHEREAS, our theological seminaries of The Methodist Church are our primary educative influence in the training of Methodist preachers,

AND WHEREAS, several of our theological seminaries have already initiated courses in evangelism:

Be It Therefore Resolved, That the General Conference shall urge that each of our seminaries shall provide in their curriculum specific Courses in Evangelism dealing with every phase of its message, its mission and its methods.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6-A. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 50; F, 50; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 351, 354, 356, 1483

Amended May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 528.

Calendar No. 106-A. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 528.

(See Report 6-B, page 1258)

Recommended by the Committee to be placed under miscellaneous section in 1952 *Discipline*.

Program of Evangelism

(Memorials 354 and 1483 and Board of Evangelism)

Inasmuch as the fundamental task of the Church is individual and social salvation and the present civilization is sick and tottering, waiting for the healing hand of God upon the individual and this tormented world,

Be It Hereby Resolved, That in keeping with the action of the World Methodist Council calling all branches of Methodism to a World-Wide Program of Evangelism and in response to the challenge of the Episcopal Address which revealed the sobering fact that in the United States of America alone there are 18 million homes that do not have a single member in any Church, we do adopt the following Program of Evangelism for the quadrennium 1952-56:

- I. A. Every local church participating in the World-Wide Mission of Evangelism:
 1. Through intensive evangelistic preparation from World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 5, 1952, to Watch Night Service, December 31, 1952.
 2. Co-operation during 1953 in the year of World-Wide Evangelism, with one of the high points of emphasis being Pentecost Sunday, May 24, which in the year 1953 is also Aldersgate Sunday.
- B. Every local church implement its program throughout the quadrennium as follows:
 1. A Spiritual Life Mission in every local church, annually, to activate the inactive and to deepen the spiritual life of all members.
 2. A systematic visitation of all members in the local church.
 3. A prayer group in every local church, and the cultivation of a prayer movement.
 4. Family worship in every home, including grace at meals.
 5. Making and keeping an up-to-date prospect and constituency roll.
 6. In each local church a group organized for regular and systematic Lay Visitation Evangelism, with every member of the local church a "witness" and personal worker.
 7. Every new member trained in church membership and the Christian life.
 8. Every member taking his place for Christ in the community life and activities.
 9. Every local church co-operating with District or City Board of Missions in organizing new churches and reclaiming abandoned churches.

II. Every District co-operating through:

1. A United Evangelistic Mission conducted on a District or Inter-District level.
2. A Spiritual Life Mission for preachers and laymen in every District.

III. Every Annual Conference co-operating through:

1. Seeking to secure at least a ten per cent net gain in membership during the quadrennium.
2. Conducting annually, on a Conference or Area basis, a Youth Work Camp in Evangelism, in co-operation with the Board of Education.
3. Seeking definitely to build up the spiritual tone of the Annual Conference session.
4. Encouraging the use of every helpful method of evangelism and that full use be made of such technique as radio, television, and audio vision, that, in the spirit of St. Paul we may be all things to all men if by any means we may win some.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 50; F, 50; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CALL TO EVANGELISM

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 351, 354, 356, 1483

Calendar No. 106-B. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 529.

To Replace Par. 2029 in the 1948 *Discipline*.

Call to Evangelism

Fully aware of the perils and evils confronting us, we affirm our faith in the Church of Christ. We repudiate that pessimism, often masquerading as realism or prophecy, which belittles the contemporary power of the Church. Being human, we cannot diagnose our spiritual condition with certainty, but this we believe: that, compared with her Lord, the Church is shamefully unworthy; that there is much need for the improvement we intend; but that, nevertheless, the Church is today healthy and strong. For this, thanks be to God.

Humbly and gratefully, we note that The Methodist Church is still growing. We see in the eight years of Crusade and Advance, in lay evangelism, in missionary enterprises far and near, evidences that our Church is alert, devoted, and zealous.

Thank God for a strong, evangelistic Church. Our des-

perate world desperately needs it. Neither science, nor knowledge, nor government, nor any human power or instrument, can save us. We need God. Only the salvation manifest and available in Christ will suffice.

Evangelism is the top-priority need of our time. Every available resource should be used, our total Christian manpower drafted, every energy and intelligence employed, to win our world to Christ. Only He can save us. Nothing else we can do is as important as leading men to love and obey Him.

If we are to lead enough men to Him soon enough, we need more and better evangelists. No one can be Christian without being evangelistic. Nothing could be more untrue than the notion that evangelism is merely a part of Church program, a separate activity to be carried on sporadically by a select few. The whole business of the Church is to save souls. Its entire program has the single goal of bringing persons into Christlike life. Education and evangelism, nurture and conversion, administration and admonition, worship and social service, are dynamic, inseparable elements of one passion and purpose.

No sermon speaks as it should unless it is evangelistic. No anthem sings as it should unless its voice is redemptive. Let seminaries remember that evangelism is their reason for existence. Let Church-related colleges remember that evangelism is their primary task. Let public school teachers, physicians and nurses, lawyers and engineers, scholars and unskilled laborers, housekeepers and businessmen, husbands and wives and families, remember that their vocation is to win the world to Christ.

Where there is special need there is special duty. We lay upon the conscience of Christians the neglected, the spiritually underprivileged: whether they be rich or poor, chronically ill or criminal, students or faculties, labor unions or manufacturer associations. We must rise above prejudices of race and nation and ecclesiastical fraternity and economic caste, that we may love our way into the hearts of all who need our Saviour.

We must learn to make better use of the newer media of communication. The Word must continually be re-made flesh. Continuing the Incarnation should lead us to use every effective means of revelation. Why should whiskey distillers be more adroit than we in magazine advertising? Why should religious drama be flagrantly inferior to the secular? We must pay the price, in cash and creative effort, to make moving pictures and television more effectual vehicles of Christian witness.

In stressing the uses of such media of communication, we

do not forget that evangelism is largely person-to-person ministry. While there is nothing like a fixed evangelistic pattern, well we know that the love of Christ burns its way from heart to heart. In all evangelistic work, we share a glory that has come to us: which means that it must come to us before we can share it. Hence, it is incumbent on us constantly to seek for close communion with the Master; to cultivate holy habits and pray ceaselessly for purity of heart; to discipline ourselves daily in study of the Scriptures and in meditation before the divine Presence; to persevere in consecration and service; in every possible way to seek to make ourselves fit for use by the Spirit.

Not only individuals, but local churches also are called to extend the saving grace of Jesus. Prayer groups and planning conferences, are urgently recommended. Let every Methodist church have a specific, organized program of lay evangelism.

In all our efforts, let us be heralds of hope. There is need for criticism and judgment. But above these negative imperatives there should be faith, hope, and love. Christ, not John the Baptist, is our Saviour. We must proclaim glad tidings over against the despair, the insecurity, the terror, on every hand. Our Redeemer lives! The Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us say so!

In all our witness, let us never forget we are servants of the Holy Spirit. Christ works with us and within us and through us. The Church is God's strategy: we are the extension of His might, His wisdom, and His love.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 47; F, 42; A, 4; N, 1

SUBJECT: SECURING EVANGELISTS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 426

Calendar No. 107. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 530.

We memorialize the General Conference to change Paragraph 353 in the 1948 *Discipline*, Par. 353, which now reads:

"No pastor shall engage other than an accredited Methodist evangelist without first obtaining the written consent of his District Superintendent."

Change Par. 353 so that it will read as follows:

"No pastor shall engage for an evangelist any person who is not a Conference evangelist, or a regular member of an Annual Conference, or an Accepted Supply, in good standing,

without first obtaining the written consent of his District Superintendent." (See also Par. 1554.)

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 46; F, 45; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: RECEPTION OF MEMBER

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1477

Not Reconsidered May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 533.

Calendar No. 108. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Pages 530, 533.

The Committee recommends to add the words "**and regular**" to the address to the parents or sponsors in the baptism of infants (Paragraph 1910, *Discipline*, 1948), so that the clause which reads:

"that he shall be trained to give reverent attendance upon the public and private worship of God and the teaching of the Holy Scripture";

shall read when amended:

*"that he shall be trained to give reverent **and regular** attendance upon the public and private worship of God and the teaching of the Holy Scripture."*

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 46; F, 46, A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION: INACTIVE MEMBERS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. RESOLUTION FROM COMMITTEE

*Calendar No. 110. **Recommitted** May 3, 1952. See Journal, Pages 530, 531.*

Adopted, See Journal, Page 737.

The Committee had before it certain Memorials dealing with the increase in the number of Methodists on the inactive membership lists. The General Board of Evangelism has suggested ways to overcome this problem but efforts so far carried out by the Church seem inadequate to meet the situation.

The Committee commends the General Board of Evangelism for lifting up the problem before the Church and for the efforts so far made to meet the problem. We believe there is need for a more intensive educational program among all members to advise them of the need for transfer of member-

ship promptly on removal to a new location and to urge them to take this action.

We request the General Board of Evangelism in co-operation with other Agencies of the Church to carry out a broad educational program in an effort to overcome the increase in inactive members. We wish to emphasize to all District Superintendents and pastors the need for continuous attention to the use of the *Discipline* plan for transferring members between churches. (Par. 132.) We urge that ministers emphasize to new members that they are joining The Methodist Church, not only a local congregation.

It is suggested further that the General Board of Evangelism take steps to issue through appropriate channels a pamphlet on this subject which may be put into the hands of transferring members by pastors to advise them of the desire of the Church to help them place their membership in a church that is located conveniently to them and in a position to serve the needs of each member.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 9-A. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 46; F, 46; A, 0; N, 0

(RECOMMITTED CALENDAR ITEM 110)

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION—TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. RESOLUTION FROM COMMITTEE

Calendar No. 110. Recommended May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 530.

Calendar No. (252) (110). Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 737, 530.

The Committee had before it certain Memorials dealing with the increase in the number of Methodists who do not transfer their membership promptly when moving to a new community or location.

The Committee commends the General Board of Evangelism for lifting up the problem before the Church and for the efforts so far made to meet the problem. We believe there is need for a more intensive educational program among all members to advise them of the need for transfer of membership promptly on removal to a new location and to urge them to take this action.

We request the General Board of Evangelism in co-operation with other Agencies of the Church to carry out a broad educational program in an effort to overcome this problem. We wish to emphasize to all District Superintendents and pastors the need for continuous attention to the use of the *Discipline* plan for transferring members between churches.

(Paragraph 132.) We urge that ministers emphasize to new members that they are joining The Methodist Church, not a local congregation.

It is suggested further that the General Board of Evangelism take steps to issue through appropriate channels a pamphlet on this subject.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 10. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 49; F, 42; A, 5; N, 2

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 370, 423, 1070, 1482

Amended May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 532.

Calendar No. 115. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 532.

We recommend that Paragraph 1554, Article Nine be changed to read:

"Conference Evangelists: The General Board of Evangelism shall set up standards for Conference evangelists and shall make known these standards to the Church at large. It shall send copies of these standards annually to the Bishops, District Superintendents, Conference Boards of Evangelism, and the Association of Conference evangelists.

"The Board shall provide uniform Blanks for the use of the Conference evangelist in reporting to the Annual Conference.

"The Board shall supervise the work of the Association of Conference Evangelists."

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 11. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 46; F, 46; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL EVANGELISTS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 424, 425, 1474

Calendar No. 116. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 533.

The Committee recommends that a new Paragraph be added to follow Paragraph 1559 in the 1948 *Discipline* to read as follows:

"The Conference Board of Evangelism may recommend to the Annual Conference and to the Bishop in charge the appointment of certain effective members of the Conference as Conference evangelists; provided that such persons meet the

standards set up by the General and Annual Conference Boards of Evangelism for Conference Evangelists."

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM
M, 66; P, 48; F, 46; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: GENERAL BOARD OF EVANGELISM
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 368

Action Deferred May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 533.
Calendar No. 117. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 736.

Commendation to General Board of Evangelism.

Whereas The Methodist Church has been wonderfully directed this past quadrennium in its program of winning folk for Christ and His Church by the General Board of Evangelism.

Be It Therefore Resolved, That we go on record as favoring the present General Board of Evangelism organization, including its entire program and all of its publications. We commend the General Board of Evangelism for their inspired leadership and assure them of our continued support.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13-A. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM
M, 66; P, 48; F, 47; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAINING FOR CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 369-A

Calendar No. 144-A. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal,
Page 534.

Joint Committee on Materials for Training for Church Membership.

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1948 directed the Board of Education and the Board of Evangelism to create a Joint Committee on Materials for Training for Church Membership, and

WHEREAS, The Committee, in pursuance of this authorization, has prepared and, with the resourceful co-operation of The Methodist Publishing House, published a series of manuals for boys and girls, teenagers, and young people and adults, with a manual for the use of pastors in organizing and conducting classes in Training for Church Membership, Therefore,

The General Board of Evangelism hereby memorializes the General Conference to continue this Committee for another quadrennium, or make some other provision to revise and make increasingly useful the materials for Training for Church Membership, in the light of the wider use of these manuals throughout the Church and the many suggestions which the Committee hopes will be offered by those who shall have had experience in the use of these new materials.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 13-B. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 48; F, 47; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE ON MATERIALS FOR TRAINING
FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 369-B

*Calendar No. 144-B. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal,
Page 535.*

We call attention to the splendid manuals prepared during the past quadrennium providing materials for Training for Church Membership. In order to provide for a continuation of the preparation, editing, and improvement of such materials in the future therefore we respectfully recommend to the General Conference that the legislation in Par. 1419 of the *Discipline* of 1948 be retained.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 14. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP RECORDS
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 372

*Calendar No. 145. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal,
Page 535.*

Your Committee recommends concurrence in principle only with this memorial, needing no legislation.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 15. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: EVANGELISTIC LITERATURE
MEMORIALS: SERIAL Nos. 367, 1076, 1080, 1082

*Calendar No. 146. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal,
Page 535.*

Your Committee concurs only in principle with these Memorials, no legislation needed.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 48; F, 47; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 424

Amended May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 535.

Calendar No. 147. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 535.

We memorialize the General Conference to clarify the legislation with reference to the appointment of members of Annual Conferences to serve as Conference Evangelists (hitherto called "Approved" Evangelists). To do this we recommend the following:

Delete the words in Par. 432.5 on lines 7 and 8 "*to do evangelistic work in the Conference*" also add a new Paragraph after 432.5 as follows:

Par. 432.6. On the recommendation of the Conference Board of Evangelism, confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference, the Bishop may appoint an effective member of the Conference as Conference evangelist; provided the appointee meets the standards set up by the General and Annual Conference Boards for Conference evangelists.

(See P. 1554; also new P. following P. 1559).

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 66; P, 48; F, 48; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT MEMORIALS
MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 166. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 536, 754.

These Memorials were considered individually by the Committee, and voted Non-concurrence.

Non-concurrent memorials: 345, 347, 349, 353, 355, 359, 361, 362, 365, 366, 373, 560, 803, 1066, 1067, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1107, 1470, 1471, 1472, 1473, 1476, 1478, 1479, 1480, 1481, 1490, 1494, 1651, 1652, 1653.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
ALBERT W. CLIFFE, *Secretary*.

NO. 9. MINISTRY

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Secretary—Lester Rumble (North Georgia) (SE)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 35.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the "SUBJECT" will be found "MEMORIAL—Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for this Report. For Memorials see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1091. Editor.)

REPORT No. 1. MINISTRY

MAJORITY REPORT—M, 87; P, 74; F, 56; A, 16; N, 2

MINORITY REPORT—M, 87; P, 74; F, 16; A, 56; N, 2

SUBJECT: CLERGY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 384, 386, 413, 417, 436, 443, 451,
474, 475, 479, 519, 555, 556, 1085, 1101, 1119, 1131,
1517, 1534, 1528

*Calendar No. 45. Majority Report Adopted May 6, 1952.
See Journal, Page 783.*

MAJORITY REPORT

Non-concurrence was agreed on as indicated in the above Report.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

MINORITY REPORT

In Paragraph 313 of the *Discipline* delete after comma, "except in so far as they apply to candidates for the traveling ministry" and insert "and may become candidates for the traveling ministry and be accepted into full membership in Annual Conferences, by meeting disciplinary requirements."

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REPORT NO. 2. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 60; F, 40; A, 17; N, 3

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE STATISTICS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 489

*Calendar No. 44. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
 Page 755.*

Amend Paragraph 651, *Discipline* 1948, so as to bring this Paragraph in harmony with Paragraph 646, by inserting the following question under Section II pertaining to ministerial relations: "Are all the ministerial members of the Conference blameless in their life and official administration?"

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
 LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3—MAJORITY REPORT

SEE NO. 4. MINORITY REPORT. MINISTRY

MAJORITY REPORT—M, 87; P, 82; F, 48; A, 33; N, 1

MINORITY REPORT—M, 87; P, 82; F, 33; A, 48; N, 1

SUBJECT: UNORDAINED MINISTER AND SACRAMENT

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 375, 376, 380, 382, 383, 387, 388, 389, 391, 393, 400, 401, 404, 405, 407, 408, 411, 414, 415, 440, 441, 444, 446, 449, 454, 455, 458, 460, 462, 468, 488, 495, 498, 499, 501, 502, 506, 507, 508, 509, 512, 526, 529, 532, 536, 537, 540, 542, 545, 549, 552, 551, 557, 890, 891, 892, 894, 895, 898, 905, 916, 917, 922, 923, 926, 927, 1084, 1096, 1115, 1144, 1145, 1147, 1249, 1250, 1257, 1260, 1265, 1267, 1283, 1514, 1524, 1530, 1531, 1532, 1632, 1634, 1658

*Calendar Nos. 90 and 91. Majority Report Adopted May 3,
 1952. See Journal, Pages 541, 550, 555*

Changes in *Discipline*: Delete from Paragraph 308 all that appears between the word "charge" in the second line from the beginning of the Paragraph to and including "annually" in the fourth line from the end of the Paragraph. Delete in first line, the word "local preacher."

Delete from Paragraph 352 that portion of the second paragraph beginning "an unordained pastor."
Substitute

For the portions deleted in Paragraph 308 insert in the first line after "an unordained" the word "pastor" and in second line after "change" "may be authorized to administer the Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and if the laws of the State permit, to perform the marriage ceremony, within the bounds of his pastoral charge, provided:"

"(a) He has passed the course of study for Admission on Trial—"

"(b) And each year, thereafter, passes one full year of the course of study looking to full ordination. Failure to complete one full year annually shall cause suspension of this privilege."

In Paragraph 352, 2, third line after the word *Discipline* add parenthetically (See Paragraph 308).

The amended Paragraphs then shall read: Paragraph 308—An unordained pastor, only while serving as a regularly appointed pastor of a charge may be authorized to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and, if the laws of the State permit, perform the marriage ceremony, within the bounds of his pastoral charge, provided:

(a) He has passed the course of study for Admission on Trial.

(b) And each year, thereafter, passes one full year of the course of study, looking to full ordination. Failure to complete one full year annually shall cause suspension of this privilege. In all foreign mission fields the conferring of such authority shall rest with the Central Conferences in which they are pastors. (For requirements for ordination see Paragraph 392-402.)

Paragraph 352, 2, shall read: "To administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, to perform the marriage ceremony and to bury the dead, according to the *Discipline*. (See Paragraph 308.)"

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. (Minority Report). MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 82; F, 33; A, 48; N, 1

SUBJECT: UNORDAINED MINISTERS AND THE SACRAMENTS
AND THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 375, 452, 1139, 1541;

PARAGRAPHS 308, 402, 1948 *Discipline*

Calendar No. 91. Minority Report. Not Substituted
May 3, 1952. See Journal, Pages 541, 550, 554, 555.

Paragraph 308. An unordained local preacher, only while serving as a regularly appointed pastor of a charge, may, upon recommendation by his District Superintendent and written consent of the resident Bishop, be authorized to administer the Sacrament of Baptism and, if the law of the State permit, to perform the marriage ceremony. Any exercise by him of his authority outside the bounds of his charge shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of his authorization by his Bishop upon recommendation of his District Superintendent. Written consent by the Bishop shall be on a form prepared by The Methodist Publishing House and must be renewed annually. In all foreign mission fields, the conferring of such authority shall rest with the Central Conference in which they are pastors.

Paragraph 402

Section 1: In first line, change "four" to "two."

In last line, on page 116, after word "completed," drop the remainder and substitute: "to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, the studies prescribed for local deacons, who are candidates for local elder's orders. (See Paragraph 2054-2055.)"

Section 2: In line four, change "two" to "one"; in line five, change "full" to "third year in the." Following "prescribed," add "for local elders' orders (see Paragraphs 2054-2055) add: the fourth year in the Conference Course of Study must be completed within two years if the candidate is to be continued as an Approved Supply Pastor."

Section 3: In line 3, change "two" to "one." In line 4, following election, add "to elders' orders." In next to last line, change after the word "completed" by dropping remainder of the Paragraph and inserting, "to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications the studies prescribed for local elders' orders (see Paragraph 2054-2055)."

Add: In order to be continued as an Approved Supply in an Annual Conference, he must continue and complete all of the required Courses of Study under the direction of the Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications within the requirements of Paragraph 320.

Section 4: In line 3, change "two" to "one" and remove "successive." In next to last line of Paragraph after "completed" drop remainder and insert: "to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, the studies prescribed for elders' orders (see Paragraph 2047-2048)."

Add following Paragraph 2047-48: **"he must comply with Paragraph 347."**

Under section 5: In line three, after section 4, drop the remainder of the Paragraph and insert: **"and have completed two years of the Bachelor of Divinity degree or its equivalent in an accredited theological seminary or have completed to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, the studies required for elders' orders; (see Paragraph 2047-2048) and have been deacons for at least one year; and have been admitted into full connection."**

The Paragraph now reads:

An elder has authority to preach, to conduct divine worship, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and to perform the marriage ceremony. Preachers of the following classes are eligible to the order of elder:

1. Local preachers—those who have been for four consecutive years local deacons, or have served as regularly appointed Supply Pastors for two full years after having been ordained deacons; and who present a recommendation for elder's orders from the District Conference (Paragraph 671) or, where no District Conference exists, from the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers (Paragraph 675, Section 2), duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof; and who have completed, satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the studies prescribed for local deacons who are candidates for elders' orders.

2. Accepted Supply Pastors—those who have been ordained deacons under the provisions of Paragraph 393, section 2, who have been serving as regular Accepted Supply Pastors for two full years since their ordination, and have satisfactorily completed the full conference course prescribed.

3. Local deacons who have been received on trial—those who have been in full connection in the Annual Conference, who have been local deacons for two consecutive years immediately preceding such election, and who have completed satisfactorily to the Conference, the Conference Course of Study.

4. Conference members in the Conference Courses—those who have been in full connection in the Annual Conference for two successive years, and also deacons during the same time, and have completed, satisfactorily to the Conference, the Conference Course of Study.

5. Seminary students—those who have been received on trial and elected to the office of deacon under the provisions of Paragraph 393, section 4, and have completed, satisfactorily to the Conference, the Conference Course of Study; have been deacons at least one year; and have been admitted into full connection.

6. Missionaries—those who are members of, or have been received on trial in, an Annual Conference, and have been appointed to a Chaplaincy in the Army or Navy, or in a hospital, prison, reformatory, sanatorium, or a charitable institution, or to a foreign mission, or to the pastorate of a church in a foreign country outside of a Mission or Conference, or to a Mission among foreign people within an English-speaking conference.

The Paragraph will then read:

An elder has authority to preach, to conduct divine worship, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and to perform the marriage ceremony. Preachers of the following classes are eligible to the order of elder.

1. Local preachers—those who have been for two consecutive years local deacons, or have served as regularly appointed Supply Pastors for two full years after having been ordained deacons; and who present a recommendation for elder's orders from the District Conference (Paragraph 671) or, where no District Conference exists, from the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers (Paragraph 675, section 2) duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof; and who have completed to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications the studies prescribed for candidates for local deacons, who are candidates for local elders' orders. (See Paragraph 2054-2055.)

2. Approved Supply Pastors—those who have been ordained deacons, under the provisions of Paragraph 393, section 2, who have been serving as regular Approved Supply Pastors for one full year, since their ordination as deacon and have satisfactorily completed the third year in the Conference Course prescribed for local elders' orders. (See Paragraphs 2054-2055.) The fourth year in the Conference Course of Study must be completed within two years if the candidate is to be continued as an Approved Supply Pastor.

3. Local deacons who have been received on trial—those who have been in full connection in the Annual Conference, who have been local deacons for one consecutive year im-

mediately preceding such election to elders' orders, and who have completed to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications the studies prescribed for local elders' orders (see Paragraph 2054-2055). In order to be continued as an Approved Supply in an Annual Conference, he must continue and complete all of the required Courses of Study under the direction of the Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications within the requirements of Paragraph 320.

4. Conference members in the Conference Courses—those who have been in full connection in the Annual Conference for one year, and also deacons during the same time, and have completed to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications the studies prescribed for elders' orders. (See Paragraph 2047-2048.) He must comply with Paragraph 347.

5. Seminary students—those who have been received on trial and elected to the office of deacon under the provisions of Paragraph 393, section 4, and have completed two years of the Bachelor of Divinity Degree or its equivalent in an accredited theological seminary or have completed to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, the studies required for elder's orders: (see Paragraph 2047-2048) and have been deacons for at least one year; and have been admitted into full connection.

6. Missionaries—those who are members of, or have been received on trial in an Annual Conference, and have been appointed to a Chaplaincy in the Army or Navy, or in a hospital, prison, reformatory, sanatorium, or a charitable institution, or to a foreign mission, or to the pastorate of a church in a foreign country outside of a Mission or Conference, or to a Mission among foreign people within an English-speaking Conference.

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REPORT NO. 5-A. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 77; F, 39; A, 37; N, 1

SUBJECT: CALL TO PREACH (Par. 303). MAJORITY REPORT

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 398, 422, 448, 452, 469,
531, 1097, 1104, 1125

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 773.

*Calendar No. 92-A. Majority Report Not Adopted May 6,
1952. See Journal, Pages 773, 781, 782.*

For final action on this subject see Report No. 6, Page 1277.

Paragraph 303:

Under 1-c, 20b, in last line, after "from" drop the remainder of the sentence and add: "Before a license to preach is granted any applicant, the Committee shall call upon him to make a complete rededication of himself to the highest ideals of the Christian ministry."

The Committee shall also stress the great importance of living an exemplary life, and the fact that every minister of The Methodist Church is expected to keep himself free from all harmful practices which would discount his ministry, such as the use of intoxicants, narcotics, tobacco, and other forms of self-indulgence and urge that he consecrate himself to purity of life in body, mind, and spirit."

The sections now read:

1. To qualify for a license to preach where a District Conference exists, the person must take the following steps:

(c) Pass a satisfactory written examination in the studies prescribed for candidates for license to preach, be examined on the subject of doctrine and discipline, and agree to abstain wholly from the use of tobacco.

2. To qualify for a license to preach where there is no District Conference, the person must take the following steps:

(b) Pass a satisfactory written examination in the studies prescribed for candidates for license to preach, be examined on the subjects of doctrine and discipline, and agree to abstain wholly from the use of tobacco.

Then the sections will read:

1. To qualify for a license to preach where a District Conference exists, the person must take the following steps;

(c) Pass a satisfactory written examination in the studies prescribed for candidates for license to preach, and be examined on the subjects of doctrine and discipline. Before a license to preach is granted any applicant, the Committee shall call upon him to make a complete rededication of himself to the highest ideals of the Christian ministry. The Committee shall also stress the great importance of living an exemplary life, and the fact that every minister of The Methodist Church is expected to keep himself free from all harmful practices which would discount his ministry, such as the use of intoxicants, narcotics, tobacco, and other forms of self-indulgence, and urge that he consecrate himself to purity of life in body, mind, and spirit.

2. To qualify for a license to preach where there is no District Conference, the person must take the following steps:

(b) Pass a satisfactory written examination in the studies prescribed for candidates for license to preach, be examined on the subjects of doctrine and discipline.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5-B. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 77; F, 39; A, 37; N, 1

SUBJECT: TRAVELING PREACHERS—ADMISSION. MAJORITY REPORT

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 385, 398, 422, 448, 452, 469, 531, 1097, 1104, 1125. Non-concurrence 1523, 459, 482, 492, 513, 522, 524, 550, 1123, 1128, 1521, 1525, 1679

Calendar No. 92-B. Majority Report Not Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 773, 781, 782.

For final action on this subject see Report No. 6, Page 1277.

CHAPTER III

Traveling Preachers

Section 1—Admission.

Paragraph 321:

In the last line at bottom of page, after "trial," change period to comma (,) and add: "or have completed one-third of the requirements for the B.D. degree or equivalent, from an accredited theological seminary. He must present a satisfactory certificate of good health, on the prescribed form, from a physician approved by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications."

In line 6 (page 97), drop the word "health."

Section 4, change to: "Before a candidate is received on trial into an Annual Conference the Committee shall call upon him to make a complete rededication of himself to the highest ideals of the Christian ministry. The Committee shall also stress the great importance of living an exemplary life free from all harmful practices which would discount his ministry, and urge that he consecrate himself to purity of life in body, mind and spirit."

The Paragraph now reads:

A candidate for the traveling ministry who applies for Admission on Trial to an Annual Conference must present a recommendation duly signed by the President and Secretary of the District Conference (Paragraph 671) or by the Chairman and Secretary of the Interim District Licensing Committee (Paragraph 672), or where no District Conference exists, by the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers (Paragraph 675, section 2).

He must have passed a written examination on the studies prescribed for candidates for Admission on Trial (Paragraph 324). He must deposit with the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in duplicate on the prescribed form—one copy to be filed with the Secretary of the Annual Conference and one to be retained by the Board—satisfactory written answer to questions which may be asked concerning such matters as his age, health, religious and church experience, call to the ministry, educational record, and plans. The following questions shall be included:

(1) Are you convinced that you should enter the ministry of the Church?

(2) Are you willing to face any sacrifices that may be involved?

(3) Are you in debt so as to interfere with your work, or have you obligations to others which will make it difficult for you to live on the salary you are to receive?

(4) Will you abstain from the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure your influence?

(5) Will you keep before you as the one great objective of your life the advancement of God's Kingdom?

The Paragraph will then read:

A candidate for the traveling ministry who applies for Admission on Trial to an Annual Conference must present a recommendation duly signed by the President and Secretary of the District Conference (Paragraph 671) or by the Chairman and Secretary of the Interim District Licensing

Committee (Paragraph 672) or where no District Conference exists, by the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers (Paragraph 675, section 2). He must have passed a written examination on the studies prescribed for candidates for Admission on Trial (Paragraph 324), or have completed one-third of the requirements for the B.D. degree, or equivalent, from an accredited theological seminary. He must present a satisfactory certificate of good health on the prescribed form, from a physician approved by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. He must deposit with the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, in duplicate on the prescribed form—one copy to be filed with the Secretary of the Annual Conference and one to be retained by the Board—satisfactory written answers to questions which may be asked concerning such matters as his age, religious and church experience, call to the ministry, educational record, and plans. The following questions shall be included:

(1) Are you convinced that you should enter the ministry of the Church?

(2) Are you willing to face any sacrifices that may be involved?

(3) Are you in debt so as to interfere with your work, or have you obligations to others which will make it difficult for you to live on the salary you are to receive?

(4) Do you make a complete rededication of yourself to the highest ideals of the Christian Ministry and consecrate yourself to purity of life in body, mind, and spirit?

(5) Will you keep before you as the one great objective of your life the advancement of God's Kingdom?

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 6. MINISTRY
M, 87; P, 77; F, 37; A, 39; N, 1
SUBJECT: **Minority Report**
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 93

Calendar No. 93 Minority Report Substituted for Reports 5-A and 5-B and Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 781, 782.

Substitute for the present Paragraph 321, question 4, 1948 Discipline, the following:

Are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself to the highest ideals of the Christian ministry and bear witness to the same by your abstinence from the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure your influence, consecrating yourself to purity in life, in body, in mind and in spirit.

Change Paragraph 303, 1c and 303 2b by reading after the word "from" the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure the candidate's influence.

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REPORT No. 7. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: LICENSE TO PREACH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 452, page 2

Calendar No. 94. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 755.

Paragraph 150. Quarterly Conference—License to Preach. Section 2—Change last sentence by adding after "Local Preachers," **"and pass the written examination prescribed in Paragraph 2043."**

In line 2 and 3 change "671-672" to "670-673."

The Section now reads:

"2. Recommended by written, secret ballot proper persons to the District Conference for license to preach (Para-

graphs 671-72), when in its judgment their gifts, graces, and usefulness shall warrant; or, in case no District Conference is authorized by the Annual Conference, license such persons to preach, provided they have previously received the written approval of the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers. (Paragraph 675.)"

The Section will then read:

"Recommend by written, secret ballot proper persons to the District Conference for license to preach (Paragraphs 670-673), when in its judgment their gifts, graces, and usefulness shall warrant; or, in case no District Conference is authorized by the Annual Conference, license such persons to preach, provided they have previously received the written approval of the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers (Paragraph 675), and passed the written examination on the books prescribed in Paragraph 2043."

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 8. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CHANGE NAME OF ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTOR

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 452, page 2

Calendar No. 95. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 755.

Wherever "Accepted Supply" occurs in the *Discipline*, change to "Approved Supply."

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 9. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 64; F, 64; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CALL TO PREACH

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 398, 422, 448, 469, 531, 1097, 1104, 1125, 452 (In Part)

Calendar No. 96. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 755.

Add this Preface to Paragraph 301.

The Preface and Paragraph will then read:

"Where a member of a local church evidences a desire to preach, it shall be the duty of his pastor to counsel with him and if persuaded that this member possesses gifts, grace and promise of usefulness, shall encourage him to become a can-

didate for a local preacher's license and shall guide him toward qualifying for examination by the District Conference or Interim Committee."

Paragraph 301. In order that we may try those persons who profess to be moved by the Holy Spirit to preach, let the following questions be asked, namely:

"1. Do they know God as a pardoning God? Have they the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? Are they holy in all manner of conversation?"

"2. Have they gifts, as well as grace, for the work? Have they a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? Do they speak justly, readily, clearly?"

"3. Have they fruit? Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by their preaching?"

As long as these marks concur in anyone, we believe he is called of God to preach. These we receive as sufficient proof that he is moved by the Holy Spirit.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 48; F, 48; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: APPROVED SUPPLIES, REQUIREMENTS FOR
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NOS. 427, 430, 452, page 9, 487

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 756.

Calendar No. 97. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 756.

Approved Supply Pastors

Section II

Paragraph 315-1: Drop the first paragraph and substitute the following:

"1. The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall recommend annually to the Annual Conference those who have met the requirements to become Approved Supply Pastors for the ensuing year."

2. In first line after "Preacher" drop "*employed as a pastor*" and insert: "*desiring to become an Approved Supply.*" In last line, drop "*Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors*" and substitute, "Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications."

3. In second line, drop the 4th and 5th words "*employ, but,*" and insert: "*appoint a local preacher, not on the ap-*"

proved list." In third line, change *comma* to *period*, after "Conference," then add: "He cannot appoint an unapproved local preacher for more than a portion of a Conference year. If a local preacher fails to be approved by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, he cannot serve as a Supply Pastor. (Paragraphs 671-672.)"

The Paragraph now reads:

"1. The Bishop and District Superintendents shall nominate and the Annual Conference elect not more than nine elders to be a quadrennial Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors. The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications and the Committee on Conference Relations shall be represented by one or more each on this Committee. This Committee shall recommend annually to the Annual Conference those who may become Supply Pastors for the ensuing year.

"2. Any local preacher employed as a pastor must have his character, fitness, training, and effectiveness passed by a majority vote of the District Conference (Paragraph 671), a unanimous vote of the Interim District Licensing Committee (Paragraph 672), or a majority vote of the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers (Paragraph 675, section 2) and by the Annual Conference, after reference to and recommendation by the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors.

"3. Between sessions of the Annual Conference, a District Superintendent may employ, but only until the next session of Annual Conference, as a Supply Pastor, a local preacher who is not listed as an Accepted Supply."

The Paragraph will then read:

"1. The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall recommend annually to the Annual Conference those who have met the requirements to become Approved Supply Pastors for the ensuing year classifying them in one of the following categories: (1) Approved Student Supply Pastors who are in schools, colleges or seminaries preparing for Conference membership. (2) Approved Part-time Supply Pastors other than students. (3) Approved Full-time Supply Pastors who are elders or are taking one Course of Study preparing for ordination as required by Par. 320 and are giving full time to pastoral work.

"2. Any local preacher desiring to become an Approved Supply Pastor must have his character, fitness, training, and effectiveness passed by a majority vote of the District Conference (Paragraph 671), a unanimous vote of the Interim District Licensing Committee (Paragraph 672), or a ma-

jority vote of the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers (Paragraph 675-section 2), and by the Annual Conference, after reference to and recommendation by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

"3. Between sessions of the Annual Conference a District Superintendent may employ a Local Preacher not on the list of Approved Supply Pastors until the next session of the Annual Conference. He cannot appoint an unapproved Local Preacher for more than a portion of one Conference year. If a Local Preacher fails to secure approval as an Approved Supply Pastor he cannot serve as a Supply Pastor.

"4. The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications may recommend annually to the Annual Conference, students of other denominations in any Accredited School of Theology, to serve as Student Pastors for ensuing year, under the supervision of the District Superintendent."

We further recommend that Par. 651, Section 17 be changed so as to include the categories as indicated above.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman:*

LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 11. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 44; F, 41; A, 0; N, 3

SUBJECT: COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 452, page 39

Calendar No. 98. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 757.

Paragraph 1385

In line 3, following "composed of" drop "*five Bishops and five other ministers*" and substitute the following: "*a Bishop and a pastor from each of the Jurisdictions.*" In line 5, after "Bishops, five," drop "*members,*" then insert after Bishops "*and six teachers.*"

In line 8, after "ex officio" insert, "*if a pastor on the Commission transfers to another Jurisdiction, he forfeits his membership on the Commission and the Council of Bishops will name his successor.*"

In the last line, drop "*Educational Director*" and substitute "*Executive Secretary.*"

Paragraph 1385 now reads:

"Affiliated with the Division of Educational Institutions there shall be a Commission on Ministerial Training, which

shall be composed of five Bishops and five other ministers to be appointed by the Council of Bishops; five members from the faculties of the theological schools of the Church elected by the Division, the Executive Secretary of the Division, and the Book Editor *ex officio*. The members of this Commission shall hold office until their successors are duly qualified. The Commission shall elect an Educational Director who by virtue of his office shall be a member of the staff of the Division. The work of the Commission shall be reported to the annual meeting of the General Board of Education."

The Paragraph will then read:

"Affiliated with the Division of Educational Institutions there shall be a Commission on Ministerial Training, which shall be composed of a **Bishop and a pastor from each of the Jurisdictions**, to be appointed by the Council of Bishops, and **six teachers** from the faculties of the theological schools of the Church elected by the Division, the Executive Secretary of the Division, and the Book Editor *ex officio*. **If a pastor on the Commission transfers to another Jurisdiction, he forfeits his membership on the Commission and the Council of Bishops will name his successor.** The members of this Commission shall hold office until their successors are duly qualified. The Commission shall elect an **Executive Secretary** who by virtue of his office shall be a member of the Staff of the Division. The work of the Commission shall be reported to the annual meeting of the General Board of Education."

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 452, page 40

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 757.

Calendar No. 99. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 757.

Paragraph 1387

In line 5, insert after "study" and before "extending," **for those not holding B.D. degrees or equivalent, from accredited seminaries.** In line 8, after "course" and before "which," insert **for local preachers.**

In line 11, drop "*Under Appendix*" and insert, **Paragraphs 2041-55.**

The Paragraph now reads:

"The Commission shall study the educational needs of our ministry and shall prescribe the Courses of Study to be pursued by those applying for license to preach, for orders as local preachers, and for Admission on Trial, respectively; also a Course of Study extending through four years to be pursued by those who have been Admitted on Trial in the Annual Conference, and a simplified Four-Year Course which, if the Annual Conference shall so determine, may be used for the Accepted Supply Pastors in lieu of the regular Conference Course. (See Courses of Study, under Appendix.) It shall recommend courses of reading and also provide graduate correspondence Courses of Study for preachers who have finished their undergraduate Courses of Study."

The Paragraph will then read:

"The Commission shall study the educational needs of our ministry and shall prescribe the Courses of Study to be pursued by those applying for license to preach, for orders as local preachers, and for Admission on Trial, respectively; also a course of study, **for those not holding B.D. degrees or equivalent, from accredited seminaries**, extending through four years to be pursued by those who have been Admitted on Trial in the Annual Conference, and a simplified Four-Year Course **for local preachers**, which, if the Annual Conference shall so determine, may be used for the Approved Supply Pastors in lieu of the regular Conference course. (See Courses of Study, Paragraph 2041-55.) It shall recommend courses of reading and also provide graduate correspondence Courses of Study for preachers who have finished their undergraduate Courses of Study."

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 13. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COURSES OF STUDY FOR MINISTERIAL TRAINING

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 452, page 41

Calendar No. 100. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 758.

Paragraph 2041.

In note 1: Drop "810 Broadway," and insert 101 19th Avenue, South.

In note 2: Drop 1952, insert 1956.

In note 3, a: Drop the sentence beginning with "It may" and ending in "difficult course."

In note 4: Drop entire Paragraph, and substitute: "The general suggestions in the Student's Handbook are to be read

each year. Take up each book in the order listed. These directions must be carefully followed. All examinations must be in writing."

In note 5: Drop *Gammon School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia*.

The Paragraph now reads:

"Note 1—The Commission on Ministerial Training, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee, administers this work.

"Note 2—The following Courses of Study will be in operation in the Church until the General Conference of 1952, unless books listed go out of print.

"Note 3—Two courses appear here: (a) Course I (Paragraph 2043-48) is required of candidates for Conference membership who do not have a B.D. Degree from an accredited seminary. It may also be used for Supply Pastors in any Annual Conference where they are judged capable of taking this more difficult course. (See Paragraphs 321-27, 345-47). (b) Course II (Paragraphs 2050-55) is for Supply Pastors. The first two years are required for local deacon's orders, all four years for local elder's orders. Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications may choose this course for their candidates for the ministry after securing the permission of the Commission on Ministerial Training. (See Paragraphs 321-27, 345-47.)

"Note 4—It will be noted that some books are for examination and others for collateral study. All are to be carefully studied according to the requirements of the *Student's Handbook*, 1948 edition (available in the fall of 1948), which is a required part of each year's work. The 'General Suggestions' are to be read each year. The 'Directions for Books to Be Studied' take up each book in turn including those for collateral study, and indicate just what is required. These directions must be carefully followed. All examinations must be in writing.

"Note 5—It is recommended that these courses be taken through one of the authorized Correspondence Schools: Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Georgia; Gammon School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia; Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

"Note 6—Paragraph 2043 indicates the four books required for License to Preach. The written examination in these may be given by the District Licensing Committee (Paragraph 672), the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers (Paragraph 675), the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Annual Conference, or the Correspondence School, as the District Super-

intendent may determine. Those taking this examination shall repeat the same studies if and when they decide to enter the ministry.

"Note 7—In the case of local preachers who are candidates for the traveling ministry, examinations may be suspended while they are pursuing regular Courses of Study in our theological seminaries or in universities or colleges approved by the University Senate, until they shall become candidates for deacon's or elder's orders.

"Note 8—Paragraph 323 explains the minimum educational requirements for Conference admission. Many Annual Conferences have their own regulations in advance of these.

"Note 9—Candidates for the ministry are urged to make early contact with the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of their own Annual Conference, and to consult with the Board with regard to educational plans. Note that many colleges and seminaries are not accredited.

"Note 10—Local preachers and Supply Pastors who give only part time to the work of the ministry are urged to take the Course of Study as rapidly as possible to increase their effectiveness and also the likelihood of their continued use as Supply Pastors."

The Paragraph will then read:

"Note 1—The Commission on Ministerial Training, 101 19th Avenue, South, Nashville 3, Tennessee, administers this work.

"Note 2—The following Courses of Study will be in operation in the Church until the General Conference of 1956, unless books listed go out of print.

"Note 3—Two Courses appear here: (a) Course I (Paragraphs 2043-48) is required of candidates for Conference membership who do not have a B.D. Degree from an accredited seminary. (See Paragraphs 321-27, 345-47). (b) Course II (Paragraphs 2050-55) is for Supply Pastors. The first two years are required for local deacon's orders, all four years for local elder's orders. Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications may choose this course for their candidates for the ministry after securing the permission of the Commission on Ministerial Training. (See Paragraphs 321-27, 345-47.)

"Note 4—The general suggestions in the Student's Handbook are to be read each year. Take up each book in the order listed. These directions must be carefully followed. All examinations must be in writing.

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Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Georgia; Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

"Note 6—Paragraph 2043 indicates the four books required for License to Preach. The written examination in these may be given by the District Licensing Committee (Paragraph 672), the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers (Paragraph 675), the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Annual Conference, or the Correspondence School as the District Superintendent may determine. Those taking this examination shall repeat the same studies if and when they decide to enter the ministry.

"Note 7—In the case of local preachers who are candidates for the traveling ministry, examinations may be suspended while they are pursuing regular Courses of Study in our theological seminaries or in universities or colleges approved by the University Senate, until they shall become candidates for deacon's or elder's orders.

"Note 8—Paragraph 323 explains the minimum educational requirements for Conference admission. Many Annual Conferences have their own regulations in advance of these.

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"Note 10—Local preachers and Supply Pastors who give only part time to the work of the ministry are urged to take the course of study as rapidly as possible to increase their effectiveness and also the likelihood of their continued use as Supply Pastors."

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE OF PROTESTANTS WITH PERSONS OF
OTHER FAITHS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 677, 716, 719

*Calendar No. 101. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 758.*

We recommend to amend Paragraph 352 entitled "The Duties of a Pastor" by inserting the following as No. 6 and numbering the following duties listed accordingly:

No. 6. "To instruct our youth in the problems involved in marriage with members of other Churches when those

Churches demand that the children of such marriage be reared in the faith of that Church."

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. MINISTRY
M, 87; P, 46; F, 44; A, 1; N, 1
SUBJECT: RETIREMENT OF A BISHOP
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 442

Calendar No. 102. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 759.

Change Paragraph 436, section 3, which reads as follows:
A Bishop who has reached the age of sixty-five years and who has given written notice that he so elects to the Bishops of his Jurisdiction, may be retired at the session of the Jurisdictional Conference next following such notice.

To read:

"A Bishop who has reached the age of sixty-five years or who will reach the age of sixty-five years during the calendar year in which his Jurisdictional Conference is held, and who has given written notice that he so elects to the Bishops of his Jurisdiction, may be retired at the session of his Jurisdictional Conference next following such notice."

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. MINISTRY
M, 87; P, 45; F, 24; A, 19; N, 2
SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF MINISTERS
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1118

Calendar No. 103. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 759.

Amend Paragraph 431, Section 7 of 1948 *Discipline* by preceding it with **"To transfer, with the consent of the Bishop of the receiving Conference a ministerial member of one Annual Conference to another provided the ministerial member agrees to said transfer."**

The section would then read: **"431, Section 7—The duties of a Bishop are: "To transfer with the consent of the Bishop of the receiving Conference a ministerial member of one Annual Conference to another provided the ministerial member agrees to said transfer; and to send immediately to the Secretaries of both Annual Conferences involved and to the clearing house of the Board of Pensions, written notices of**

the transfer of a member, and his standing in the Course of Study, if an undergraduate.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 17. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 70; F, 68; A, 1; N, 1

SUBJECT: ADMISSION ON TRIAL—APPROVED SUPPLY
PASTOR

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 452, pages 16-17, Par. 323
Discipline

*Calendar No. 112. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 759.*

Changes in *Discipline* 1948, Paragraph 323:

Leave Paragraph 323 as is but drop the footnote.

Add as Paragraph 323-A the following:

“An Approved Supply Pastor over 35 years of age may be received On Trial into an Annual Conference by a three fourth vote provided:

(a) He has completed at least 30 semester hours of college credit.

(b) He has completed the Conference Course of Study.

(c) He has served as a full time Approved Supply in an Annual Conference for six consecutive years.

(d) He has been recommended by the Cabinet and a three-fourths vote of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

(e) And written statements of recommendation by the Cabinet and Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications have been read to the Conference before the vote is taken, setting forth the particular and special reasons why the person should be admitted into the Conference.”

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 17-A. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 70; F, 68; A, 1; N, 1

SUBJECT: SUPPLY PASTORS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 55, 60, 390, 396, 419, 435, 439,
467, 470, 493, 511, 525, 538, 546, 1049, 1098, 1106, 1117,
1136, 1535, 1537, 1539

*Calendar No. (155) (112). Adopted May 6, 1952.
See Journal, Page 759.*

Concurrent attendant Memorials for a report previously presented as No. 17, Calendar 112.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 18. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 53; F, 27; A, 25; N, 1

SUBJECT: ORDINATION DEACONS—SEMINARY RULE
MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 434, 477, 1093

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 759.

Calendar No. 121. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 759.

Amend Paragraph 393, Section 4, by substituting for the words "*two thirds*" the words **one third** so that the revised section will read:

4. *Seminary students*—Those who have been local preachers for two full years and have completed **one third** of the regular degree course in one of our theological seminaries, or another theological seminary whose standing is approved by the University Senate; and have been received on Trial.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 19. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 70; F, 70; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ORDINATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1654

Calendar No. 122. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 761.

Change in *Discipline*; Paragraph 341, line 5. Delete "*who has received ordination as deacon*" and insert, "**who has been elected to deacon's orders**" so that the Paragraph will read:

"A preacher on Trial who has been appointed in the regular itinerent work on circuits or stations, or as instructor in one of our institutions of learning, for two successive years from the time he was received on trial and **who has been elected to deacon's orders**, may be admitted into Full Connection" . . . etc., as now.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 20. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 62; F, 62; A, 0; N, 0

**SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS—*Discipline*
Par. 322**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 452, pages 14, 15
*Calendar No. 123. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 762.*

Paragraph 322:

At the end of the first paragraph add: **Any Conference may designate a Bachelor of Divinity Degree or its equivalent, from an accredited school of theology, as the minimum educational requirement for Admission into that Conference. (See Paragraph 323.)**

The second paragraph beginning "Where Equivalent" is to be dropped, and the following paragraph substituted: **The Commission on Ministerial Training shall evaluate all college and seminary work for "equivalent credit" in subjects of the required Courses of Study. The Director of the Correspondence School shall send a certificate of credit for this work in duplicate to the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. These certificates must be filed, after reporting to the Annual Conference, with the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.**

The Paragraph now reads:

It is expected of all candidates for the ministry that they shall complete a four-year college course of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree or its equivalent, and complete a course leading to the Bachelor of Divinity or an equivalent degree, in one of our accredited schools of theology, or a school of theology approved by the University Senate.

Where "equivalent" credit is given for academic work toward a Bachelor of Arts Degree, the candidate must present a certificate from the Dean of an accredited Methodist College. Where "equivalent" credit is given for academic work toward a Bachelor of Divinity Degree, the candidate must present a certificate of evaluation from the Dean of an accredited Methodist seminary. These certificates must be filed, after reporting to the Annual Conference, with the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. In the following Paragraphs, where academic credit is allowed, the above requirement shall be observed.

The Paragraph will then read:

It is expected of all candidates for the ministry that they shall complete a four-year college course of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree, or its equivalent, and complete a course leading to the Bachelor of Divinity, or equivalent.

lent degree, in one of our accredited schools of theology or a school of theology approved by the University Senate. Any Conference may designate a Bachelor of Divinity Degree, or its equivalent, from an accredited school of theology, as the minimum educational requirements for Admission into that Conference. (See Paragraph 323.) The Commission on Ministerial Training shall evaluate all college and seminary work for "equivalent credit" in subjects of the required Courses of Study. The Director of the Correspondence School shall send a certificate of credit for this work in duplicate, to the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. These certificates must be filed, after reporting to the Annual Conference, with the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

In the following Paragraphs, where academic credit is allowed, the above procedure shall be observed.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 21. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 63; F, 62; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: TRAVELING PREACHERS UNDER THREE-FOURTHS
RULE—*Discipline* Par. 331

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 452, page 19

Calendar No. 124. *Adopted* May 6, 1952. *See Journal*,
Page 763.

Paragraph 331:

Add at the end of the Paragraph: **Men received into the Conference on the $\frac{3}{4}$ rule may have only two additional years to complete the extra courses required under Paragraph 323. Any member who does not complete the total required work in eight years shall be discontinued.**

The Paragraph now reads:

Any member On Trial who does not complete the first two years of the Course of Study within four years shall be discontinued, unless an extension of time shall be recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications and authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.

The Paragraph will then read:

Any member On Trial who does not complete the first two years of the Course of Study within four years shall be discontinued, unless an extension of time shall be recommended by a two-thirds vote by the Board of Ministerial

Training and Qualifications and authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference. **Men received into the Conference on the $\frac{3}{4}$ Rule may have only two additional years to complete the extra courses required under Paragraph 323. Any member who does not complete the total required work in eight years shall be discontinued.**

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 22. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 63; F, 62; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: STUDENT IN SEMINARY—*Discipline*, Par. 341

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 500

Calendar No. 125. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 763.

In Paragraph 341 delete in the third line from the end of the Paragraph beginning with the word "*appointed*" and substitute "**serving under the appointment or supervision of a District Superintendent.**" (See Paragraph 325-327.)

The related portion from the beginning of the fifth line from the top of page 101 in 1948 *Discipline* will then read: "provided this shall not be so construed as to prevent the Admission into Full Connection of one who, while a student in any college or theological seminary of The Methodist Church approved by the authorized standardizing agency, or other evangelical seminary of equal rank has been, for the proper length of time, regularly **serving under the appointment or supervision of a District Superintendent.**" (See Par. 325-327.)

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 23. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 56; F, 56; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: INVOLUNTARY LOCATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 452, pages 23-24

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 763.

Calendar No. 126. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 763.

Paragraph 377:

Add: at the end of the Paragraph, **He becomes a local preacher, but ineligible for an appointment as Supply or Approved Supply Pastor.** In Line 14, after the word "con-

sent" place a period and drop the rest of the sentence.
The Paragraph now reads:

Whenever it is determined by the Committee on Conference Relations that, in their judgment, a member of the Annual Conference is unacceptable, inefficient, or indifferent in the work of the ministry, or that his conduct is such as to impair seriously his usefulness as a minister, or that his engagement in secular business, except as required by the ill health of himself or his family, disqualifies him for pastoral work, they shall notify him in writing, and ask him to request location at the next session of the Annual Conference. If he refuses or neglects to locate as requested, the Conference may, by count vote, upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations locate him without his consent, which action deprives him of the right to exercise the ministerial office.

The Paragraph will then read:

Whenever it is determined by the Committee on Conference Relations that, in their judgment, a member of the Annual Conference is unacceptable, inefficient, or indifferent in the work of the ministry, or that his engagement in secular business except as required by the ill health of himself or his family, disqualifies him for pastoral work, they shall notify him in writing, and ask him to request location at the current session of the Annual Conference. If he refuses or neglects to locate as requested, the Conference may, by count vote, upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, locate him without his consent. **He becomes a local preacher, but ineligible as Supply or Approved Supply Pastor.**

Paragraph 378:

Add at the end of the Paragraph: **He becomes a local preacher, but ineligible for appointment as a supply or approved supply pastor.**

In line 5, change "six" to **three**.

In line 12, after "consent," place a period and drop the rest of the sentence.

The Paragraph now reads:

Whenever it is unanimously determined by the District Superintendents that a member of the Annual Conference should be located for any of the reasons cited in Paragraph 377, they shall notify him in writing of their judgment at least six months before the next session of the Annual Conference, and ask him to request location at such session

under the provisions of Paragraph 375. If he refuses or neglects to locate as requested, the District Superintendents shall certify the facts to the Committee on Conference Relations, which Committee shall proceed to recommend his immediate location without his consent, which action discontinues his right to exercise the ministerial office.

The Paragraph will then read:

Whenever it is unanimously determined by the District Superintendents that a member of the Annual Conference should be located for any of the reasons cited in Paragraph 377, they shall notify him in writing of their judgment at least **three** months before the next session of the Annual Conference, and ask him to request location at such session under the provisions of Paragraph 375. If he refuses, or neglects to locate as requested, the District Superintendents shall certify the facts to the Committee on Conference Relations, which Committee shall proceed to recommend his immediate location without his consent. **He becomes a local preacher, but ineligible for appointment as a Supply or Approved Supply Pastor.**

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 24. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 56; F, 56; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 452, Page 20.

*Calendar No. 127. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal.
Page 766.*

Paragraph 342: Cancel this Paragraph and substitute the following:

The Paragraph now reads:

An Annual Conference may require a physical examination of a candidate before his Admission either On Trial or into Full Connection from membership on Trial or on credentials from other Churches.

The Paragraph will then read:

Every candidate for Admission on Trial or for recognition of credentials from other Churches must present a satisfactory certificate of good health, on the prescribed form, from a physician approved by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 25. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 58; F, 56; A, 1; N, 1

SUBJECT: DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL
QUALIFICATIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 510, 1527

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 767.

*Calendar No. 194. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Pages 767, 770.*

Paragraph 675—Amend by substituting.

The Paragraph now reads:

In every District where there is no District Conference there shall be a District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers, of which the District Superintendent shall be Chairman. The Committee shall be nominated annually by the District Superintendent and approved by the Annual Conference. It shall examine each person who applies for a license to preach or for a renewal of such a license. Where there is evidence that his gifts, usefulness, and faithfulness and proficiency in study warrant, it may recommend that the Quarterly Conference of the church in which he is a member issue or renew his license to preach. (Paragraph 150, section 2.) Without this recommendation no Quarterly Conference may issue a license. (See Paragraph 303, section 2.) The District Superintendent shall furnish a certified list of persons licensed in his District to the Secretary of the Annual Conference for insertion in the Journal. (Paragraph 362, section 10.) 2. The District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers shall have the responsibility, similar to that of the District Conference, of recommending to the Annual Conference, suitable candidates for acceptance as Accepted Supply Pastors, for Admission on Trial, for Local Deacon's Orders, for Local Elder's Orders, for Readmission into the Traveling Connection, and for Restoration of Credentials. The vote in all such cases shall be by individual written ballot by the members. (See Paragraph 671.)

The Paragraph then will read:

There shall be a District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, of which the District Superintendent shall be Chairman. The Committee shall be composed of the District Superintendent and five traveling preachers of the District, nominated annually by him, and approved by the Annual Conference. Interim vacancies may be filled by the Chairman. The duties of the Committee shall be:

1. Examine each person who applies in writing for a license to preach, or for a renewal of such license (Paragraph

321, 341-343). Where there is evidence that his gifts, graces and usefulness warrant, it may, upon recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of the church in which he is a member (Paragraph 150-2), issue or renew his license to preach, *provided* that where a District Conference exists, final action on licensing of such local preachers shall be taken by the District Conference.

The District Superintendent shall furnish a certified list of persons licensed in his District to the Secretary of the Annual Conference for insertion in the Journal (No. 362-10).

2. The District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications shall have the responsibility of recommending to the Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Qualification suitable candidates for acceptance as Approved Supply Pastors, for Admission on Trial, for Local Deacon's Orders, for Local Elder's Orders, for Restoration of Credentials.

3. The vote of the Committee in all such matters shall be by individual written ballot, and require a three-fourths majority vote of the Committee for license or approval.

4. The Committee shall report its work to the District Conference for approval where one exists.

Paragraph 150

2. Change "*Recommended*" to "**recommend**"; delete "*Conference for license to preach*" (Paragraph 670-673) and add, "**Committee on Ministerial Qualifications**" (No. 675). Put it and period after "warrant." Delete the balance of the Paragraph.

The Section now reads :

"Recommended by written, secret ballot proper persons to the District Conference for license to preach (Paragraph 670-673), when in its judgment their gifts, graces, and usefulness shall warrant; or, in case no District Conference is authorized by the Annual Conference, license such persons to preach, provided they have previously received the written approval of the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers (Paragraph 675).

The Section will then read :

2. Recommend by written, secret ballot persons to the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications (Par. 675), when in its judgment their gifts, graces, and usefulness shall warrant it.

Paragraph 303 : Amended by substitution. The Paragraph now reads :

A person may be licensed to preach by the District Conference (Par. 670) or, if there is no District Conference, by

the Quarterly Conference of the Church in which he is a member (Par. 150-2 and 675-1). 1. To qualify for a license to preach where a District Conference exists the person must take the following steps:

c) Pass a satisfactory written examination in the studies prescribed for candidates for license to preach, be examined on the subject of doctrine and discipline, and agree to abstain wholly from the use of tobacco.

2. To qualify for a license to preach where there is no District Conference, the person must take the following steps:

b) Pass a satisfactory written examination in the studies prescribed for candidates for license to preach, be examined on the subjects of doctrine and discipline and agree to abstain wholly from the use of tobacco.

Then the Paragraph will read:

Paragraph 303. A person may be licensed to preach by the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications (Par. 675). Unless the license is renewed, it expires after one year.

To qualify for a license to preach, the person must take the following steps:

1. Receive the approval of the Quarterly Conference of the church in which he holds his church membership (Par. 150).

2. Appear before and secure the written approval of the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications (Par. 675).

4. Pass a satisfactory written examination in the studies prescribed for candidates for license to preach, be examined in the subjects of doctrine and discipline (Par. 2043).

5. (Statement about tobacco??).

Paragraph 651, Section 4

Add:

d) and make it to read:

Paragraph 651-4

d) **Approve the District Committees on Ministerial Qualifications.** (Re-number the balance of the Paragraph.)

Paragraph 670. Delete.

Paragraph 671. Delete.

Paragraph 672. Delete.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman;*
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 26. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 53; F, 30; A, 23; N, 0

SUBJECT: MINISTERS APPOINTED TO PEACE GROUPS
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1195

*Calendar No. 160. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 770.*

Par. 432—5.

Insert in line seven after the words "benevolence institutions" the words, "**Ministers in the service of groups devoted to the promotion of peace and world order.**"

The Paragraph now reads:

"On the recommendation of the District Superintendents confirmed by a 2/3 vote of the Annual Conference he may appoint a person or persons: to travel throughout such Conference to distribute tracts; to promote the cause of temperance, to promote or serve in our institutions of learning, hospitals and homes under our auspices, or other benevolence institutions; to do evangelistic work in the Conference; to teach in institutions of learning not under our auspices; to be editors of unofficial papers or magazines published in the interest of The Methodist Church; provided that in no such case shall the Church incur any financial responsibility."

The Paragraph shall then read:

"On the recommendation of the District Superintendents confirmed by a 2/3 vote of the Annual Conference he may appoint a person or persons: to promote the cause of temperance; to promote or serve in our institutions of learning, hospitals and homes under our auspices, or other benevolence institutions; **ministers in the service of groups devoted to the promotion of peace and world order;** (etc.) as above.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 27. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: AMEND PAGE 122 OF *Discipline*, ¶ 432 (4)

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1657

*Calendar No. 161. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 771.*

"4. He may make the following appointments annually; the Publishing Agents of The Methodist Publishing House; Executive Secretaries, Associate Executive Secretaries, Assistant Executive Secretaries, Treasurers, and Recording Secretaries of the Connectional Boards and Societies; Editors, Associate Editors, and Assistant Editors of **Methodist Church publications**; Chaplains in the Army and Navy and of prisons"

The remainder of this section to remain unchanged.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 28. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 50; F, 46; A, 4; N, 0

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF BISHOPS
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1146

Declared Unconstitutional by *Judicial Council*. See *Journal*,
Page 631.

Calendar No. 162. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 771.

Amend Paragraph 440, which now reads: "Each Jurisdictional Conference may fix the Episcopal Residences within its Jurisdiction and assign the Bishops to the same. The Bishops of the Jurisdiction shall fix the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas."

To read as follows: "Each Jurisdictional Conference shall fix the Episcopal Residences within the Jurisdiction, **fix the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas and assign the Bishops to the same.**"

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 29. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS. 1948 *Discipline*,
PARAGRAPH 1595

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 399, 420, 429, 437, 438, 473, 514,
517, 518, 520, 553, 563, 1120, 1135, 1518

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 771.
Calendar No. 163. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 771.

After the word "in" at the end of second line of first sentence of the first Paragraph, strike out the remainder of the Paragraph as found on page 356, and substitute the following: "the procurement, endorsement, and general oversight of all Methodist ministers serving as Chaplains in the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration, and Federal Prisons. The duties of the Commission on Chaplains shall include also the general supervision of Chaplains in public and private institutions (other than those of The Methodist Church) and industry. The Commission shall render such other services to these Chaplains as may be referred to it by the Council of Bishops."

And in the second section of Paragraph 1595, on page 357, after the word "of" at the end of the first line, strike out the remainder and substitute the following:

"one Bishop, one minister, and one layman from each Jurisdiction, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops. Vacancies shall be filled by the Council of Bishops. A member Bishop shall serve as Chairman. The Commission may elect one advisory member from each Department of the Armed Forces, the Veterans Administration and from other fields of service where Methodist Chaplains are used."

So that the amended Paragraph will read as follows:

"There shall be a Commission on Chaplains, which shall represent The Methodist Church in the procurement, endorsement, and general oversight of all Methodist ministers serving as Chaplains in the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration, and Federal Prisons. The duties of the Commission on Chaplains shall include also the general supervision of Chaplains in public and private institutions (other than those of The Methodist Church) and industry. The Commission shall render such other services to these Chaplains as may be referred to it by the Council of Bishops.

"The Commission shall be composed of six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; five ministers and five laymen, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops. Vacancies shall be filled by the Council of Bishops. A member Bishop shall serve as Chairman. The Commission may elect one advisory member from each Department of the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration and from other fields of service where Methodist Chaplains are used."

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 30. MINISTRY
M, 87; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SUNDRY CHANGES IN 1948 *Discipline*,
PARAGRAPHS 411, 412, 638, 640

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 452 pages 28-34
Calendar No. 154. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 772.

Paragraph 411:

In first paragraph, line 3, after first word "standing," insert through the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

In first paragraph, in line 6, after the word "ministry" insert, if they present a satisfactory certificate of good health on the prescribed form, from a physician approved by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications and meet the requirements of Paragraph 321-328, in the following manner:

Section 2: In line 4, after "ference" and before "may" insert **upon the recommendation of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.**

Section 3: In line 3, drop the word "directly" and insert through the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

Section 4: In first line after "Annual Conference" insert: **Upon recommendation of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.**

Section 5: At the end of the Paragraph change (Paragraphs 322-326) to (Paragraphs 321-326).

The Paragraph now reads:

Ministers coming from other evangelical Churches, provided they present suitable testimonials of good standing, and give assurance of their faith, Christian experience, and other qualifications, and give evidence of their agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, may be received into our ministry in the following manner:

1. The Quarterly Conference may receive them as Local Preachers, not entitled to administer the Sacraments, pending the recognition of their Orders by the Annual Conference. The Annual Conference may recognize their Orders as Local Deacons or Elders, provided they pass an approved examination in the Course of Study prescribed for Local Preachers.

2. Upon recommendation by the District Conference, or the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers where no District Conference exists, the Annual Conference may recognize their Orders and admit them into the membership of the Conference either On Trial or in Full Connection, and may, at its discretion, require them to pursue, in whole or in part, the Conference Course of Study.

3. Ministers from other Churches, who can meet the educational standards required of Methodist ministers may apply directly to the Annual Conference, which may recognize their credentials, and receive them On Trial or Into the Full Membership of the Conference; provided that candidates for admission under this or the preceding item, be required to answer satisfactorily the questions in Paragraphs 321, 343; and further, that those from other than Methodist Churches must take upon themselves our ordination vows, without the reimposition of hands.

4. The Annual Conference may also receive on equal standing preachers who are On Trial in the ministry of another Methodist Church, using, however, special care that before they are Admitted to Full Membership their examination be entirely satisfactory.

5. All preachers coming into our ministry from other Churches shall be required to comply with Paragraphs 322-26.

The Paragraph will then read:

Ministers coming from other Evangelical Churches, provided they present suitable testimonials of good standing, **through the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications** and give assurance of their faith, Christian experience, and other qualifications, and give evidence of their agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, may be received into our ministry if they present a satisfactory certificate of good health on the prescribed form, from a physician approved by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications and meet the requirements of Paragraphs 321-328 in the following manner:

1. The Quarterly Conference may receive them as local preachers not entitled to administer the Sacraments, pending the recognition of their orders by the Annual Conference. The Annual Conference may recognize their Orders as Local Deacons or Elders, provided they pass an approved examination in the Course of Study prescribed for Local Preachers.

2. Upon recommendation by the District Conference, or the District Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers where no District Conference exists, the Annual Conference, **upon the recommendation of the Conference Board of Min-**

isterial Training and Qualifications may recognize their orders and admit them into the membership of the Conference either On Trial or In Full Connection, and may, at its discretion, require them to pursue, in whole or in part, the Conference Course of Study.

3. Ministers from other Churches who can meet the educational standards required of Methodist ministers may apply **through the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications** to the Annual Conference which may recognize their credentials and receive them On Trial or Into the Full Membership of the Conference provided that candidates for admission under this or the preceding item, be required to answer satisfactorily the questions in Paragraphs 321, 343; and further, that those from other than Methodist Churches must take upon themselves our ordination vows, without the reimposition of hands.

4. The Annual Conference, **upon recommendation of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications**, may also receive on equal standing preachers who are On Trial in the ministry of another Methodist Church, using special care before they are Admitted to Full Membership, if their examination is entirely satisfactory.

5. All preachers coming into our ministry from other Churches shall be required to comply with Paragraphs 321-326.

Paragraph 412:

In the first line change "The Committee on Conference Relations" to the **Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications**.

Then the Paragraph will read:

The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of an Annual Conference is required to ascertain from a minister seeking admission into the membership of an Annual Conference on credentials from another denomination whether or not membership in the effective relation was previously held in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, or one of its legal predecessors, and if so, when and under what circumstances his connection with such Annual Conference was severed.

Paragraph 638:

In line 5, drop "give consideration to matters pertaining to, etc." down to "superannuated in line 6 and insert **"make recommendations to the Annual Conference concerning the relations of all Annual Conference members seeking the following relationships:"**

In last line drop the following words: "Local Deacons and Elders."

Then the Paragraph will read:

The Annual Conference shall elect a Committee on Conference Relations. This Committee shall consist of not fewer than six traveling elders, arranged as far as practical in classes to serve three years each. It shall **make recommendations to the Annual Conference concerning the relations of all Annual Conference members seeking the following relationships:** Superannuated or retired members, supernumeraries, ministers asking sabbatical leave, students appointed to attend school.

Paragraph 640:

In second paragraph, first line, between "for" and "admission," insert **"use as Supply Pastors."**

In line 9 of the second paragraph, after the word "mission," insert **(See Paragraph 343-347).**

At the end of the second paragraph, second line from the bottom, after "concerning" drop the remainder of the sentence and add: **(a) Candidates for admission on trial, (b) ordination as Deacons, (c) ordination as Elders, (d) those to be received from other Churches, (e) those transferred into the Conference, (f) those to be recommended as Supply Pastors.**

In line three of the third paragraph, change "quadruplicate" to **"duplicate."** Beginning with "one copy," drop the remainder of the paragraph and substitute the following: **"One copy of this record is to be kept by the Registrar of the Board, and one copy is to be mailed, after each Annual Conference to the Educational Director of the Commission on Ministerial Trainin, Nashville, Tennessee."**

The Paragraph now reads:

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in each Annual Conference shall seek, through co-operation with the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations (Paragraph 1415) and with the District Superintendents and pastors of the Conference, to enlist suitable candidates for the Christian ministry, and shall keep a record of all persons enlisted within the bounds of the Conference. It shall seek in every way practicable to provide guidance and counsel to them, in their training and preparation for the ministry, recommending properly accredited colleges and seminaries.

The Board shall examine all applicants for Admission on Trial as to their fitness for the ministry, as provided in

Paragraphs 321-331, and shall make full inquiry as to the fitness of candidates for Admission into Full Connection. This must include an examination as to character, habits of life, conversion, call to the ministry, Christian experience, age, domestic situation, co-operation with others, ability to lead a service of worship, and understanding of the Church's mission. The answers to these questions may be submitted in writing. The Board shall report recommendations concerning each candidate to the Annual Conference as the Bishop of the Conference shall call for such Report.

The Board shall certify all information and recommendations concerning each candidate to the Annual Conference in quadruplicate. One copy of this record shall be furnished to the Bishop, in advance of presentation to the Conference and one copy to the Conference Secretary. One copy is to become part of the records of the Registrar of the Board, and if the candidate is not a seminary graduate, one copy is to be sent to the Secretary of the Correspondence School in which he is enrolled.

Then the Paragraph will read:

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in each Annual Conference shall seek, through co-operation with the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations (Paragraph 1415) and with the District Superintendents and pastors of the Conference to enlist suitable candidates for the Christian ministry, and shall keep a record of all persons enlisted within the bounds of the Conference. It shall seek in every way practicable to provide guidance and counsel to them in their training and preparation for the ministry, recommending properly accredited colleges and seminaries.

The Board shall examine all applicants for use as Supply Pastors, for Admission on Trial as to their fitness for the ministry, as provided in Paragraphs 321-331, and shall make full inquiry as to the fitness of candidates for Admission into Full Connection. This must include an examination as to character, habits of life, conversion, call to the ministry, Christian experience, age, domestic situation, co-operation with others, ability to lead a service of worship, and understanding of the Church's mission (See Paragraph 343-347). The answers to these questions may be submitted in writing. The Board shall report recommendations concerning: (a) candidates for Admission on Trial, (b) Ordination as Deacons, (c) Ordination as Elders, (d) those to be received from other Churches, (e) those to be recommended as Supply Pastors, (f) those transferred into the Conference who are not Elders in Full Connection; (g) Full Connection.

The Board shall certify all information and recommendations concerning each candidate to the Annual Conference in duplicate. One copy of this record is to be kept by the Registrar of the Board, and one copy is to be mailed, after each Annual Conference to the Educational Director of the Commission on Ministerial Training, Nashville, Tennessee.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 31. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 53; F, 53; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: DUTIES OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS—
Discipline 1948, PARAGRAPH 362

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 428

*Calendar No. 181. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 773.*

To amend Paragraph 362 (5), by inserting the words “or to Designate Elders to Preside” and “to Preside” so the Paragraph 362 will read: “The duties of a District Superintendent are (5) To Preside, or to designate Elders to preside in the Quarterly Conferences of each pastoral charge and to preside at the District Conference.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 32. MINISTRY

M, 87; P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: A COURSE IN CHURCH ADMINISTRATION
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1051

*Calendar No. 217. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 773.*

Referred to Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

“The Conference of Secretaries, Statisticians and Treasurers of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, meeting in New York on Wednesday, September 19, 1951, respectfully memorializes the General Conference of The Methodist Church now in session to carefully and prayerfully consider the following Memorial:

That in the adoption of the new Courses of Study for the next quadrennium the Commission on Courses of Study be requested to include in all Courses of Study in our Seminary

and Conference Courses a required Course of at least one semester in Church Administration, and that this be made a requirement for graduation and for Admission into Conference membership and Ordination to Deacons' or Elders' Orders."

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 33. MINISTRY

M, 87, P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CURRENT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 216. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 754.

Numbers: The Committee voted Non-concurrence on the following Memorials: 22, 371, 377, 392, 394, 402, 412, 418, 431, 445, 447, 450, 453, 456, 457, 461, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 478, 480, 483, 486, 490, 491, 494, 496, 497, 503, 504, 516, 523, 527, 535, 539, 543, 544, 547, 548, 558, 561, 562, 600, 758, 858, 864, 918, 925, 1083, 1087, 1089, 1090, 1094, 1095, 1099, 1100, 1102, 1103, 1109, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1121, 1129, 1130, 1134, 1138, 1141, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1156, 1241, 1515, 1516, 1519, 1520, 1522, 1529, 1536, 1538, 1540, 1593, 1655, 1656.

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

NO. 10. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Chairman—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*), (North Iowa-NC)
Vice-Chairman—R. Marvin Stuart (California-Nevada-W)
Secretary—Joseph S. Ploughe (Central Kansas-SC)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 37.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?)

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the "SUBJECT" will be found "MEMORIAL—Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for this Report. For list of Memorials see Report of Committee of Reference, page 1091. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

M, 102; P, 80; F, 79; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE APPROVING
WORK OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH
EXTENSION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 569

*Calendar No. 31. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 623.*

The Committee recommends concurrence.

"Be it resolved: That this Jurisdiction go on record as approving the work which the Board of Missions and Church Extension, of which the Woman's Division is a part, has achieved during the twelve years of its existence, and requests that nothing be done to curtail the democratic policies or to decrease the representation and influence of the women of the Church."

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
(No Report presented. Editor)

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REPORT No. 3. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
M, 102; P, 59; F, 57; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RURAL
OVERSEAS PROGRAM (CROP)

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 1488, 1496, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1500,
1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510,
1512, 1513

*Calendar No. 51. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 623.*

WHEREAS the destructiveness of war in Korea, the partition and resulting suffering in India and Pakistan, the refugee situation in the Near East, plus the suffering from famine and storms and earthquake have come since the close of World War II; and

WHEREAS the problems of human suffering in Germany, Austria, Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines and other areas caused by War II have not yet been solved; and

WHEREAS the providing of bulk food to those sufferers by the Church can be advantageously done through the channels of the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP); and

WHEREAS The Methodist Church has already given more than \$1,000,000 worth of foods through CROP during the past four years; and

WHEREAS the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) is now set up by approval of the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America as a special structure of the Central Department of Church World Service;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the General Conference of The Methodist Church endorses the Christian Rural Overseas Program and urges its rural churches and members to support the CROP community programs for commodities by the provision of leadership and by participation in the campaigns.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 4. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
M, 102; P, 68; F, 68; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MISSIONS PROGRAM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1486

*Calendar No. 52. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 623.*

Your Committee had before it a Memorial from the For-

eign Missions Policy Conference held in Colorado Springs, Colo., March 23-April 4, 1952, under the auspices of the Inter-Division Committee on Foreign Work, Board of Missions and Church Extension.

We respectfully memorialize the 1952 General Conference to do the following specific things to strengthen Methodism Overseas:

- (1) Increase the amount of World Service money for Foreign Missions.
- (2) Continue the emphasis on Foreign Mission Specials which in the Advance Program has brought so much new vitality to our work.
- (3) Continue the Week of Dedication Program which has meant so much to the Foreign Mission work especially through the Crusade Scholarships, its funds for important projects and its funds for the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

M, 102; P, 66; F, 61; A, 4; N, 1

SUBJECT: METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 575

*Amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 624.
Calendar No. 53. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 624.*

The Committee recommends that Paragraph 2009, Appendix 1948 *Discipline*, Chapter III, be continued with the following amendments:

Insert "*Methodist*" before "Committee for Overseas Relief" in the title and in the first line of Paragraph 1; change the word "*provided*" to "**with the proviso**" at the beginning of line 2 and insert the word "**next**" immediately preceding quadrennium; at the end of line 2 and beginning of line 3 delete the words "*of 1948-52*"; change the words "*be transferred*" to "**assigned**" at the end of line 6.

Delete the word "*three*" following "thirty" in line 1 of Paragraph 2; change the word "*six*" to "**three**" preceding the word "members" in line 5, and delete the words "*Board of Missions and Church Extension, taking into account the several Divisions of the Board*" beginning at the end of line 5, Paragraph 2, and continuing to semicolon on line 7; delete "*Board of Education*" at the beginning of line 8, same Paragraph, and insert "**Division of Foreign Missions of the Board**"

of Missions and Church Extension," delete the words "In addition" beginning sentence in line 8, and begin the sentence with the words, "**The Committee**"; in line 11 change the word "board" to "**Department or Division**"; in line 12 add the word "by" after the word "members."

In Paragraph 5 delete the words "*special-gift*" preceding "vouchers" in line 2, so that Paragraph 2009, Chapter III, Appendix, 1948 *Discipline* when amended shall read:

"Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief

"1. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief shall be continued: with the proviso that, if at any time during the next quadrennium the Council of Bishops, the General Commission on World Service and Finance, together with the Board of Missions decide that the specific work of the Committee is no longer needed, the Committee shall be discharged and its responsibilities and assets assigned to such Agency as those two bodies may determine.

"2. The Committee shall consist of twelve representative members as follows: one person from each Jurisdiction nominated by each College of Bishops, and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference; three members to be elected by the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and three members to be elected by the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The Committee shall be empowered to co-opt not more than seven members at large. Vacancies shall be filled by the body concerned: the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction affected, or by the **Department or Division** involved, or, in the case of the co-opted members, by the Committee itself.

The Committee is authorized to elect its own officers, to appoint sub-committees if desired, to employ such assistance as may be needed, and to provide for its necessary expense of administration and promotion out of undesignated receipts. Its financial officers shall be bonded.

"3. The Committee is authorized and empowered:

(a) To be the representative of The Methodist Church in the field of Overseas Relief; also in the field of rehabilitation, in conference with the Division of Foreign Missions and the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension;

(b) To transmit to the Church the appeals for help from recognized Agencies, and to receive and allocate the funds contributed for relief purposes by churches, groups, or individuals;

(c) To give special attention and assistance to the national workers and the people of our Methodist churches overseas who are in need because of war or other disasters. In countries where the Board of Missions and Church Extension is at work, it is expected that the administration of specifically Methodist relief be through the Board and the Bishops in charge and, where possible, the indigenous Church.

(d) To co-operate with Church World Service and other Interdenominational Relief Agencies, as the Committee may deem wise from time to time;

(e) When considered desirable, to supplement the work of other agencies ministering to the relief of human suffering in the spirit of Christ.

"4. In order to provide adequate means for the prosecution of this work, the Committee, in addition to its receipts by voluntary gifts and by participation in the communion offerings, including in particular the offering on World-wide Communion Sunday, shall be included in any general Church-wide appeal for war emergencies or postwar work.

"5. Authorization is given to the Committee to acknowledge gifts by its own vouchers. Such gifts, however, cannot receive credit on World Service Apportionments."

The Committee recommends:

A. That in view of the size and the world-wide connections and responsibilities of The Methodist Church and of the undiminished need in a score of nations, to most earnestly petition the General Conference to provide in its coming Quadrennial Program an ample place for the appeal to the Methodist people on behalf of this humanitarian and spiritual ministry.

B. That the General Conference give expression to its sympathy with and approval of the Department of Church World Service of the National Council of Churches, the chief channel for the co-operative relief and reconstruction work of more than twenty denominations.

C. That the present Committee for Overseas Relief, with its officers and sub-committees, be authorized to continue to function until its successor shall be organized.

D. That the Council of Bishops be asked to appoint a Convener for the new Committee and to set the time and place for its organizational meeting.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

(No Report presented. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 7. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
M, 102; P, 62; F, 55; A, 4; N, 3

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON DEACONESS WORK AND MEMORIALS IN HARMONY WITH PROPOSED LEGISLATION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 974, 1108, 1153

*Amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 625.
Calendar No. 114. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 625.*

PART I

Report of Commission to Study Deaconess Work

By order of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1948, a Commission to Study Deaconess Work was authorized. The study was to be made "in the light of the total plan of enlistment and employment of women in the various Agencies of the Church" (P. 2014, 1948 *Discipline*).

The members of the Commission included three Bishops, three ministers, two representatives from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, one representative from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, one representative from the Board of Education, one representative from the Board of Hospitals and Homes, one representative from the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, two deaconess members and the Executive Secretary of the Bureau of Deaconess Work.

To aid in the study there were innumerable personal and group conferences; more than 2,300 questionnaires were distributed to Bishops, ministers, deaconesses, Directors of Christian Education, members of General Boards, Officers of Jurisdiction and Conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service and others.

The Commission submits the following Report which is divided into two parts: first, a brief statement of basic principles; second, legislative suggestions looking toward the implementation of these principles.

The office of deaconess has a long and honorable history in our Church. Only those acquainted with that story can fully appreciate the debt we owe to these consecrated and devoted women. For over two generations they have served their Lord through the open doors of the Church's many institutions with singular fidelity and devotion.

Our society is increasingly welcoming women into its industrial and commercial life. We believe that likewise the Church should take ever wider cognizance of the capabilities of women and open every possible avenue for their service.

To that end we recommend:

1. That women be given ample opportunity to serve every Agency of the Church not requiring full clergy rights.
 2. That the local church and Annual Conference emphasize the nature of this holy calling and by every means at their command seek to elevate the office to its appointed place.
 3. That because of the breath of the opportunities which face the Church and because of their urgency the entire Church through its several Agencies should lend its efforts seriously and prayerfully to the task of enlistment for service in this office.
 4. That ample opportunities for education and training be provided so that those who have pledged their lives in His service shall be provided with the best skills which our times afford and require.
 5. That to these persons who have freely given their services to the Church we owe a more adequate compensation as well as a more nearly reasonable security for retirement.
- In order that these basic principles may be kept before our people and that the office of deaconess may grow to the fullness of its stature we submit the following suggestions for legislative consideration:

Chairman: BISHOP LLOYD C. WICKE;

Secretary: MISS MARY LOU BARNWELL (*):

(Part I was submitted by the Commission to Study Deaconess Work. Editor.)

PART II

The Committee had before it Part I of the Report to General Conference by the Commission to Study Deaconess Work, relating to proposed legislation covering changes in the *Discipline* of 1948, which was referred to it in Memorial 1153. The Committee recommends concurrence as follows:

Chap. III, Paragraph 150—Add a new 3 as follows:

"The Quarterly Conference shall recommend and send to the Annual Conference Deaconess Board credentials for young women who may become candidates for the office of deaconess."

Subsequent numbers to be 4, 5 and 6.

Chap. VI, Paragraph 431—Substitute for 5 which reads, *"To appoint the deaconesses"* the following phrase:

"To read the appointments of deaconesses."

Chap. VIII, The Annual Conference—Insert a Paragraph 623 to read as follows:

"Deaconesses serving within the bounds of an Annual Con-

ference, shall be seated in the Annual Conference sessions, and given the privilege of the floor without vote."

Chapter VIII, Paragraph 651, add to 37, the question, "What deaconesses have died during the year?" so that the revised 37 will read:

"What ministerial members have died during the year?
What Deaconesses have died during the year?"

Part VI, Chap. II, Sec. 8, Paragraph 99—Delete the words "*permit her to withdraw*" in third line following the word "may," and insert in their place the words "**recom-
mend to the Commission on Deaconess Work that she be per-
mitted to withdraw,**" so that the Paragraph as amended will read:

"When a Deaconess is accused of an offense and desires to withdraw from the Church, the Annual Conference Deaconess Board may **recommend to the Commission on Deaconess Work that she be permitted to withdraw**, in which case the record shall be, 'Withdrawn under complaints.' " If formal charges have been presented, such deaconess may be permitted to withdraw; in which case the record shall be 'Withdrawn under charges.' In either case the status shall be the same as if the deaconess had been expelled."

Chap. III, Sec. 2, Paragraph 966—In line 6, delete "*deaconess administration under which the accused serves*" and substitute "**Commission on Deaconess Work.**" On page 222, same Paragraph, in line 5 after "shall" insert "**recom-
mend to the Commission on Deaconess Work that she be
suspended or deprived of office and credentials**" with deletion of the balance of Paragraph beginning with the word "suspend," so that the Paragraph as amended will read:

"When a deaconess is accused of any violation of a moral law, the District Superintendent under which supervision she works shall call a Committee of three or more for investigation and preside at the investigation. This Committee shall consist of one representative of the **Commission on Deaconess Work** and two or more members of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board of which the accused is a member. She shall appear before this Committee, and, if the charges are sustained, she shall be suspended from all deaconess services pending trial. The said District Superintendent shall notify the Bishop in charge, who within seven days of receipt of such notice shall fix the time and date for the convening of the Trial Court. In this instance the Annual Conference Deaconess Board shall be the Trial Court. If the accused is found guilty the Annual Conference Deaconess Board shall **recommend to the Commission on Deaconess Work that she be suspended or deprived of office and credentials.**"

Chap. V, Sec. XI, Paragraph 1053—Two references in Paragraph to "*Bureau of*" be changed to "**Commission on**" in lines 2 and 7; delete beginning "*subject only*" to end of Paragraph, placing a period after the word case, so that the Paragraph will read as amended:

"In case of conviction, a deaconess shall be allowed to appeal to the **Commission on** Deaconess Work; provided that within thirty days after her conviction she shall signify in writing to the District Superintendent or President of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board by which she has been tried her determination to appeal to the **Commission on** Deaconess Work, which in full session, or by a Special Committee of not less than seven nor more than nine, shall hear the appeal; and its decision shall be the final determination of the case."

Chap. V, Sec. XI, Paragraph 1054—Change "*Bureau of*" to "**Commission on**."

Part VII, Chap. II, Sec. III, Paragraph 1189—At the end of the Paragraph delete period and add "**and deaconess service in the United States,**" so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

"Art. 8. Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel. There shall be a Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the several Divisions of the Board which shall be responsible for the enlistment, cultivation, training and recommendation of candidates for missionary service at home and abroad **and deaconess service in the United States.**"

Part VII, Chap. II, Sec. III, Paragraph 1191—Delete after the word "missionary" in first line the phrase "*or deaconess.*" Add a new sentence to read, "**A person shall be constituted a deaconess when she has met the necessary requirements, including a period of probation, and has been duly licensed, consecrated and commissioned by a Bishop,**" so that the paragraph as amended will read:

"A person shall be constituted a missionary and receive support as such from the funds of the Board when such person has been commissioned by the Board and has been assigned to some definite field. **A person shall be constituted a deaconess when she has met the necessary requirements, including a period of probation, and has been duly licensed, consecrated and commissioned by a Bishop.**"

Sec. VI, Paragraph 1247—Change "*Bureau of*" to "**Commission on**."

Sec. VI, Paragraph 1252-1253-1254—Since almost complete structural change of these Paragraphs is involved, we ask for the deletion of these Paragraphs and the substitution of the following:

Sec. VI, Paragraph 1252—

"1. The office of deaconess is hereby authorized in The Methodist Church. **This office entitles a woman to serve The Methodist Church through any of its agencies in any capacity not requiring full clergy rights.**

a. All deaconess work in the United States and its dependencies shall be under the supervision of the **Commission on Deaconess Work** of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

b. All deaconess work outside of the United States and its dependencies shall be under the supervision of the Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences concerned, or the Annual Conferences where there is not a Central Conference.

c. There shall be an Executive Secretary **who shall be nominated by the Commission in consultation with the Woman's Division of Christian Service** and elected by the Board of Missions and Church Extension."

"2. All properties, trust funds, permanent funds, other special funds, and endowments now held and administered by or for the several forms of administration of deaconess work under the uniting Churches shall be carefully safeguarded and administered by the several forms of administration in the interest of those persons and causes for which said funds were established."

"3. The **Commission** shall be composed of one Bishop chosen by the Council of Bishops; **four** persons from each Jurisdiction chosen by the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association, two of whom shall be deaconess members of the Association, **one a minister of the Jurisdiction, and one, the President of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service: three representatives of the Woman's Division of Christian Service** chosen by the Division; one representative of the Board of Pensions; one representative of the Board of Hospitals and Homes; one representative of the Board of Education; Secretary of the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations; one Personnel Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The Executive Secretary of the Commission shall be a member, without vote."

"4. The duties of the Commission shall be:

a. To recommend to the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel standards and **procedures for enlisting and training young women** for deaconess work in The Methodist Church.

- b. To establish minimum salary standards for deaconesses.
- c. To receive and act upon recommendations from Annual Conference Deaconess Boards, Jurisdiction Deaconess Associations and other Agencies.

d. Other duties in harmony with the Constitution may be set forth in the By-laws of the Commission.

5. The Commission shall meet annually. Its officers shall be elected quadrennially.

6. There shall be an Executive Committee. Such other Committees may be constituted as are necessary for carrying out the duties of the Commission.

7. **Appointment:** A deaconess shall receive her appointment through the regular channels of the Commission on Deaconess Work and the Annual Conference Deaconess Board.

8. A sabbatical leave for a definite period of time, not exceeding a year, to be spent in special study, may be granted with full or part salary upon recommendation of the Executive Secretary of the Commission on Deaconess Work and the Conference Deaconess Board. Pension credit is granted for such sabbatical leave. All agencies employing deaconesses shall be encouraged to make an annual payment into the Commission Fund for Sabbatical Leave."

"9. Pensions:

a. There shall be a contributory pension plan for all deaconesses commissioned on or after July 24, 1940.

b. For deaconesses commissioned or consecrated previous to July, 1940, former agreements are continued and the administrations with which they were connected are responsible for the pensions.

c. A deaconess employed by an Agency having its own pension plan shall participate in that plan during her term of service with that Agency."

"10. Leave of absence:

A deaconess may be granted a leave of absence, not to exceed three years, for health reasons, study or necessary home duties, with the privilege of continuing her participation in the pension plan. If an extension of leave is granted by the Commission on Deaconess Work, participation in the pension plan for additional years on leave shall not be permitted.

A deaconess on leave of absence shall be a member of the Quarterly Conference and the Annual Conference Deaconess Board where she resides on leave.

"11. Withdrawal:

A deaconess shall surrender her credentials when she is

no longer available for an appointment in The Methodist Church.

"12. Reinstatement:

A person may be reinstated as a deaconess upon recommendation of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board and the Commission on Deaconess Work and approval by the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel."

Sec. 6, Paragraph 1253—Jurisdiction Deaconess Association.

"1. In each Jurisdiction there shall be a Jurisdiction Deaconess Association.

"2. Composition.

a. All active deaconesses working within the bounds of the Jurisdiction shall be members of the Association.

b. All deaconesses with the retired relation shall be honorary members of the Association.

c. Other members shall be the President of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Jurisdictional Secretary of Home Work, and the President of each Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service within the Jurisdiction.

"3. There shall be a meeting of the Association held annually or biennially in connection with the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service.

"4. The Association shall elect its officers.

"5. There shall be an Executive Committee in the Association.

"6. Duties:

a. The Jurisdiction Deaconess Association shall promote deaconess work as authorized by the Commission on Deaconess Work.

b. It shall arrange Workers' Conferences.

c. It shall provide opportunities for fellowship among workers in the Jurisdiction.

d. Other duties in harmony with the Constitution may be set forth in by-laws."

Sec. VI, Paragraph 1254—Annual Conference Deaconess Board:

"1. In each Annual Conference there shall be an Annual Conference Deaconess Board.

"2. Purpose:

The purpose of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board is to create and maintain interest in deaconess work, to establish and interpret deaconess relationships to the Annual Conference, and to co-operate with the Commission on Deaconess Work in forming policies and making recommendations regarding deaconess work,

"3. Composition:

All active deaconesses serving within the bounds of the Conference; the members of the Cabinet of the Annual Conference; ministers of local churches employing deaconesses; four representatives of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; one representative from the Commission on Christian Vocations; one representative, not a deaconess, from the local Board of Managers or Committee of each project within the Conference where deaconesses live or are employed. Retired deaconesses living within the bounds of the Conference shall be honorary members, having the privilege of the floor without vote.

"4. Duties:

a. To review, evaluate and report annually to the Commission on Deaconess Work the standing of all deaconesses within the Conference.

b. To study credentials received from Quarterly Conferences and recommend to the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel possible candidates for the office of deaconess.

c. The Board shall co-operate with the Commission on Deaconess Work in the Annual appointments of deaconesses. It shall submit the list of appointments to be read by the Bishop presiding at the Annual Conference, and to be printed in the Journal.

d. To arrange for the licensing and the consecration service of those deaconesses assigned to the Conference for these purposes.

e. The Annual Conference Deaconess Board, in co-operation with the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and other agencies of the Church, shall initiate and develop plans for the promotion of deaconess work, including an Annual Program on Deaconess Work.

f. To consider complaints and charges against deaconesses; to act as a trial court in case of trial; and make recommendations to the Commission on Deaconess Work.

"5. The Board shall meet annually and elect its officers.

"6. There shall be an Executive Committee and other Committees as are necessary for carrying out the duties of the Commission.

"7. The Annual Conference Deaconess Board shall report annually to the Annual Conference, the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association and the Commission on Deaconess Work. Its report shall be printed in the Journal of the Annual Conference."

Part X, Paragraph 1924—For ritual on top of page 522 substitute the following for the first Paragraph:

"Dearly beloved, these are they whom we purpose this day to consecrate deaconesses in the Church of God. After

inquiry and examination we discover that they have met the stated requirements of the Church, and believe them to be worthy and proper persons for this office."

For the closing Paragraph on page 22, substitute the following:

"Dearly beloved, we rejoice that in the providence of God you have been led by the Holy Spirit to devote yourself to Christlike service under the direction of the Church of Christ. You are to give yourselves to the service of the Lord going about doing good. You are come as your Master to lead the sick and sinning world to the Saviour. Such service lays upon you solemn responsibility."

Part X, Paragraph 1925—After Paragraph 1 on page 530 insert the following:

"To deaconesses, the Bishop shall say, '(Name), I commission you a deaconess to take the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into all the world in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'"

Appendix, Chap. VII, Paragraph 2100, page 616—Substitute the following as the definition of a deaconess:

"A deaconess is a woman who has been led by the Holy Spirit to devote herself to Christlike service under the direction of the Church. She is one who, having met the requirements prescribed by the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, including a period of not less than one year of probation, has been duly licensed, consecrated and commissioned by a Bishop."

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

M, 102; P, 84; F, 82; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
MEMORIALS: SERIAL NO. Memorial Serial Number, or Numbers, 1489 (also Memorial 580 in conformity with proposed Sec. VI, Par. 663; and Memorials 589 and 1151 as related to proposed Par. 1295).

Calendar No. 128 Amended; Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 737.

The Committee recommends concurrence in the proposed amendments submitted in Memorial 1489, and notes concurrence in Memorials 580, 589 and 1151 which are in conformity with Paragraphs included in this proposed legislation, as follows:

The Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church hereby memorializes the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church to amend the 1948 *Discipline* as follows:

Par. 202, Article 5. Amend as follows: In line 3, insert "a **Treasurer**" after the words "Recording Secretary" and delete the words "*a Treasurer*" after the word "promotion"; in line 7, insert "**of Status of Women,**" after the words "supply work," and add the following sentence to the end of the Paragraph:

"Where a simpler form of organization is necessary in a small church, there shall be five officers or more, as may be determined by the local society. These officers shall share the responsibility for promoting the work of a full quota of officers as listed in this Paragraph."

Par. 202, Art. 7. Amend as follows: In the first line change "*shall*" to "**may**." In the last line insert "**last**" before "annual," delete the *period* after "Division" and add "**in the quadrennium.**"

Article 5 and Article 7, of Par. 202, will then read:

"Par. 202, Article 5. Officers and Elections. The officers of the Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a **Treasurer**, a **Secretary** of Promotion, and Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations and Local-church Activities, of Student Work, of Youth Work, of Children's Work, of Spiritual Life, of Literature and Publications, of Supply Work, **of Status of Women**, and such other officers in charge of lines of work as may be required. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society. **Where a simpler form of organization is necessary in a small church, there shall be five officers or more, as may be determined by the local society. These officers shall share the responsibility for promoting the work of a full quota of officers as listed in this Paragraph.**

Art. 6. No change.

Art. 7. Amendments. Proposed amendments to this Constitution **may** be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at least forty days before the **last** annual meeting of the Division **in the quadrennium.**

Par. 233 (page 76, 1948 *Discipline*) 2. In line 5, after the word "congregation" add the following: "**Adult, youth and children.**" In line 7, conclusion of Paragraph, change "too,"

and add **"and approved missionary materials for children and youth."**

Par. 233, 2, will then read:

2. To plan each year, under the leadership of the pastor with the co-operation of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Board of Education, for a church-wide school of missions in order that the entire congregation, **adults, youth, and children**, may be drawn into a period of intensive study, using the study book and other materials issued by the Division of Education and Cultivation, **and approved missionary materials for children and youth."**

Par. 241. In the second Paragraph, after the words "parsonage property," add the following sentence, **"Where there are more than five churches on a charge, each church shall be entitled to elect one Parsonage Trustee."** The Paragraph will then read:

"Par. 241. For each charge there shall be a Board of Trustees of Church Property consisting of not less than three or more than nine persons, each of whom shall be not less than twenty-one years of age and at least two-thirds of whom shall be members of The Methodist Church. They shall be elected for a term of three years or until their successors shall have been duly elected, provided that one-third shall be elected each year. Such Board shall elect its own Chairman except where the charter otherwise provides. When a charge consists of two or more churches located at different places, the foregoing provisions shall apply to each such church with the same force and effect as if it were a separate charge.

Wherever there are two or more churches on a pastoral charge, a separate Board of Trustees, consisting of not less than three nor more than five persons, shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference of such charge to be the custodians of the parsonage property. **Where there are more than five churches on a charge, each church shall be entitled to elect one Parsonage Trustee.** Such Trustees shall have the same qualifications as are required for Trustees of church property."

Par. 248. Amend by adding sentence to the end, making it a new Paragraph, as underlined. The Paragraph will then read:

"Par. 248. All deeds by which premises are hereafter acquired for use as a place of divine worship shall contain the following trust clause:

In trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, and maintained as a place of divine worship of the Methodist ministry

and members of The Methodist Church; subject to the *Discipline*, usage, and ministerial appointments of said Church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference, and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantee, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises.

Provided, however, that this requirement for a trust clause shall not be applicable to those grants from national governments or from governmental agencies or subdivisions which require that the property shall revert to the grantor if and when the use of the same as a place of divine worship has been terminated.

Premises so acquired may be disposed of in conformity with the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church when the use of such property as a place of divine worship has been terminated.

In the case of unincorporated churches, title shall be vested in the duly elected and acting Trustees of the charge (naming the individual Trustees) and their successors in trust."

Par. 252. Amend as follows: In the last sentence change the word "*purchase*" to "**purchasing**"; insert a comma after the word "*purchasing*," delete the word "*or*," insert after the word "*building*" the words "**or improving**" and at the end of the sentence delete the *period* and add "**or church building**," so that the Paragraph will read:

"Par. 252. When two or more churches comprise a single charge and one or more thereof is separated from such charge and established as a charge or united with another charge which does not own a parsonage, each such church shall be entitled to receive its just share of the then reasonable value of the parsonage, in which it has invested funds; and the amount of such value and just share shall be determined by a Committee of three persons, appointed by the District Superintendent, who shall not be members of any of the interested churches. Such Committee shall hear all interested parties, and shall take into account the investment of any church in any such property before arriving at a final determination. From any such determination there is reserved unto each of the interested churches the right of appeal to the next succeeding Annual Conference. Any sum received as or from such share shall be used for no purpose other than the **purchasing, building or improving** of a parsonage **or church building**."

Par. 255.1. Amend by adding the following sentence:

"Where a church property has been abandoned by its mem-

bership and no abandonment action has been taken by the Annual Conference, and circumstances make immediate action necessary, the Annual Conference Trustees may take control of the property, with the consent of the Bishop of the Area and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the District in which the property is located. And in the event of the sale or lease of said property the Trustees of the Annual Conference shall recommend to the Annual Conference at its next session the disposition of the proceeds derived from such sale or lease."

Par. 255.1 will then read as follows:

"Par. 255.1. With the consent of the Presiding Bishop and of a majority of the District Superintendents and of the District Board of Church Location and Building (Pp. 704-7) of the District in which the action is contemplated, the Annual Conference may declare any charge or church within its bounds discontinued or abandoned. Upon a charge or church's being thus discontinued or abandoned, it shall be the duty of its Board of Trustees to make such disposition of the property thereof as the Annual Conference shall direct, and if no such lawful Trustees remain or if for any reason said Trustees fail to make such disposition, then it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Annual Conference to sell or dispose of said property in accordance with the direction of the Annual Conference. Where a church property has been abandoned by its membership and no abandonment action has been taken by the Annual Conference, and circumstances make immediate action necessary, the Annual Conference Trustees may take control of the property, with the consent of the Bishop of the Area and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the District in which the property is located. And in the event of the sale or lease of said property the Trustees of the Annual Conference shall recommend to the Annual Conference at its next session the disposition of the proceeds derived from such sale or lease."

No change in remainder of Par. 255.

Par. 258. Amend as follows: In third line from bottom of page 83 (1948 *Discipline*), delete the sentence which begins "*When such undertaking*" and ending with the words "*tangible asset secured.*" Add clause (transferred from Par. 1237, where it now appears at Item 11), as follows:

"Trustees or other members of local churches shall not be required to guarantee personally any loan made to the particular church by any Board created by, or under the authority of, the General Conference."

Par. 258, will then read as follows:

"Par. 258. Any church desiring to purchase, build, or remodel a church building shall first secure the District Superintendent's written consent thereto and the Quarterly Conference's authorization after not less than ten days' notice of such proposed action shall have been given from the pulpit of the charge. Thereupon the Quarterly Conference shall appoint a Committee of not less than three members of such church, who shall make an estimate of the amount required to complete such undertaking or enterprise; and such estimate, amount, and proposed undertaking shall be submitted for approval to the members of the church not less than twenty-one years of age at a meeting called for that purpose. If such undertaking is that of building a church, the purchase price of the lot or lots on which such church is to be erected shall be paid in full, and before any such building is begun or contract is entered into for the construction thereof or for the purchase or remodeling of an already erected church, it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Conference to acquire a fee simple title to such premises by deed of conveyance executed in the form and manner as in this Chapter provided, and to secure in cash and tangible assets one half of said estimated cost. The provision of this Paragraph shall not apply to any repairs or remodeling the cost of which will not exceed ten per cent of the value of the building affected. (See also Pp. 704-7, describing the District Board of Church Location and Building, which is charged with the responsibility of approving or disapproving the proposed building, purchase, or remodeling of church or parsonage property.) **Trustees or other members of local churches shall not be required to guarantee personally any loan made to the particular church by any Board created by, or under the authority of, the General Conference.**"

Sec. VI.

Add new Section. At present there is no Par. 663 and no Sec. VI, since Chapter VIII entitled "The Annual Conference" ends with Sec. V, Par. 662, and Chapter IX entitled "The District Conference" begins with Par. 666. The new Sec. VI, Par. 663, would read as follows:

Sec. VI. Constituting a New Methodist Church.

Par. 663, 1. The District Superintendent shall after a survey has been made and a need for a church is determined recommend to the District Board of Church Location and Building the site for the proposed new congregation. If there is a City or District Board of Missions and Church Extension that body shall also be asked to approve the site.

2. The District Superintendent shall organize the new church and appoint the necessary first officers to make up the Quarterly Conference. When the first officers are appointed and the Quarterly Conference held, the church will have been organized.

3. The Annual Conference shall give recognition to any new churches that have been organized during the year and shall, through the presiding Bishop and the Secretary, send to each new church a certificate of organization. The District Superintendent shall on behalf of the Conference present the certificate to the new church in an appropriate ceremony."

Par. 1172. Amend as follows: Line 19, after (2) (a) insert new (b) to read "(b) and six additional names nominated by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction"; In present (b), third line, remove "al" from the word "*Jurisdictional*." Present (b) would become (c), present (c) would become (d). In the next to the last literary paragraph, add "of the Board" and rearrange the wording of last sentence to read "who shall serve as members at large of the Division and of the Board."

Par. 1172 will then read:

"Par. 1172. The Board of Managers shall be composed as follows: (1) all effective Bishops of The Methodist Church resident in the United States of America; (2) members elected quadrennially by the Jurisdictional Conferences—one minister and three lay members, two of whom shall be women, from each Jurisdiction for each 450,000 members, or major fraction thereof, in the Jurisdiction and, in addition, one young man and one young woman under twenty-one years of age from each Jurisdiction; provided that no Jurisdiction, in addition to its effective Bishops, shall have fewer than two ministers and six lay members, four of whom shall be lay-women and two laymen, and, in addition, two youth members, one man and one woman, under twenty-one years of age. In nominating and electing such members, the Jurisdictional Conference shall have as a basis for choice the following: (a) one minister and one layman designated by each Annual Conference of the Jurisdiction, on nomination of its Board of Missions and Church Extension; (b) and six additional names nominated by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction; (c) twice the necessary number of lay members, who shall be designated by the Jurisdictional Woman's Society from the three members nominated by each Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jurisdiction; (d) and one young man and one young woman from those nominated by the Youth Organization of each Annual Conference in the Jurisdiction. Vacancies in the

Board of Managers shall be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancies occur ad interim, having regard to the various classifications of members.

The Board, on nomination of the Council of Bishops, is authorized to elect quadrennially twenty-four laymen—four from each Jurisdiction, twelve assigned to the Division of Foreign Missions and twelve to the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension—who shall serve as members at large of the Board.

The Board, on nomination of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is authorized to elect quadrennially twelve women two from each Jurisdiction, **who shall serve as members at large of the Division and of the Board.**

The Board shall elect to membership the Chairman of the Commission on Missions and World Friendship of the National Conference of Methodist Youth."

Par. 1173. Amend as follows: Delete the last phrase beginning with "*at the first regular meeting*" and substitute therefor the following:

"at a meeting to be held within ninety days after the adjournment of the last meeting of the several Jurisdictional Conferences held after the adjournment of the General Conference."

Par. 1173 will then read:

"Par. 1173. The term of office of all members of the Board of Managers whose election is provided for in Par. 1172 shall begin, and the Board of Managers shall organize, **at a meeting to be held within ninety days after the adjournment of the last meeting of the several Jurisdictional Conferences held after the adjournment of the General Conference.**"

Par. 1176.6. Amend by deleting the words "*and commission.*"

Par. 1176. 6. will then read:

"6. To elect, on nomination of the Divisions, the Executive Officers of the respective Divisions."

Par. 1178, Art. 5. Amend as follows: In the last line after "Service," add "(4)" before "Division of Education and Cultivation," so that the Paragraph will read:

"Par. 1178, Art. 5. Divisions. The Board shall conduct its activities through three Administrative Divisions and a Division of Education and Cultivation, namely: (1) Division of Foreign Missions, (2) Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, (3) Woman's Division of Christian Service, (4) Division of Education and Cultivation."

Par. 1179, Art. 6. Amend in seventh line from top of page 254, 1948 *Discipline*, by deleting the words "*shall have co-ordinate power. They,*" making Par. 1179, Art. 6, read:

"Par. 1179, Art. 6. Executive Secretaries. The Board shall elect quadrennially one or more Executive Secretaries for each of the three Administrative Divisions, and two (one man and one woman) for the Division of Education and Cultivation, with such assistants as the needs of the work may require. Said Secretaries shall be nominated by their respective Divisions, and shall be elected by the Board.

These Secretaries shall be subject to the direction of the Board and of their respective Divisions. Upon the recommendation of the Divisions their salaries shall be fixed and paid as the Board may determine. They shall be employed exclusively in the work of the Board, promoting its activities as the Board may approve.

(Third literary paragraph unchanged.)

Par. 1189, Art. 8. Amend by the addition of a new sentence at the end of the paragraph, to read as follows:

"This Committee shall co-operate in the work of the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations."

Par. 1189, Art. 8, will then read:

"Par. 1189, Art. 8. Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel. There shall be a Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the several Divisions of the Board which shall be responsible for the enlistment, cultivation, training and recommendation of candidates for missionary service at home and abroad. **This Committee shall co-operate in the work of the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations.**"

Par. 1195. The Division shall be composed as nearly as in three places, so that it will read:

Par. 1195. Amend by changing "*one third*" to "**one half**" possible of **one half** of the effective Bishops, and the remaining members shall be as follows: one half of the ministers, one half of the laymen, **one half** of the laywomen, and **one half** of the youth members of the Board. The Division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the Board, and at such other times as it may deem necessary."

Par. 1210. Amend as follows: Change "*one third*" to "**one half**" in three places so that it will read:

Par. 1210. The Division shall be composed as nearly as possible of **one half** of the effective Bishops, and the remaining members shall be as follows: one half of the ministers, one half of the laymen, **one half** of the lay-women, and **one half**

of the youth members of the Board. The Division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the Board and at such other times as it may deem necessary."

Par. 1214. Delete the first sentence "*The Division shall have one or more Executive Secretaries.*" So that the Paragraph will read:

Par. 1214. The Division shall have two sections: Section of Home Missions and Section of Church Extension."

Par. 1215. Amend by adding another letter under Item I, as follows: "(f) **Department of Research and Surveys.**" The first Paragraph will then read:

"Par. 1215. The section of Home Missions shall have the following Departments, or such Departments and Administrative Units as the Board, upon recommendation of the Division, may determine:

- (a) Department of City Work.
- (b) Department of Town and Country Work.
- (c) Department of Goodwill Industries.
- (d) Department of Negro Work.
- (e) Department of Spanish-speaking and Indian Work in the Southwest.

(f) **Department of Research and Surveys.**

The Departments shall work in close co-operation with one another, particularly in any overlapping areas."

2. Unchanged.

3. Unchanged.

Par. 1221. Amend as follows: Lines 2 and 3, delete "Department of City Work," and substitute the word "**Division,**" and in the last line delete the word "Department" and substitute the word "**Division,**" so that the Paragraph will read:

"Par. 1221. All city or District Societies shall be auxiliary to the Division, and shall make each year to the **Division** a detailed statement which shall include: (1) number of ministers or missionaries supported in whole or in part, the amount paid to each, and the kind of work in which each is engaged; (2) expenses of administration; (3) the total amount raised by the Society and how expended. The Report shall also include such other items as the **Division** shall require."

Par. 1222. Amend as follows: In (d) delete the words "Department of City Work" and substitute in their place the word "**Division**" so that the Paragraph will read:

"Par. 1222. A city or District Society in order to receive financial assistance from the Division, shall meet the follow-

ing conditions: (a) It shall be organized according to the *Discipline*; (b) it shall have an Executive Committee meeting at least once every quarter; (c) it shall be actively at work; (d) it shall have made a report as required by the *Division*; (e) it shall endeavor to raise annually by collection or otherwise an amount at least equal to that appropriated to it by the Board, exclusive of appropriations made the work among foreign-speaking peoples."

Par. 1230. Amend by adding a new item, to be numbered "5," as follows:

"5. The Department shall promote the organization of District Missionary Societies wherever possible and practicable."

The Paragraph will then consist of the following items:

"Par. 1230. 1. The Department of Town and Country Work shall promote, in co-operation with Board and Agencies, etc. . . .

2. The Department shall give encouragement and support to Annual Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension, etc. . . .

3. The Department shall administer such appropriations as may be committed to it, etc. . . .

4. The Department shall seek to aid Annual Conferences and local churches, etc. . . .

5. The Department shall promote the organization of District Missionary Societies wherever possible and practicable."

Par. 1234. Amend as follows: In the last line substitute the word "**nation**" for "*country*." And add new sentence, as follows:

"The Department of Negro Work shall promote the organization of District Missionary Societies wherever possible and practicable."

The Paragraph will then read:

"Par. 1234. The Department of Negro Work shall study and promote missionary work among Negroes and conduct other activities which, from time to time, the developments of the work may require, and which the Section may assign to it, and administer such appropriations as may be committed to it by the division. It shall co-operate with the Boards and Agencies of the Central Jurisdiction, the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and other Boards and Agencies as their work may affect the Negro population of the nation. **The Department of Negro Work shall promote the organization of District Missionary Societies wherever possible and practicable."**

Add new Paragraph 1236. (NOTE: This will advance the numbers of all succeeding paragraphs, but for the purpose of ease in comparing with the *Discipline*, present numbers will be used in the remainder of this Memorial.)

New Par. 1236 will read as follows:

"Par. 1236. The Department of Research and Surveys shall conduct surveys and research studies both in cities and rural territories, giving attention to migrations of population, new and growing communities, changed neighborhoods, and religious conditions of racial and other groups, the necessary location and adaptation of church buildings and the programs required for needy and congested communities. It shall co-operate with Annual Conference Boards, and with City and District Societies in making surveys. It may promote kindred activities on college and seminary campuses and within various Areas of The Methodist Church. It may produce and circulate materials designed to aid administrators and pastors in conducting community self-studies and surveys."

Par. 1237. Amend as follows:

Item 1.—Line 3, after word "supplied" change ";" to ";;" and insert the word **"and"** after the ";;". In the next to the last line, after the word "needed," change the ";;" to a **period**, ending the sentence with the words "is most needed." Delete the remainder of the sentence which reads, *"and shall give special attention to church architecture."*

Item 2. Add new Item 2, as follows:

"2. The Section of Church Extension shall give special attention to church architecture. Churches seeking financial aid from the Section of Church Extension shall submit their architectural plans and specifications to the Section for approval."

Item 3. (present Item 2.)

Item 4. (present Item 3.)

Item 5. (present Item 4.) Amend as follows: In the next to the last line on page 271, 1948 *Discipline*, change the ";;" after the word "Extension" to a **period** and delete the remainder of the sentence which reads, *"or a similar Board in the Jurisdiction."* In the first line, top of page 272, 1948 *Discipline*, after the word "Division," delete the remainder of the sentence which reads *"or the Executive Committee upon recommendation of the Section and the Secretary or Secretaries."* Add the following, **"its Executive Committee, or such other Committee as the Division may designate."**

Item 6 (present Item 5). Amend as follows: In the third line from the end substitute the word "**five**" for the word "*two*." In the next to the last line insert a new sentence between the sentence ending with the word "*less*" and before the sentence beginning with the words "In case of relocation," to read as follows:

"Said lien may be subordinated to enable the Trustees of the church involved to give a first mortgage for a loan."

Item 7 (present Item 6). Amend as follows: In the next to the last line change the *comma* after the word "Extension" to a **period** and delete the remainder of the sentence which reads, "*and that appropriations to the Annual Conference may be withheld if need be to insure such protection.*"

Item 8 (present item 7). Amend as follows: In line 1, insert after the word "division" the words "**or its constituent corporations,**" and after the words "a loan fund" insert the words "**and a Revolving Loan Fund.**"

Line 3, last word, change "*for*" to "**or.**"

Line 5, after the word "Division" insert the words "**or its constituent corporations.**"

Last sentence change first word "*It*" to "**These funds**" and insert after the word "security" the words "**or upon such terms as may be,**" deleting the words "*to be*" immediately following "security."

Item 9 (present Item 8). Amend as follows: Beginning in line 5, delete everything after words "beneficiaries; provided" and add the following:

"That in all cases the Division or any of its constituent corporations shall conform to the laws of the State or States in which they are incorporated."

Item 10. Delete present *Item 9* in its entirety and substitute therefor, the last portion of present *Item 8*, which reads as follows:

"The requirement of the charter of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which states that 'the aggregate of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one half of the annual interest receivable on the loans made by said Board,' shall be binding and in effect on all annuities made by it."

Item 11 (present Item 10). Merely change the number.

Present Item 11. Delete in its entirety and make it a part of Par. 258.

Par. 1237, as amended, will then read:

"Par. 1237. The Section of Church Extension shall conduct its work under the following provisions and regulations:

1. The Section of Church Extension shall encourage the erection of churches in communities not already adequately supplied, *and* shall assist in the building of churches, parsonages, and other mission buildings where assistance is most needed.

2. The Section of Church Extension shall give special attention to church architecture. Churches seeking financial aid from the Section of Church Extension shall submit their architectural plans and specifications to the Section for approval.

3. The Division shall appropriate money for the various types of work in the field and the conduct of the office. The Section shall recommend to "the Executive Committee of the Division what amount should be donated or loaned to each applicant and shall administer all donation aid, loan funds, and endowments contributed and established for the work of Church Extension except such as may be administered by the Annual Conferences; and do such other business as may be legitimate and proper for it to do.

4. Aid in the form of donations in the erection, remodeling, and repairing of churches and parsonages shall be made available primarily to clearly missionary projects. Assistance in the development of other types of church property, if and when granted, shall be provided as loans.

5. All applications for aid from the Section of Church Extension shall be made through the Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension. Grants shall be made by the Division, **Its Executive Committee, or such other Committee as the Division may designate** upon recommendation of the Section and the Secretary or Secretaries.

6. In granting donations to churches and parsonages the Division shall require from the Trustees of each aided church an obligation, which shall be a lien upon the property involved, for the return of the amount donated, with lawful interest thereon, from date of alienation, in the event that the work shall cease or the property shall be alienated from The Methodist Church; provided that these provisions may be waived in cases involving donations of five hundred dollars or less. **Said lien may be subordinated to enable the Trustees of the church involved to give a first mortgage for a loan.** In case of relocation the Division's investment and lien may be transferred to the new property.

7. When a donation is granted by the Division where the property involved is held in trust by the Board of Trustees

of the Annual Conference, no lien shall be required by the Division, provided the Trustees of the Annual Conference agree, with the approval of the Annual Conference, that the property shall not be conveyed without protecting the claim of the Section of Church Extension.

8. The Division **or its constituent corporations** shall raise and administer a **Loan Fund and a Revolving Loan Fund** which shall be held separate from funds secured for general distribution. It shall consist of all money **or** other properties especially donated or bequeathed to the Board **or Division or its constituent corporations** as a permanent fund, subject to annuity or otherwise, where the gift is intended to assist in the building and financing of churches and parsonages in the field of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension. **These funds** shall be used only as loans on adequate security **or upon such terms as may be determined** by the Section.

9. It shall be lawful for the Division to accept contributions to its funds from any person or persons capable of making the same, subject to annuity, payable to the persons making such donations, or other contractual beneficiaries, provided, **that in all cases the Division or any of its constituent corporations shall conform to the laws of the State or States in which they are incorporated.**

10. The requirement of the charter of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which states that "the aggregate of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one half of the annual interest receivable on the loans made by said board," shall be binding and in effect on all annuities made by it.

11. The Section shall have a Department of Finance and Field Service. A fund may be set up by the Section to be secured from gifts and legacies and the income be used in supporting the work of this Department. The purposes of the Department shall be:

a) Securing funds for the building of churches, parsonages, and religious educational equipment, and for remodeling and repair projects.

b) Raising funds for the liquidation of church debts.

c) Assisting and guiding churches in developing effective budget and other financial plans.

d) Providing counsel and suggesting plans for church building enterprises.

e) Co-operating in making surveys of new fields and other community centers with special reference to the location and adaptation of church buildings and equipment.

Par. 1241. Amend in the fourth line from end of Para-

graph by removing "al" from "Jurisdictional" so that the last four lines after the words "for its work:" will read:

"to organize Jurisdiction, Conference, District, and local-church Societies for adults, young people and children as auxiliary to the division; and to recommend constitutions and by-laws for the same."

Par. 1245. Amend as follows: In 1, third line, delete the word "and" and in the fourth line change the "period" after the word "Jurisdiction" to a "," and add **"and such members of the Division as may be appointed by the Department."**

The Paragraph will then read:

"Par. 1245. The Department of Work in Foreign Fields shall administer and promote the work of missions outside the United States of America, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic.

1. There shall be a Standing Committee composed of the Chairman, the Executive Secretary or Secretaries of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, the Secretaries of Foreign Work in the several Jurisdictions, **and such members of the Division as may be appointed by the Department.**

2. There shall be an Inter-division Committee on Foreign Work. (See Par. 1199-2.)"

Par. 1247. Amend as follows: In first line, top of page 278, 1948 *Discipline*, delete "and its territories" and the parenthesis marks; substitute the word **"including."** Same Paragraph 1, third line, delete "and" last line delete "in home fields," place the word **"home"** before "work," and add **"and such members of the Division as may be appointed by the Department."** Insert new 4 to read, **"4. There shall be a Committee on Co-operation and Counsel with the General Board of Education. (See Par. 1365.)"**

Renumber present 4 to 5.

The paragraph will then read:

"Par. 1247. The Department of Work in Home Fields shall administer and promote the work of missions within the United States of America **including** Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

1. There shall be a Standing Committee in this Department composed of the Chairman of the Department, the Executive Secretary or Secretaries of the Department, the Secretaries of **Home** Work in the several Jurisdictions, **and such members of the Division as may be appointed by the Department.**

2. There shall be an Inter-division Committee on Work in Home Fields. (See Par. 1239.)

3. There shall be an Inter-Board Committee with the Board of Hospitals and Homes for conference and consultation on matters of common concern. (Par. 1537.)

4. **There shall be a Committee on Co-operation and Counsel with the General Board of Education. (See Par. 1365.)**

5. In the Department of Work in Home Fields there shall be a Bureau of Deaconess Work. (See Par. 1252.)"

Par. 1248. Amend as follows:

1. Second line, substitute "**group**" for "*class*," third line substitute "**world**" for "*national*."

4. Second line strike out "*Executive Secretary*," substitute "**Secretaries**." Third line strike out "*Chairman of the Resource Committee*," substitute "**the Chairman of the Committees**." Fourth line, strike out "*al*" on "*Jurisdictional*."

Par. 1248 will then read:

"Par. 1248. The Department of Christian Social Relations and Local-Church Activities shall supervise and promote the work of the Division along the lines of community service and social relations.

1. It shall seek to make real and effective the teachings of Jesus as applied to individual, **group**, racial, and **world** relationships. It shall endeavor to enlist the participation of church women in such questions as have a moral or religious significance or an important bearing on public welfare.

2. It shall seek to inspire in the women of the local church a greater devotion to and concern for the total life and work of the local church.

3. It shall seek to co-operate with other Agencies of the Church having similar purpose, endeavoring to develop Christian fellowship and to deepen concern for the total responsibility of the Church.

4. This Department shall have a Standing Committee, composed of the **Secretaries** and Chairman of the Department, **the Chairman of Committees**, the Jurisdiction Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local-Church Activities and such other persons as the Division may provide upon recommendation of the Department."

Par. 1252. Amend in Paragraph 3, in the sixth line and in the eighth line, by removing "*al*" from "*Jurisdictional*."

Par. 1253. Amended as follows: In the title of the Paragraph; in the first line of Paragraph 3; in the second line of Paragraph 4; in the second line of Paragraph 5, remove "*al*" from "*Jurisdictional*."

Par. 1254. Amend as follows: In the third line of Para-

graph 2; in the third line of Paragraph 5, remove "al" from "Jurisdictional."

Par. 1255. Amend as follows:

In the title of the Paragraph, remove "al" from "Jurisdictional."

Art. 1. In line 2, remove "al" from "Jurisdictional."

Art. 2. In line 1, remove "al" from "Jurisdictional."

Art. 3. In line 1, remove "al" from "Jurisdictional"; in line 3, delete the words "*from three to*"; in the third line from the end of Art. 3, and in the last line of Art. 3, remove "al" from "Jurisdictional."

Art. 4. In line 1, remove "al" from "Jurisdictional"; in line 6, at the end of the line, delete the words "*and service*." In line 10, delete "*and*" in line 11, place a ";" after "life" and add "**a Secretary of Status of Women and a Secretary of Missionary Personnel.**" Delete the next sentence beginning with "*These officers*" and ending with "*Jurisdictional Conference*."

Art. 5. In the second line remove "al" from "Jurisdictional"; add the following sentence to the end of Art. 5:

"For an officer elected during a quadrennium, the period to be served shall be considered the first term, thus giving the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office."

Art. 6. In the first line remove "al" from "Jurisdictional."

Art. 7. Add new Art. 7, to read:

"Art. 7. Amendments.—Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Division at least forty days before the last annual meeting of the Division in the quadrennium."

Par. 1255 will then read:

"Par. 1255. Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service:

Article 1. Name.—There shall be in each Jurisdiction a Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service auxiliary to the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Art. 2. Function or Authority.—Each Jurisdiction Woman's Society shall have authority to promote its work in accordance with the program and policy of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions. It shall also recommend to the Woman's Division of Christian Service such plans and policies as will make the work within the Jurisdiction more effective.

Art. 3. Membership.—The Jurisdiction Woman's Society

of Christian Service shall be composed of its officers and six delegates from each Conference Woman's Society within the Jurisdiction, three of whom shall be Conference officers; all the women members of the Jurisdiction Board of Missions and any members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service living within the Jurisdiction; a representative of the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association; all the Bishops of the Jurisdiction; and such other persons as the Jurisdiction Society may determine.

Art. 4. Officers.—Each Jurisdiction Woman's Society shall elect a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary of Foreign Work, a Secretary of Home Work, a Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local-church activities, a Secretary of Promotion, a Secretary of Missionary Education, a Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, a Secretary of Student Work, a Secretary of Youth Work, a Secretary of Children's Work, a Secretary of Literature and Publications, a Secretary of Supply Work, a Secretary of Spiritual Life, **a Secretary of Status of Women and a Secretary of Missionary Personnel.** Other officers, Superintendents, and Secretaries may be elected and such Committees appointed as the work may demand in accordance with the plans of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Art. 5. Elections.—Officers shall be elected at the first meeting of "the Jurisdiction Woman's Society following the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference, for a term of four years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. This term of office applies to all officers. **For an officer elected during a quadrennium, the period to be served shall be considered the first term, thus giving the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office.**

Art. 6. Meetings.—Each Jurisdiction Woman's Society shall meet annually at such time and place as it may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 7. Amendments.—Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Division at least forty days before the last annual meeting of the Division in the quadrennium."

Par. 1256. Amend as follows:

Art. 1, line 3, remove "*al*" from "Jurisdictional."

Art. 2. No change.

Art. 3, line 8, remove "*al*" from "Jurisdictional."

Line 11, insert the words "**a treasurer**" after the words "Recording Secretary" and delete the words "*a Treasurer*" after the word "promotion."

Art. 4. No change.

Art. 5. First line, top of page 285, remove "al" from "Jurisdictional."

End Art. 5, with second line, top of page 285, closing with the words "Woman's Division of Christian Service."

Art. 6. New Art. 6. Elections. Begin with the third line, top of page 285, "At the last meeting," etc. In the third line after "last" insert "**annual.**" Fourth line from top of page 285, after the word "shall" insert (1). Fifth line from top of page 285, after the word "*Discipline*" insert "(P. 1255.3.) six." Seventh line from top of page 285, remove "al" from "Jurisdictional"; after the word "Society" change the "." to a ";" and delete the sentence beginning with "*Three Women*" and ending with "*Church Extension*" and substitute therefor the following:

"(2) (P. 1172-b) **Nominate three women for membership on the General Board of Missions, the names to be sent to the Jurisdiction Woman's Society.**"

In the next to the last line insert "**of the Conference Woman's Society**" before the word "preceding," and after the word "delegates" insert "**to the Assembly.**"

Art. 7. Present Art. 6 becomes new Art. 7. Amend as follows:

Line 3, insert "last" before "annual," add at the end of the sentence the words "**in the quadrennium.**"

Par. 1256 will then read:

"Par. 1256. Constitution of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service:

Art. 1. Name.—In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service auxiliary to the Jurisdiction Woman's Society and to the Woman's Division of Christian Service. This shall include the Wesleyan Service Guild for gainfully employed women.

Art. 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to plan and direct the work of the society within the Conference in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Art. 3. Membership and Officers. The Conference Woman's Society shall be composed of representatives from Societies in the local church the number to be determined by each Conference according to its requirements; such District officers as the Conference Society may determine, from each District; all Chairmen of Conference Standing Committees; officers or members of the Woman's Division or of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society residing within the bounds of the Conference; and the following Conference Officers: a

President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a **Treasurer**, a Secretary of Promotion, a Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, a Secretary of Student Work, a Secretary of Youth Work, a Secretary of Children's Work, a Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, a Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local-church Activities, a Secretary of Literature and Publications, a Secretary of Supply Work, a Secretary of Spiritual Life, a Secretary of Status of Women, a Secretary of Missionary Personnel, and such other Secretaries of lines of work as may be required.

Art. 4. Annual Conference Relationships. The President of the Conference Woman's Society shall be seated in the Annual Conference, but without the right to vote unless she is otherwise a member of the Conference.

Art. 5. Meetings. There shall be an annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society when reports shall be received from the Conference Officers and from the Districts. Officers shall be elected, the necessary business transacted, and pledges made for the year. There shall be a program of inspiration and information in harmony with the plans and projects of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Art. 6. Elections. At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Woman's Society shall (1) elect, according to instructions in the *Discipline* (P. 1255.3) six women from the Conference, three of whom shall be Conference Officers, for membership in the Jurisdiction Woman's Society, (2) (P. 1172-b) **nominate three women for membership on the General Board of Missions, the names to be sent to the Jurisdiction Woman's Society.** At the annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society preceding the Assembly (P. 1251), delegates to the Assembly shall be elected in accordance with the stated membership.

Art. 7. Amendments. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Division at least forty days before the last annual meeting of the Division **in the Quadrennium."**

Par. 1257. Amend as follows: Art. 1, in third line, add a sentence as follows: **"This shall include the Wesleyan Service Guild for gainfully employed women."**

Art. 6, third line, insert "last" before "annual" and add at the end of the sentence **"in the quadrennium."**

Par. 1257 will then read as follows:

"Par. 1257. Constitution of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Art. 1. Name. There may be a District Woman's Society

of Christian Service auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. **This shall include the Wesleyan Service Guild for gainfully employed women.**

Art. 2. Unchanged.

Art. 3. Unchanged.

Art. 4. Unchanged.

Art. 5. Unchanged.

Art. 6. Amendments. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Division at least forty days before the **last annual meeting of the Division in the quadrennium.**"

Par. 1268. Amend by inserting in line 7, after the word "Service" the words **"one of whom shall be the President of the Division,"** so that the Paragraph will read:

"Par. 1268. The Division of Education and Cultivation shall be composed of six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; six men and two women from the Division of World Missions, elected by that Division; six men and two women from the Division of National Missions and Church Extension, elected by that Division; eight women from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, **one of whom shall be the President of the Division,** elected by that Division; one Executive Secretary from the Division of World Missions; one Executive Secretary from the Division of National Missions; three Executive Secretaries from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; and the two Executive Secretaries of the Division of Education and Cultivation. In all these selections there must be due regard to equipable representation from the Jurisdictions. This Division shall undergird with education and cultivation the total program of the Board."

Par. 1275. Amend at top of page 288, 1948 *Discipline*, by omitting "and" after the parenthesis and after the word "Secretaries" add the words **"a Treasurer who shall be the Secretary in charge of one of the Departments of the Division,"** so that the Paragraph will read:

"Par. 1275. The Division shall lect quadrennially a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, and a Recording Secretary. The Division shall also nominate for election by the Board two Executive Secretaries (one man and one woman), other Secretaries, **a Treasurer who shall be the Secretary in charge of one of the Departments of the Division,** and such other officers as the Division may determine. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board on nomination of the Division. The Division shall determine the powers and duties of its officers

and staff and shall recommend the remuneration of its employed officers and workers."

Par. 1291. Amend as follows: In the fifth line, omit "al" from "Jurisdictional."

Par. 1292. Amend as follows: In the eighth line, omit "al" from "Jurisdictional."

Par. 1295. Amend as follows: Beginning in the fifth line from the bottom of page 293, 1948 *Discipline*, delete the words "*of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance or*," and in the third line from the bottom of page 293, delete the first word in the line, "*other*." In the first line at the top of page 294, after the word "Secretaries," insert "**the Presidents and**" so that the Paragraph will read:

"Par. 1295. The Conference Board of Missions shall be auxiliary to the General Board and the Jurisdictional Board, and shall be composed of the following members elected quadrennially: One or more lay members from each District, and an equal number of ministers; five members at large, nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee after consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions and elected quadrennially by the Annual Conference; two young men and two young women, nominated by the Conference Youth Organization and elected annually by the Annual Conference; the Conference Missionary Secretary, the Conference Lay Leader, the Conference Secretary of Evangelism, the President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, the members of the General Board residing within the bounds of the Annual Conference; and the Chairman of such Agency as may be created or designated by the Conference to administer the Minimum Salary Plan (Par. 806-5). The District Superintendents, District Missionary Secretaries, **the Presidents and** full-time Executives of City or District Societies and the Chairman of the Conference Town and Country Commission may be members of the Conference Board of Missions at the discretion of the Annual Conference."

Par. 1365. Amend as follows: In the next to the last line, page 307, 1948 *Discipline*, delete the words "*for Negroes*," so that the Paragraph will read:

"Par. 1365. There shall be a Committee on Co-operation and Counsel of ten members, five to be appointed by the General Board of Education and five by the Board of Missions, nominated by the Home Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, to take under consideration all

matters involving educational work in institutions in which Agencies of both Boards may have responsibility."

Par. 1414. Amend as follows: At the end of the fourth line, page 317, 1948 *Discipline*, insert after the words "elected by the" the following words: "**Division of National Missions of the,**" and in the seventh line, after the word "churches" place a "**comma,**" delete the word "*and,*" add the words "**parsonages and religious,**" so that the Paragraph will read:

"Par. 1414. There shall be a Joint Committee on Architecture composed of the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, three others to be elected by the Board of Education, and four other persons elected by the **Division of National Missions of the** Board of Missions. This Committee shall have authority to prepare standards for the architecture of churches, **parsonages and religious** educational buildings and to recommend them to the co-operating Boards; and shall be authorized, under such provisions as the Boards may agree upon, to offer counsel in the erection of such buildings. The Committee shall meet annually and at such other times as its work may require."

Par. 1891. Amend as follows: In the last line omit the word "*United*" leaving the name "Church of Christ in Japan," so that the Paragraph will read:

"Par. 1891. Affiliated Autonomous Churches: Methodist Church of Mexico, Methodist Church of Brazil, Methodist Church in Korea, and the Church of Christ in Japan."

Par. 2002. "Enabling Acts." Approved recommendation to "Amend Enabling Act," as follows:

To provide for the quadrennial election of the officers and managers of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by the Division of Home Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church rather than the Board. (See Par. 2002.)

Art. III of the Constitution of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to read as follows:

"ARTICLE III. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board, under its direction, and shall be subject to the authority and control of the Board and of the **Division of Home Missions** of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, by whom his salary shall be fixed and paid. He shall reside where the Board is located."

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 9. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

M, 102; P, 61; F, 60; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE W.S.C.S. OFFICERS, WOMEN HEADS
OF INSTITUTIONS, TO BE ENCLOSED UNDER PAR. 622,

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 573
1948 *Discipline*

*Calendar No. 129. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 628.*

*Reconsidered—Amended May 5, 1952. Re-Adopted
May 5, 1952. Calendar No. 628.*

The Committee recommends that Chapter VIII, Section I, Par. 622 of the 1948 *Discipline* be amended as follows:

Change the *period* to a **comma** at the end of the sentence, and add the phrase "**without vote, and by authorization of a Central Conference national lay workers may be given the same privileges.**" Par. 622, as amended, will then read:

"Lay missionaries, both men and women, regularly appointed by the Board of Missions in fields outside the United States may be seated in the Annual Conference session and given the privileges of the floor, **without vote and by authorization of a Central Conference national lay workers may be given the same privileges.**"

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 10. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

M, 102; P, 64; F, 61; A, 0; N, 3

(NON-CONCURRENCE WITH REFERENCE)

SUBJECT: NORTH AFRICA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 587

*Referred to Committee or Correlation and Editorial
Revision May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 630.*

The Committee, in recommending an action of non-concurrence, has ascertained that the General Conference is being memorialized through the Committee on Structure of Methodism Overseas to recognize a "North Africa Provisional Conference," in which recommendation this Committee concurs.

It wishes to report the matter to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision for such adjustment as the situation may require.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

M, 102; P, 63; F, 63; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MISSION SPECIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NO. 577-593

Calendar No. 131. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 630.

The Committee had before it Memorials from the Virginia Annual Conference and Southwest Texas Annual Conference to continue the program of Mission Specials. The Committee recommends concurrence because these Memorials are in conformity with the Report of the Committee of Twenty-eight. The Memorial from the Southwest Texas Annual Conference suggests that "no allocations of goals or quotas for Advance Specials be made to Annual Conferences, Districts or local churches."

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

M, 102; P, 63; F, 63; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NO OVER-ALL QUADRENNIAL CHURCH-WIDE PROGRAM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 576

Calendar No. 132. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 630.

The Committee had before it a request from the Southwest Texas Annual Conference to memorialize the General Conference to "inaugurate no over-all quadrennial Church-wide program but rather leave Annual Conferences, areas and local churches to work out their own programs with the guidance and assistance of the regularly established General Board of the Church."

The Committee voted to concur in this recommendation since it is in conformity with the report of the Committee of Twenty-eight.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

M, 102; P, 64; F, 64; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 572, 579, 582, 1137, 1175

*Calendar No. 133. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 754.*

In adopting an action of non-concurrence on Memorial serial No. 579, on the "Use of Tobacco by Deaconesses," the Committee assumes that the Report of the Committee on Ministry on this subject will include all classifications of workers within the Church.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman;*
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 14. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

M, 102; P, 67; F, 67; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NO. SEE REPORT

*Calendar No. 164. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 754.*

These Memorials were considered individually by the Committee, and voted Non-concurrence.

565, 566, 570, 571, 574, 578, 581, 583, 584, 585, 588, 590
591, 592, 1152, 1237, 1242, 1434, 1487, 1511.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman;*
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary.*

NO. 11. PENSIONS

Chairman—Lester L. Roush (Ohio-NC)

Vice-Chairman—William N. Banks (North Georgia-SE)

Secretary—Herbert H. Brower (Missouri-SC)

(For complete personnel of the Committee, see Journal, Page 40.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the support of retired and supernumerary ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including Bishops.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the "SUBJECT" will be found "MEMORIAL—Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for this Report. For list of Memorials see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1091. Editor.)

REPORT No. 1. PENSIONS

M, 42; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PENSION LEGISLATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. REPORT OF COMMISSION ON PENSION
LEGISLATION. DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, PAGES
100-108, 136.

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 784.

*Calendar No. 55. Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal,
Pages 555, 564, 784.*

PART VIII

PENSIONS AND PERMANENT FUNDS

CHAPTER I

BOARD OF PENSIONS

SECTION I.

(Section 1 adopted May 3, 1952, with exception of Par. 1602-1, which was amended and adopted May 6, 1952. See pages 556 and 739.)

Organization

¶ 1601, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

¶ 1602, § 1.

The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, hereinafter, for the sake of brevity, called the Board, shall be composed of one Bishop to be elected by the Council of Bishops for a term of four years, and one minister, and one layman from each Jurisdiction for every 1,000,000 church members in the Jurisdiction, or major fraction of that number, to be elected for a term of eight years; provided, however, that there shall be at least one ministerial and one lay member from each Jurisdiction; and provided, furthermore, that at its first meeting following the General Conference in 1952, the Jurisdictional Conference shall elect one-half of its quota of members for a term of four years and one-half of its quota of members for a term of eight years so that thereafter the Jurisdictional Conference shall elect one-half of its quota of members each quadrennium for a term of eight years.

In addition there shall be two members at large to be elected by the other members of the Board for a term of four years.

The Executive Secretaries of the Board shall be ex officio members of the Board without vote.

A member of the Board shall serve during the term of office for which he was elected or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

Members elected by a Jurisdictional Conference need not be delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

§ 2.—No change.

§ 3. In all matters not specifically covered by General Conference legislation, the Board shall have authority to adopt rules and policies for the administration of the support of Conference Claimants, with variations for each of the territories assigned respectively to the Illinois Corporation and to the Missouri Corporation as conditions may require and shall take such measures as it may deem advisable to co-ordinate the work of the Illinois Corporation and the Missouri Corporation.

§ 4. The Board shall meet annually for the review and consideration of the work committed to its care; provided, however, that special meetings of the Board may be called by any two of the officers mentioned in ¶ 1603, § 1.

¶ 1603, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3—No change.

SECTION II.

(Adopted May 3, 1952, see page 556)

Authorizations

¶ 1604, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

¶ 1605, § 1. The Board is authorized to receive, hold in trust, and administer, through its corporations, all such funds as connectional permanent funds, reserve pension funds, and the Chartered Fund; and it shall have power to apportion these duties to the Illinois Corporation, the Maryland Corporation, and the Missouri Corporation as it may deem advisable, **subject to other provisions of the Discipline.**

§ 2—No change.

§ 3—No change.

¶ 1606—No change.

¶ 1607—No change.

CHAPTER II

PERMANENT FUNDS

(Adopted May 3, 1952, see page 556)

¶ 1608—No change.

¶ 1609. The income from the **General Endowment Fund** for Superannuates held by the Missouri Corporation shall be distributable as annuities on account of service of Conference Claimants formerly rendered in an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or service rendered in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church within the territory of the Missouri Corporation; *provided*, however, that in the case of any Annual Conference formerly of the Methodist Episcopal Church which shall remain substantially unaffected in its liability for annuities by unification, in order to participate in the distribution made by the Missouri Corporation, it shall be necessary for such Conference to deposit with the Missouri Corporation assets sufficient to produce an annual income equivalent to the amount which would be distributed to such Conference in the event it elects to participate. Beginning with the first fiscal year of the Missouri Corporation following the General Conference of 1944, the aforesaid income shall be distributed to the Annual Conferences concerned, in accordance with the years of annuity responsibility in each, which are eligible for consideration under the preceding sentence of this paragraph, the determination of the number of such years to be with the Missouri Corporation.

¶ 1610—No change.

¶ 1611, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3—No change.

§ 4—No change.

§ 5—No change.

§ 6—No change.

§ 7—No change.

CHAPTER III

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION I.

(Adopted May 3, 1952, see page 556)

Authorization

¶ 1612. 1. Annual Conferences are authorized to establish and maintain investment funds, Preachers' Aid Societies, and organizations and funds of similar character, under such names, plans, rules, and regulations as they may determine, the income from which shall be applied to the support of Conference Claimants. It is recommended that each Annual Conference provide a **corporation** to administer its permanent funds, under some other corporate name than that used by The Board of Pensions.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3—No change.

§ 4. Provided that no laws of the State in which it is organized or incorporated prohibit its so doing, an Annual Conference shall have power to require from its **ministerial members and Approved Supply Pastors** who are appointed with annuity claim on the Conference an annual contribution to either its permanent or reserve fund or for current distribution or to a Preachers' Aid Society for the benefit of its annuitants, subject to the following provisions: (1) the annual payment may be made in installments as provided by the Annual Conference; (2) the Conference may fix a financial penalty for failure to pay; (3) in case his membership in the Annual Conference is terminated under the provisions of the *Discipline*, the Conference may refund the amount so paid, in whole or in part; (4) the making of such payment shall not be used as the ground of contractual obligations upon the part of the Conference, or as the ground of any special or additional annuity claim of a member against the Conference, neither shall it prevent disallowance of his annuity claim by Conference action; (5) ministers entering an Annual Conference shall not be charged an initial entry fee by any organization mentioned in § 1 of this Paragraph; furthermore, the annual contribution required from a ministerial member of the Conference or an **Approved Supply Pastor** shall not exceed the equivalent of three per cent of his cash salary.

§ 5—No change.

§ 6. Each Annual Conference on recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants or one of the organizations mentioned in § 1 of this Paragraph shall select a Sunday

in each year to be observed in the churches as Retired Ministers Day, in honor of the retired ministers, their wives, and the widows of ministers, and in recognition of the Church's obligation for their support. The Bishop shall request each Annual Conference in his Area to insert the Retired Ministers Day in its calendar and he shall diligently promote the observance of it.

SECTION II.

(Adopted May 3, 1952, see page 557)

Board of Conference Claimants

¶ 1613, § 1—No change.

§ 2. The Board of Conference Claimants shall be composed of not less than twelve members, not indebted to or beneficiaries of Conference Claimants' funds of the Conference, effective ministers and laymen in equal number, and so arranged in two equal classes that one-half shall be elected quadrennially, provided that beginning with the first sessions of the Annual Conferences following the General Conference in 1952, two classes shall be elected, one class for a term of four years and one class for a term of eight years, and thereafter each class shall be elected for a term of eight years; and in addition thereto any ministerial member of the Annual Conference or lay member of a church within the Annual Conference who is a member of the General Board of Pensions.

§ 3. (a) The Board of Conference Claimants shall organize by electing a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall serve during the ensuing quadrennium, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. These officers shall constitute an Executive Committee; *provided*, however, that three members may be added thereto by the Board of Conference Claimants. The office of Secretary may be combined with that of Treasurer. Calls for special meetings of the Board of Conference Claimants shall be issued by the Secretary on request of the Chairman, or the Vice-chairman, when the Chairman is unable to act.

(b)—No change.

§ 4. The members of the Board of Conference Claimants shall assume their duties at the adjournment of the session of the Annual Conference at which they were elected.

§ 4. (renumbered § 5).

§ 5. (renumbered § 6).

§ 6. (renumbered § 7).

§ 7. (renumbered § 8).

§ 8. (renumbered § 9). The Board of Conference Claimants shall administer all annuities and relief provided for the benefit of Special Conference Claimants. (¶ 1631).

§ 9. (renumbered § 10).

§ 10. (renumbered § 11).

§ 11. (renumbered § 12).

§ 12. (renumbered § 13). The Board of Conference Claimants may build up a stabilization fund from the income for Conference Claimants in order to stabilize the annuity rate. Such stabilization fund should be, at least, the equivalent of twenty-five per cent of the average annual income of the Board of Conference Claimants for all purposes for the five years immediately preceding. Such stabilization fund shall be held as the Annual Conference shall direct and shall be subject to the requirements of § 11 of this paragraph.

CHAPTER IV

GENERAL PENSION REGULATIONS

(Adopted May 3, 1952, see page 558)

¶ 1614. Definition of Conference Claimants.—Retired ministers, the widows of ministers, and dependent children of deceased ministers are Conference Claimants.

¶ 1615—No change.

¶ 1616. Approval of Claim.—The Annual Conference shall be the sole judge of the admissibility and validity of annuity claims and shall be fully competent to determine all payments, disallowances, and deductions thereunder, subject to the specific regulations relating thereto contained in the *Discipline*.

¶ 1617. Retirement.—1. The Annual Conference may place any ministerial member thereof in the retired relation, with or without his consent and irrespective of his age, if such relation be recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations. (¶ 367.)

§ 2. At his own request, the Annual Conference may place any ministerial member thereof in the retired relation, with the privilege of making an annuity claim, if he has attained age sixty-five prior to the first day of the session of the Annual Conference to which said request is presented (¶ 369.)

§ 3. Every ministerial member of an Annual Conference who has attained age seventy-two prior to the first day of the session of the Annual Conference shall be placed in the retired relation. (¶ 368.)

§ 3 (renumbered § 4). Retirement prior to attaining age sixty-five with the privilege of making an annuity claim on the ground of a minister's personal disability, shall be permitted only after a thorough investigation of his case by and presentation of a medical certificate to, the Committee

on Conference Relations. This certificate shall be made on a form approved by The Board of Pensions, and shall be given by a regular medical doctor, other than the personal physician of the applicant, who has been approved by the Committee on Conference Relations. If such disability continue for more than one year, such medical certificate shall be required annually.

§ 4 (renumbered § 5). If retirement take place before attainment of **age sixty-five** for other reasons than personal disability, the right to make an annuity claim from the time of retirement until the **ministerial** member attains that age shall be granted upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations and a three-fourth vote of the Annual Conference; **provided, however, that in case of emergency occurring between sessions of the Annual Conference the Board of Conference Claimants shall have authority to grant relief at its discretion.**

§ 5 (renumbered § 6). When because of **physical or mental incapacity**, a minister is forced to give up his **ministerial** work during the Conference year, upon recommendation of the Cabinet, accompanied by a medical certificate, as set forth in § 3 of this Paragraph, the Board of Conference Claimants may grant him an appropriation from an emergency fund for the remaining part of the Conference year.

§ 7. The Board of Conference Claimants, upon recommendation of the Cabinet may grant aid to a minister in the effective relation who has attained the age of voluntary retirement and has been compelled because of an emergency to relinquish his ministerial work during the Conference year.

¶ 1618, § 1—No change.

§ 2. The following years of approved service in the Effective Relation or On Trial in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, as defined in § 8 of this Paragraph, are eligible to be counted for the purpose of determining the annuity claims payable thereon:

(a)—No change.

(b)—No change.

(c) **Service rendered under special appointment to an institution, organization or agency, which in the judgment of the Annual Conference rendered to it some form of service, direct or indirect, sufficient to warrant granting an annuity from the Conference Fund therefor, or to a community church; provided, however, that such institution, organization, agency or community church accepts and pays annually such apportionments as the Annual Conference may require in accordance with the provision as set forth in ¶ 1623, § 6; and provided, furthermore, that any institution,**

organization, agency or community church may arrange for a pension related to such service through the Joint-Contributory Annuity Fund administered by The Board of Pensions. (All service in special appointment as ministerial members of Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church prior to May 29, 1924, shall be regarded as valid, irrespective of subsequent limitations enacted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and furthermore, nothing hereinbefore provided in this sub-section shall prevent an Annual Conference from fulfilling any special arrangement which it may have entered into prior to January 1, 1946, whereby it agreed to assume the annuity responsibility for a minister while serving under special appointment to an institution or organization not under the control of the Conference.)

(d) Service under special appointment as an evangelist; provided, however, that if annuity responsibility be accepted by the Annual Conference therefor, such Annual Conference may require the payment of an apportionment by such evangelist in accordance with the provision in ¶ 1623, § 6.

(d) (reletter (e)). As a student left without appointment to attend school.

(e) (reletter (f)). Sabbatical leave (¶ 364).

(f) (reletter (g)). As the wife of a minister during his years of approved service. (¶ 1620.)

(g) (reletter (h)). Service rendered prior to December 31, 1946, as a reserve Chaplain on full-time active duty with the armed forces of the United States, in case no government pension is granted for such years of service; provided, however, that provision for pension on account of service rendered after December 31, 1946, as a reserve Chaplain on full-time active duty shall be made by the CHAPLAINS PENSION FUND administered in connection with the JOINT-CONTRIBUTORY ANNUITY FUND in accordance with rules and regulations to be determined jointly by The Board of Pensions and the Commission on Chaplains.

(h)—Delete.

(i)—No charge.

§ 3. (a) No change.

(b)—No change.

§ 4. Upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and approval by the Annual Conference, special appointments shall be listed in the Conference journal as follows: (1) with annuity claim (a) upon this Annual Conference or (b) upon a General Board, an institution, or an Agency of The Methodist Church; (2) without annuity claim **on this Annual Conference**. If at any session the Annual Conference shall fail to make such listing, it may be

done subsequently, whenever desirable, under the Disciplinary question, "What other personal notation should be made?" (§ 651, Question 43.)

§ 5—No change.

§ 6. The average salary of the Conference for the purposes of this annuity plan shall mean the average salary (including house rent at a valuation equivalent to fifteen per cent of the cash salary in cases in which a parsonage is occupied or house rent is provided) of the ministers in the Annual Conference who are in the effective relation as pastors or District Superintendents, based on the salaries as published in the Statistical Report of the Annual Conference. In computing the average salary of the Conference, no account shall be taken of salaries of ministers who shall have served less than one year on a pastoral charge. The average salary shall be established by the Board of Pensions for each Annual Conference biennially, based upon the Annual Conference Reports for odd-numbered years.

§ 7. Dependent child shall mean a child of a deceased minister or a child legally adopted before the minister's retirement or death, under sixteen years of age, and dependent for his or her support. If the child be kept in a standard school, the age limit may be extended not to exceed five additional years by action of the Board of Conference Claimants.

§ 8—No change.

§ 9—Delete.

§ 10 (renumbered § 9).

§ 11 (renumbered § 10).

§ 12 (renumbered § 11). On recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants, the Annual Conference shall determine the Methodist institutions and organizations **related to such Annual Conference** service in which shall be approved for annuity responsibility of the Conference; *provided*, however, that such list may be revised at any session of the Annual Conference. Such list shall be printed annually in the Conference journal under the Disciplinary question "What Methodist institutions or organizations are approved by the Conference for annuity responsibility?" (§ 651, Question 13.)

¶ 1619—No change.

¶ 1620. Claim of a Widow.—1. The **annuity** claim of a widow shall be for an amount equivalent to the total of her years of approved service (¶ 1618, §§ 2f, 3b) multiplied by seventy per cent of the annuity rate. The seventy per cent may be raised to seventy-five per cent at the option of the Annual Conference. The fact that a widow served as the wife

of a minister of The Methodist Church until his death and after an intervening period of widowhood, served again as the wife of another minister of The Methodist Church shall not prevent the approval of all such years of service for the purpose of computing her annuity claim.

§ 2. The annuity claim of a widow of a ministerial member or of an Approved Supply Pastor shall become effective immediately upon the death of such husband; provided, however, that the annuity claim of a widow of a ministerial member or an Approved Supply Pastor who was himself a Conference Claimant or a Special Conference Claimant at the time of his death shall become effective with the date of the next payment which would have been scheduled for him if he had lived.

§ 3. If a widow of a deceased ministerial member of an Annual Conference or of a deceased Approved Supply Pastor is remarried she shall have no annuity claim during such marriage but if such subsequent marriage is dissolved by such husband's death or by legal process, the Annual Conference on recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants may reinstate her annuity claim thereafter subject to the provisions of the Pension Code.

§ 4. The Board of Conference Claimants shall obtain annually satisfactory evidence that a widow is living and is eligible to receive annuity payments in accordance with provision of the Pension Code.

¶ 1621. Claim of a Dependent Child.—§ 1. The claim of an unmarried dependent child shall be determined by multiplying the equivalent of the deceased father's years of approved service by one fourth of the annuity rate to which the retired ministers are entitled; *provided*, however, that in no case shall the total claim of the dependent children in the deceased minister's family exceed the annuity claim which would correspond with his years of service multiplied by the annuity rate payable to retired ministers.

§ 2. The claim of an unmarried dependent child shall become effective immediately upon the death of the father and shall cease upon attainment of age sixteen. If the child be kept in a standard school, the age limit may be extended not to exceed five additional years, by the action of the Board of Conference Claimants. Upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and approved by two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference given annually a claim may be validated for a child past sixteen years of age in case of evident mental or physical incapacity to provide self-support; *provided*, however, that before allowing such claim the Board of Conference Claimants shall require a

medical certificate and may require subsequent certificates certifying the continuance of such incapacity.

§ 3. A certificate of attendance of a dependent child at a standard school shall be obtained annually between the ages of sixteen and **twenty-one** by the Board of Conference Claimants, on a form to be provided by the Board of Pensions.

§ 5—Delete.

¶ 1622, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

¶ 1623. Apportionments.—§ 1. After the annuity rate payable has been determined by the Annual Conference on recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants, the said Board shall compute the amount necessary to meet the prospective annuity disbursements according to the annuity rate determined, and said amount shall be apportioned to the pastoral charge **on the basis of a percentage of the cash salaries of the ministers.** (See ¶ 802.) In case there is more than one minister serving a pastoral charge, the apportionment thereto shall be on the basis of all cash salaries paid such ministers. If so determined by the Annual Conference a graduated scale of apportionments may be used,

(¶ 1624, § 2, 3.)

§ 2—No change.

§ 3. The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall include in its recommendations to the Annual Conference the amounts computed by the Board of Conference Claimants as necessary to meet the needs for annuity payments and relief. (¶ 785.)

§ 4—No change.

§ 5—Delete.

§ 6—Delete.

§ 7—Delete.

§ 5. The apportionment to a federated Church, the membership of which is under the jurisdiction of a Quarterly Conference, if and when it is served by a ministerial member or an Approved Supply Pastor of the Annual Conference, shall be made on the same basis as the apportionments to the pastoral charges of the Annual Conference; provided, however, that an annual apportionment may be made to a federated Church in accordance with the terms of an agreement between the Board of Conference Claimants and such federated Church.

§ 8 (renumbered § 6). (a) An Annual Conference which accepts annuity responsibility in any Conference year for service rendered by a member thereof **under special appointment to an institution, organization, agency or to a community church,** as provided in ¶ 1618, § 2c may make an

apportionment to such institution, organization, agency or community church served for such amount as the Annual Conference may determine; provided, however, that such apportionment shall not exceed an amount equivalent to twelve times the annuity rate which has been adopted for that Conference year.

(b)—No change.

(c)—No change.

¶ 1624. Proportional Payment.—1. The amount payable by any pastoral charge on the apportionment for the **support of Conference Claimants and for the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund** shall be directly proportionate to the total amount of cash salary or salaries paid by the charge to the minister or ministers serving it under Episcopal appointment or to a Supply Pastor. **Such** apportionment, being stated **on the basis of** a percentage of the total amount paid for ministerial salary or salaries on the charge, an amount equivalent to the aforesaid percentage shall be due from the charge on the basis of the salary or salaries paid. (¶ 802, ¶ 803.)

§ 2—No change.

§ 3. The Treasurer of the pastoral charge shall be primarily responsible for the application of the provisions of § 1 of this Paragraph; but in the event of his failure to apply such provisions, the pastor shall adjust his cash salary and the payment according to the proper ratio, as provided above, before he enters the respective amounts in his Statistical Report to the Annual Conference. And, on retirement, amounts in default shall be deducted from his annuity; *provided,* however, that not more than one quarter of the annuity payable by the Annual Conference in which the debt was incurred shall be appropriated in any year for such purpose; and, provided, furthermore, that if such pastor be a member of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, the annual contribution by the Conference to the service annuity **credit of such member** shall be withheld in any Conference year unless and until proportional payment, as required herein, has been observed.

§ 4. In the event of the failure of a retired minister to observe the provisions of this Paragraph while serving as a Supply Pastor in any Conference year, the amount of such default shall be deducted from such retired minister's annuity during the ensuing Conference year.

§ 4 (renumbered § 5).

¶ 1625. Distribution.—1. Moneys designated for distribution to the Claimants as annuities shall be distributed on the basis of approved years of service, and shall consist of:

(a)—No change.

(b)—The income from investments for annuity distribution held for this purpose.

(c)—No change.

(d)—No change.

§ 2—No change.

(a)—No change.

(b) Money received from the apportionment to the pastoral charges, provided that each Annual Conference shall set aside for necessitous and emergency distribution such part of its funds as it may deem necessary, but not to exceed ten per cent of the total amount collected on apportionment to the pastoral charges.

§ 3. The Board of Conference Claimants shall pay annuity and relief benefits quarterly **provided, however, that on recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants any Annual Conference by a two-thirds vote may order such payments to be made monthly, semiannually or annually.**

§ 4. The amount received each year from the pastoral charges shall be divided at the end of the Conference year between the Annuity Distribution and the Relief Fund in proportion to the amount asked from the pastoral charges for each fund respectively at the previous session of the Annual Conference; any part of such amount received in advance of the Conference session shall be reserved for appropriation and expenditure during the ensuing Conference year, unless the Conference receives and distributes the income on a current basis. **As quickly as feasible, the Annual Conferences paying annuities on a current income basis shall change to a collection of income one year in advance of the payments.**

¶ 1626. Relinquishment.—1. For a year at a time, a Conference Claimant may voluntarily relinquish in writing his or her annuity claim and any amount payable thereunder; provided that the disposal of the relinquished amount shall be entirely under the control of the Board of Conference Claimants.

§ 2. Any agreement made prior to retirement to relinquish at retirement a future annuity claim shall be null and void.

¶ 1627, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3—No change.

¶ 1628, § 1—Delete.

§ 2—Delete.

§ 3—Delete.

§ 4—Delete.

§ 5—Delete.

§ 6—Delete.

§ 7—Delete.

¶ 1629, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3. The Secretary of each Annual Conference shall publish annually in the Annual Conference journal the chronological roll of ministerial members and Approved Supply Pastors; indicating the number of service years of each. (¶ 632.)

§ 4—No change.

§ 5. The Secretary of the Conference shall have the power to require from each and every ministerial member of it a signed statement concerning the date of his birth, the date of birth of his wife, the date of their marriage, and the dates of birth of their dependent children and to require similar data from Accepted Supply Pastors.

¶ 1630, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3. The annuity claim of an effective minister cannot be recognized by the Board of Conference Claimants between annual sessions of the Conference; he must be retired first. Provision for emergency cases may be made in accordance with ¶ 1617, § 5.

§ 4—No change.

§ 5—No change.

§ 6—No change.

§ 7—No change.

§ 8—No change.

§ 9—No change.

§ 10—No change.

§ 11—No change.

§ 12. A minister On Trial or the widow and dependent children of a minister who was On Trial at the time of his death may become Conference Claimants subject to the provisions of the Pension Code.

§ 13. A widow of a retired minister who married him after his retirement or a child born of such marriage is not entitled to make an annuity claim on an Annual Conference, except as provided in the last sentence of ¶ 1620, § 1.

§ 14. A minister in the supernumerary relation cannot make an annuity claim, but may be granted emergency relief by the Board of Conference Claimants.

§ 15—No change.

§ 16. In determining the annuity claim of a regular Conference Claimant, the approved years of service as a full-

time Approved Supply Pastor rendered prior to Admission on Trial by an Annual Conference may be counted and payment made therefor at the rate for a Special Conference Claimant. (§ 1631.)

§ 17. Full-time service rendered as pastor-in-charge between the date of termination of membership in an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference and the date of re-admission into the membership in an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference may be approved for an annuity claim on recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and vote of the Conference.

§ 17 (renumbered § 18). The widow of a deceased minister whose membership in an Annual Conference had been terminated in accordance with the provisions in §§ 375-382 and §§ 991-995 shall have a right to make an annuity claim upon the Annual Conferences concerned based upon her years of approved service; *provided*, however, that such claim shall be approved on recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.

§ 19. In cases in which the Annual Conference provides a dwelling for the use of a Conference Claimant an adjustment may be made in his/her annuity as determined by the Annual Conference, after recommendation by the Board of Conference Claimants.

¶ 1631. Special Conference Claimants.—1. An Approved Supply Pastor who shall have rendered not less than ten years of full-time approved service as pastor-in-charge may upon retirement make an annuity claim as A Special Conference Claimant; *provided*, however, that any period of less than one full year of service in any Conference may not be counted.

§ 1 (renumbered § 2). On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations an Approved Supply Pastor who has attained age sixty-five prior to the first day of the session of the Annual Conference and who has rendered the minimum number of years of approved service may request retirement and upon retirement shall be designated A Special Conference Claimant.

§ 2—Delete.

§ 3. Every Approved Supply Pastor who has attained age seventy-two prior to the first day of the session of the Annual Conference shall be retired. (§ 368.)

§ 3—Delete.

§ 4. A Special Conference Claimant (§§ 1, 2) shall be entitled to make an annuity claim for each year of approved service rendered as a regularly appointed pastor, the equivalent of one per cent of the average salary (including house

rent at a valuation equivalent to fifteen per cent of the cash salary) of the regularly appointed Approved Supply Pastors of the Conference as computed by the Board of Conference Claimants; provided, however, that any Annual Conference may apply the same annuity rate to the claims of Special Conference Claimants as to the claims of the regular Conference Claimants.

Present § 3, no change, renumbered § 5.

§ 4 (renumbered § 6).

§ 5 (renumbered § 7). The regulations of the general Pension Code, including those on proportional payment and the claims of widows and children, shall apply to the administration of funds for special Conference Claimants with the exceptions specified in this Paragraph; *provided*, however, that all years of approved service of such Claimants shall be the direct responsibility of the Annual Conference in which the service was rendered and shall not involve clearinghouse operations.

§ 6 (renumbered § 8).

§ 7 (renumbered § 9).

§ 10. The following questions shall be added to the business of the Annual Conference: (a) "What Approved Supply Pastors are credited with annuity claim on account of full-time service during the past year?" (b) "What Approved Supply Pastors have been retired: This year? Previously?" (¶ 651.)

¶ 1632, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3—No change.

§ 4—No change.

§ 5—No change.

§ 6—No change.

§ 7—No change.

§ 8—No change.

¶ 1633—No change.

¶ 1634. Liens on Annuities.—1. Whenever a Conference Claimant shall be in debt to the Conference or any of its organizations on account of unpaid assessments, obligations, or pledges for the benefit of Conference Claimants, such debt shall constitute a lien on the annuity of the person involved, and the Conference shall have power to appropriate and apply his or her annuity, or any part thereof, to the payment of such debt; *provided*, however, that not more than one quarter of the annuity payable by the Annual Conference in which the debt was incurred shall be appropriated in any year for such purpose, and *provided*, furthermore, that such power shall not be interpreted as applying to the settlement of other debts of a Conference Claimant.

§ 2—No change.

¶ 1635. Operation Through The Board of Pensions.—1. When authorized by the Annual Conference, the Board of Conference Claimants may deposit all or any part of the funds under its control with the proper Corporation of The Board of Pensions as set forth in ¶ 1601, § 2.

§ 2. The Annual Conference may authorize such Corporation to make the periodical payments to the Conference Claimants; and, in such case, the Board of Conference Claimants shall prepare annually a complete schedule of the plan of distribution for the guidance of such Corporation in making such payments, and shall co-operate fully with it, in order to ensure efficient and prompt service. Checks issued by such Corporation under the provisions of this section shall show plainly the name of the Conference for which the disbursements are made.

§ 3. Such Corporation shall be entitled to collect an annual service fee, figured on a cost basis, for the work specified in the preceding section.

§ 4. Such Corporation shall furnish annually to the Board of Conference Claimants a report showing full details of the transactions under § 2 of this Paragraph.

¶ 1636. Disallowance of Annuities.—Disallowance can be made only by the Annual Conference where membership is held or, in the case of a widow or minor dependent children, the Conference with which the claimant is directly connected. (¶ 1627.)

¶ 1637. Divided Annuity Responsibility.—1. The responsibility for annuity for approved years of service of a Conference Claimant shall rest with the Annual Conference in which the service was performed, or its legal successor.

§ 2. The clearinghouse system of distribution of divided annuity responsibility shall be continued. The clearinghouse figures shall be determined by the Board of Pensions, subject to such modifications as may be necessitated by the provisions of § 1 above. The Board of Pensions shall have authority to fix annually in advance the clearinghouse rate of annuity for each Annual Conference. The clearinghouse rate shall be based on a conservative estimate of the prospective income available for distribution and need not coincide with an annuity rate fixed subsequently by the Conference. In the event that the Conference fixes a higher rate than the clearinghouse rate, the difference shall be paid directly to all Claimants within and without the Conference.

§ 3—Delete.

§ 3. Beginning with the first of the Annual Conferences held after January 1, 1953, the Executive Secretaries of The Board of Pensions shall organize a unified clearinghouse system covering the territories of the Illinois and the Missouri Corporations respectively. Clearinghouse accounting for divided annuity responsibility shall be done for each territory separately, but with the provision that service in any case in the territory of the corporation other than the one doing the accounting shall be cleared through the other corporation and not through the individual Annual Conference concerned.

§ 4—Delete.

§ 4. The Board of Pensions is authorized and empowered to make all the rules concerning details that may be necessary to put this Paragraph into effect, and shall determine the distribution of service responsibility for each Conference Claimant involved in the operation of the clearinghouse.

§ 5—Delete.

§ 5. The fiscal year for clearinghouse operations shall be the calendar years.

CHAPTER V

SPECIAL REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE IN THE TERRITORY OF THE ILLINOIS CORPORATION

(Adopted May 3, 1952, see page 560)

¶ 1638. **Annuity Responsibility in Missions or Provisional Annual Conferences.**—1. The responsibility for the annuity on account of years of approved service in a Mission or Provisional Annual Conference, within the United States, shall rest jointly with (1) the Mission or Provisional Annual Conference concerned, (2) the Illinois Corporation of The Board of Pensions, and (3) the Division of National Missions.

§ 2. The revenue for annuity purposes covering such service shall be provided by the Mission or Provisional Annual Conference concerned, the Illinois Corporation of The Board of Pensions, and the Division of National Missions in accordance with such plan or plans as may be mutually agreed to by the aforesaid parties.

CHAPTER VI

SPECIAL REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE IN THE TERRITORY OF THE MISSOURI CORPORATION

(Adopted May 3, 1952, see page 560)

¶ 1638 (renumbered ¶ 1639). § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3—No change.

§ 4—No change.

§ 5—No change.

¶ 1639 (renumbered ¶ 1640). Acceptance of Claim of Widow and Dependent Children.—Upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and by vote of the Annual Conference concerned, an Annual Conference within the territory of the Missouri Corporation may recognize as its Conference Claimants the widow and minor dependent children of a deceased former member of said Conference who, at the time of his death, was a member of another Annual Conference.

¶ 1640, § 1—Delete.

§ 2—Delete.

§ 3—Delete.

§ 4—Delete.

§ 5—Delete.

¶ 1641. Annuity responsibility in a Mission.—1. The responsibility for the annuity on account of years of approved service in a Mission, within the territory of the Missouri Corporation shall rest jointly with (1) the Mission concerned, (2) the Annual Conference or Conferences in which the members of the Mission hold their Conference membership, and (3) the Division of National Missions.

§ 2. The revenue for annuity purposes covering such service shall be provided by the Mission concerned, the Annual Conference or Conferences concerned, and the Division of National Missions in accordance with such plan or plans as may be mutually agreed to by the aforesaid parties.

CHAPTER VII

MINISTERS RESERVE PENSION FUND

(Adopted May 3, 1952, see page 561)

¶ 1642, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

¶ 1643, § 1—No change.

§ 2 (a)—No change.

(b)—No change.

(c)—Delete

(d) (relettered (c)).

(e) relettered (d)). The financial aid furnished by a Missionary Board, or other organization, or by the minimum salary fund of the Annual Conference.

(f) (relettered (e)).

§ 3—Delete.

§ 3. Regular interest shall mean interest, compounded annually, at a rate periodically determined by The Board of Pensions on the basis of net earnings but not to exceed four per cent per annum.

§ 4—No change.

§ 5—No change.

§ 6—No change.

§ 7—No change.

§ 8—No change.

§ 9—No change.

§ 10—No change.

§ 11—Delete.

§ 11. New entrant shall mean a minister who shall be admitted **On Trial** in an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference on or after the entry of such Conference into the Fund, including a minister who on May 1, 1952, was **On Trial** in a Conference which prior to that date had entered the Fund. (Approved service **On Trial** as defined in ¶ 1618, § 2, rendered by a minister, who became a member of the Fund prior to May 1, 1952, may be approved for annuity claim under the provision of the Pension Code, or under the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund as provided in ¶ 1644, § 5.)

§ 12. Previous entrant shall mean a minister in good standing **On Trial** or in Full Membership in an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference, prior to the entry of such Conference into the fund.

§ 13. Pension Code shall mean the rules and regulations concerning pensions and relief contained in ¶¶ 1614-41 inclusive.

¶ 1644. Membership.—1. The membership of the Fund shall consist of the new entrants in Annual or Provisional Annual Conferences in the United States of America.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3. First sentence—no change.

§ 3. Second sentence renumbered § 6.

§ 4. A member of the Fund shall be classed as a new entrant while serving in any Annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund.

§ 5. The accrued service obligation of an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference under the Pension Code for a member of the Fund may be funded by such Conference upon entry into the Fund in such manner and amount as shall be satisfactory to the Executive officers of the corporation of The Board of Pensions concerned.

§ 6. When a member of the Fund shall transfer to an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference not participating in the Fund, he shall be subject to the provisions of the Pension Code for years served in such Conference; but upon subsequent entry into an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund such member shall resume contribution and receive credits therefrom.

¶ 1645. Contributions by the Conference.—1. Each Annual

or Provisional Annual Conference that hereafter enters the Fund shall contribute annually thereto an amount equivalent to not less than nine per cent of the average salary of the Conference (as defined in the Pension Code) for each qualified member of the Conference who is also a member of the Fund; *provided*, however, that any Annual Conference shall continue the rate of contribution in force at the time it entered the Fund, with the right of increasing its rate of contribution to nine per cent, or more, computed on the basis hereinbefore provided.

§ 2. In case of the transfer of a member of the Fund into an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund the contribution required on behalf of such member shall be proportional to the number of days of service rendered such Conference during the Conference year in which the transfer shall have been effected.

§ 3. In case of the transfer of a member of the Fund out of an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund the contribution required on behalf of such member shall be proportional to the number of days of service rendered such Conference during the Conference year in which the transfer shall have been effected.

§ 2 (renumbered § 4).

§ 3 (renumbered § 5).

§ 4 (renumbered § 6).

§ 5 (renumbered § 7). A deficiency in the payment of the annual amount required of an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference shall reduce accordingly the service annuity credits of the members of the Fund in such Conference and also any other benefits provided by the Fund for them, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference as provided in § 8.

§ 6 (renumbered § 8).

§ 7—Delete.

§ 9. Each Annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund shall elect quadrennially a Committee on Reserve Pensions, to consist of not fewer than five nor more than nine persons, whose duty it shall be to instruct the newly enrolled members of the Fund concerning the rules and regulations of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, to co-operate with The Board of Pensions in obtaining information from members as may be required by the Fund, and to adjudicate matters pertaining to contributions to the Fund; *provided*, however, that the duties of this Committee may be delegated to the Board of Conference Claimants.

§ 8 (renumbered § 10). When a member of the Annual Conference who is also a member of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund is under special appointment without annuity claim upon such Annual Conference, the organization he is

serving shall contribute annually to the Fund the equivalent of the current contribution made on behalf of each qualified member of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund in good standing. Failure to make such contribution in any Conference year shall deprive the appointee concerned of service annuity credit for that Conference year.

¶ 1646—Delete §§ 1-4 and substitute the following:

§ 1646. Contributions by Members.—1. An annual contribution, the equivalent of three per cent of the average salary of the Conference (as defined in ¶ 1618, § 6 of the Pension Code), shall be paid directly to the Fund by each qualified member thereof in quarterly installments, payable in advance in accordance with the schedule of payment dates as determined by The Board of Pensions; *provided*, however, that if his support (as defined in ¶ 1643, § 2) be less than the average salary of the Conference, a member may elect to contribute annually the equivalent of three per cent of such support. Such contributions shall be applicable to income annuity credit only.

§ 2. In case of the transfer of a minister into an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund who, by reason of such transfer, becomes a member of the Fund the first installment due from him shall be that which next falls due for the members of the Fund in that Conference following the date of such transfer.

§ 3. In case a member of the Fund transfers out of an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund, the last installment due from him while he is a member of such Conference shall be that which normally falls due before the date of such transfer.

§ 4. In case the transfer of a member of the Fund is effected between Conferences, both of which are participating in the Fund, the amounts of the quarterly installments and the dates upon which installments fall due shall be adjusted in accordance with the schedule of payment dates for such Conferences as determined by The Board of Pensions.

§ 5—No change.

§ 6—No change.

¶ 1647. Service and Income Annuities.—1. No change.

§ 2—No change.

¶ 1648. Widows' Pension.—1. If a member of the Fund die prior to retirement, a pension shall be paid to his widow, based on her age and provided by the total of her deceased husband's personal contributions, together with the regular interest accumulated thereon, plus seventy per cent of his service annuity credits together with the regular interest accumulated thereon at the time of his death.

§ 2. If the pension of a widow be less than \$600, at the discretion of The Board of Pensions she may be granted annually an additional amount; *provided*, however, that in such case the total of the pension and the grant received by her shall not exceed \$600 per annum.

¶ 1649. Child's Pension.—1. Each unmarried minor child of a deceased member of the Fund may be granted an annuity of \$150 until attainment of age sixteen, to be discontinued immediately thereafter, unless the child be enrolled and regularly attending a standard school or college.

§ 2. Upon presentation to it annually of a satisfactory certificate of enrollment, attendance, and work done in a standard school or college, The Board of Pensions may grant an unmarried child of a deceased member of the Fund an annuity of \$300 from age sixteen until attainment of age twenty-one.

¶ 1650. Limitation of Annual Payments.—1. If a member of the Fund die prior to retirement, the total of the annual payments thereafter, in any year, to his widow and minor children shall not exceed seventy per cent of the average salary of the Conference (as defined in the pension code).

(¶ 1618, § 6).

§ 2—No change.

¶ 1651, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3—No change.

§ 4—No change.

¶ 1652. Disability Benefits.—1. An annual disability allowance may be given to a disabled member of the Fund under age sixty-five if disability shall have been evident for a period of not less than one hundred eighty days, and the member shall have submitted to such examinations as may be required by The Board of Pensions, and it shall appear from the reports that his health has failed as a result of a disease or injury, and that presumably he is totally and permanently incapacitated for both ministerial work and the support of his family.

The annual disability allowance shall not exceed one third of the average salary of the Conference (as defined in the Pension Code. ¶ 1618, § 6). At the discretion of The Board of Pensions, the initial payment of the allowance may be made to cover all or any part of the waiting period of one hundred eighty days, or only the period of disability following the termination of the waiting period.

§ 2—No change.

§ 3—No change.

§ 4—No change.

§ 5—No change.

§ 6—No change.

§ 7—No change.

¶ 1653. Funds.—1. The annual contributions required in ¶ 1645, § 1, up to and including 9 per cent of the average salary of the Conference, shall be appropriated for the purposes of the Fund according to the following percentages:

Service Annuity Fund	70%
Disability, Widows' and Children's Fund	27%
Contingent Fund	3%

The amount of the contributions, in excess of 9 per cent of the average salary of the Conference, shall be allocated to the Service Annuity Fund.

§ 2. The seventy per cent of the contributions of an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference for the Service Annuity Fund shall be apportioned equally among its members in the effective relation and probationers who shall be also members of the Fund, except as provided in ¶ 1645, §§ 7, 8, 10, and shall be allocated to each of them annually. The amounts so allocated together with the regular interest thereon shall be held by The Board of Pensions for the service annuities described in ¶ 1647, § 1.

§ 3. The twenty-seven per cent of the contributions of the Annual or Provisional Annual Conference for the Disability, Widow's and Children's Fund shall be administered by The Board of Pensions as indicated in ¶¶ 1647-50, 1652.

§ 4—No change.

§ 5—No change.

§ 6—No change.

¶ 1654, § 1—No change.

§ 2—No change.

¶ 1655. Authorization.—1. The Board of Pensions is authorized, instructed, and empowered to put the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund plan as herein set forth into operation in any Annual or Provisional Annual Conference after such Conference shall have decided to enter and shall have made provision for the requisite Initial Reserve Fund specified herein.

¶ 1656—Delete entire and substitute the following:

¶ 1656. Partial Reserve Funding.—The Board of Pensions may make provision for partial reserve funding of annuities payable under the Pension Code as described in ¶¶ 1614-1641.

§ 1. An Annual or Provisional Annual Conference, at any time, on its own determination, by a two-thirds vote of its

membership present and voting, may actively participate in the Partial Reserve Pension Fund, when it accepts the conditions and fulfills the requirements herein set forth.

§ 2. *Membership.*—(a) The membership of the Fund shall consist of the ministers who are On Trial or in Full Connection, in an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference which is actively participating in the Fund, and who are not members of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund.

(b) When a member of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund is received by transfer into a Conference participating in the Partial Reserve Pension Fund, but not in the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, he shall be subject to the provisions of the Partial Reserve Pension Fund for the years served in such Conference (§ 1644, § 3).

§ 3. *Contributions by the Conference.*—(a) Each Annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund shall contribute annually to the credit of each qualified member of the Fund such sum as it may designate, based on a percentage of the average salary of the conference (as defined in the Pension Code, § 1618, § 6).

(b) Each Annual or Provisional Annual Conference shall determine the plan by which it shall secure the amount necessary to make the contributions required in § 3a and shall make suitable and adequate provision therefor.

(c) A deficiency in the payment of the annual amount required of an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference shall reduce accordingly the credits of the members of the Fund in such Conference.

(d) The provisions in § 1645, §§ 2, 3, shall determine the amount of contribution to the credit of a member of the Fund transferring into or out of a Conference actively participating in the Fund.

§ 4. *Contributions by Members.*—(a) An annual contribution, the equivalent of three per cent of the average salary of the Conference (as defined in § 1618, § 6 of the pension code), shall be paid directly to the Fund by each qualified member thereof in quarterly installments, payable in advance in accordance with the schedule of payment dates as determined by The Board of Pensions; provided, however, that if his support (as defined in § 1643, § 2) be less than the average salary of the Conference, a member may elect to contribute annually the equivalent of three per cent of such support. Such contributions shall be applicable to income annuity credit only.

(b) The provisions of § 1646, §§ 2, 3, 4, shall determine the amount and the date of payment of the contribution required of a member who transfers into or out of a Conference actively participating in the Fund.

(c) A member of the Partial Reserve Pension Fund, while he is a member of a Conference not participating in the said Fund, shall have the right to continue contributions toward the accumulations for providing income annuity.

§ 5. Each Annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund shall elect quadrennially a Committee on Reserve Pensions, to consist of not fewer than five nor more than nine persons, whose duty it shall be to instruct the newly enrolled members of the Fund concerning the rules and regulations of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, to co-operate with the Board of Pensions in obtaining information from members as may be required by the Fund, and to adjudicate matters pertaining to contributions to the Fund; *provided*, however, that the duties of this Committee may be delegated to the Board of Conference Claimants; and *provided*, furthermore, that this Committee shall be the same as that provided for in ¶ 1645, § 9, if and when such a Committee has been set up.

§ 6. Initial Reserve Fund.—(a) An Annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund may provide an Initial Reserve Fund from which there shall be allocated the annual contributions to the credit of the members of the Fund as required in § 3a.

(b) The amount of such Initial Reserve Fund shall be determined by the Board of Pensions on request of the Conference concerned.

(c) The Initial Reserve Fund and the earnings therefrom shall be used exclusively in financing the aforesaid annual contributions.

(d) The Board of Pensions shall determine the circumstances under which an Initial Reserve Fund shall be required of a Conference in order to participate in the Fund.

§ 7. Service and Income Annuities.—(a) A member of the Fund who shall have attained age sixty-five and who shall have been granted the retired relation shall receive thereafter during his lifetime, a service annuity. Upon the death of a member of the Fund while receiving a service annuity the equivalent of seventy per cent of such annuity shall be continued to his widow, if their marriage took place before the member entered into the service annuity.

The service annuity and the seventy per cent thereof to be continued to the widow shall be the actuarial equivalent of his allocated service annuity credits together with the regular interest accumulated thereon, determined on the basis of the actual ages of the member and his wife at the time of entry into the service annuity.

(b) An annual or Provisional Annual Conference participating in the Fund may regard the service annuity based

upon the contributions made by such Conference as a part of the annuity provided for a Conference Claimant by such Conference under the Pension Code (§§ 1619, 1620, 1631).

(c) At the same time that a member of the Fund is granted a service annuity, he shall be entitled to an income annuity of a type identical with his service annuity, the amount thereof, to be the actuarial equivalent of his personal contributions to the Fund together with the regular interest accumulated thereon. The income annuity payable under the provisions of this section shall be considered as an addition to the pension normally provided under the Pension Code.

(d) The service annuity and the income annuity shall be determined according to the tables of annuity rates for such purpose in current use by The Board of Pensions.

§ 8. Widow's Pension.—If a member of the Fund die while in the effective or supernumerary relation, a pension shall be paid his widow, based on her age and provided by the total of her deceased husband's personal contributions together with the regular interest accumulated thereon, plus seventy per cent of his service annuity credits together with regular interest accumulated thereon at the time of his death.

§ 9. Refund.—The regulations concerning refunds as provided in § 1651 shall apply in the Partial Reserve Pension Fund.

Participation in the Partial Reserve Pension Fund does not imply any right of the participant to make a claim on The Board of Pensions for disability or other benefits not specifically provided for in this Paragraph.

§ 10. A Contingent Fund shall be created and administered by The Board of Pensions for the Partial Reserve Pension Fund to which shall be credited:

(a) The excess interest earnings above regular interest credited.

(b) The service annuity credits released when a minister ceases to be a member of the Fund.

(c) Any resources of the Partial Reserve Pension Fund not otherwise designated or allocated.

The Contingent Fund shall be used at the discretion of The Board of Pensions in such ways and for such purposes as in the judgment of the said Board shall best serve the interests of the Fund.

§ 11. The Board of Pensions is hereby authorized to administer the Fund and to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the Fund, subject to the limitation that this power shall not be exercised so as to nullify any of the disciplinary provisions of the plan.

¶ 1657—No change.

CHAPTER VIII

LAY EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND

(Adopted May 3, 1952, see page 561)

¶ 1658, § 1—No change.

§ 2. Definition.—(a) Employer shall mean any church, Board, Commission, Agency, institution, **organization, or ecclesiastical office** in the United States of America listed in the book of *Discipline* of The Methodist Church or in the directory printed in the journal of any Annual Conference of The Methodist Church situated in the United States of America.

(b)—No change.

(c)—No change.

(d)—No change.

(e)—No change.

§ 3. Contributions.—(a) Any employer may become a participating employer by indicating its intention so to do on appropriate forms provided therefor, and contributing to the fund annually a sum equivalent to not less than six per cent (6%) of the amount of compensation paid to its lay employees **except as hereinafter provided in § 3c.** If house rent, board, lodging, or similar accommodations be furnished a participating lay employee by a participating employer, then a sum equivalent to the reasonable value thereof shall be added to the amount of compensation aforesaid for the purpose of computing said contribution.

(b) Each participating employer shall deduct from the compensation of its lay employees at the time such compensation is paid, and the accommodations set forth in § 3a are furnished, a sum equivalent to not less than three per cent (3%) of the same amount used in the computation set forth in § 3a, **except as hereinafter provided in § 3c,** which sum shall be forwarded to the Illinois Corporation concurrently with the contribution set forth in § 3a.

(c) **The minimum amount of the contribution required of a participating employer as set forth in § 3a and the minimum amount of the contribution required of a participating lay employee as set forth in § 3b may be adjusted by agreement with the Illinois Corporation if and when such participating employer and such participating lay employee are concurrently participating in some other pension program in addition to the Lay Employees Pension Fund.**

(c) (relettered (d)).

(d) (relettered (e)). Any participating employer may contribute to the Fund, for the credit of any of its participating lay employees on account of his or her services rendered in prior years to such participating employer, **such amount**

as may be agreed upon between such participating employer and the Illinois Corporation.

(f) The participating employer shall remit quarterly or monthly to the Fund the amounts contributed by such participating employer as provided in § 3a and the amounts deducted from the compensation of its participating employees as provided in § 3b.

§ 4—No change.

§ 5—No change.

§ 6—Retirement.—(a) No change.

(b) At the time of retirement, a participating lay employee may request and, subject to the approval of the Illinois Corporation, a joint and survivorship annuity may be paid to such participating lay employee and to his or her spouse or to such participating employee and some other person designated by such participating employee. Such annuity shall be computed on the same actuarial basis as provided for in § 6a.

§ 7—No change.

§ 8. Termination of Employment.—(a) In the event the employment of any participating lay employee shall be terminated prior to his or her retirement, the aggregate amount of the contributions made by such participating lay employee, together with the interest credited thereon, shall be returned to the participating lay employee, and thereupon such participating lay employee shall have no further interest in or claim upon the Fund; *provided*, however, that if the participating lay employee allows his or her contributions to remain in the Fund until he or she attains age sixty, then the contributions made by the participating employer on account of such participating lay employee shall likewise remain in the Fund, and when he or she attains age sixty, the aggregate sum standing to the credit of such participating lay employee on the books of the Fund shall be used to provide an annuity for such participating lay employee on the same basis as set forth in §§ 6a and 6b.

(b) In the event the employment of any participating lay employee shall be terminated and the Illinois Corporation shall return his or her contributions, as provided in § 8a, the actual amount of the contributions made by the participating employer on account of such participating employee shall be returned to the participating employer.

§ 9—(a) No change.

(b) No change.

(c) No change.

(d) Delete.

§ 10. Certificates.—The Illinois Corporation shall issue to each participating lay employee a Certificate of Participation.

Said Illinois Corporation shall provide for each participating lay employee a copy of the rules of the Fund affecting participating lay employees that may be published from time to time by said Illinois Corporation.

§ 11. Fees.—Each participating employer shall pay annually to the Illinois Corporation on account of each participating lay employee the sum of three dollars (\$3.00).

§ 12. Allocation of Interest.—The Illinois Corporation shall have the sole and exclusive right to determine the amount of interest which shall be credited annually at the close of the fiscal year of said Illinois Corporation to the accounts of the participating lay employees.

§ 13—Delete.

§ 14 (renumbered § 13).

§ 15 (renumbered § 14).

CHAPTER IX

PENSIONS SPECIALLY FUNDED

(Adopted May 2, 1952, see page 561)

¶ 1659—Delete entire and substitute the following:

¶ 1659, § 1. Effective June 1, 1948, any person then resident within the United States who was then serving as a Secretary of an effective Bishop of The Methodist Church or who had previously served as a Secretary of an effective Bishop or Bishops of The Methodist Church and was then serving or thereafter shall serve in any form of employment connected with The Methodist Church upon retirement or being no longer in the employ of a Bishop, Board or Agency of The Methodist Church and upon attainment of age sixty shall be entitled to make an annuity claim upon the Episcopal Fund for the secretarial service rendered an effective Bishop or Bishops prior to June 1, 1948.

§ 2. The Bishops, Boards or Agencies respectively shall be responsible for informing their employees concerning their pension rights under this Paragraph and shall notify all who are involved in providing the pension.

§ 3. Effective June 1, 1952, the full-time lay employees of an effective Bishop resident in the United States of America shall be enrolled as participating lay employees in the Lay Employees Pension Fund of The Methodist Church, in accordance with the rules and regulations of said Fund as set forth in ¶ 1658.

§ 4. As the participating employer of such participating lay employee/s the Bishop shall deduct the required contributions from the compensation of such participating lay employee/s and shall forward such amounts concurrently with the required employer's contributions to the Fund; provided, however, that the employer's contributions shall be paid

from the allowances made by the Episcopal Fund or other sources for office expense of the Bishop.

§ 5. Effective June 1, 1952, The Board of Pensions shall transfer the individual accounts held for Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries or other office employees of a Bishop, to-bility it shall be to study the operation of the various Pension Fund, and thereafter such employees shall be enrolled as participating lay employees in the Lay Employees Pension Fund, as provided in § 3 of this Paragraph.

¶ 1660—Delete and insert the following:

¶ —. The Board of Pensions shall appoint a Committee on Pension Legislation for the Quadrennium 1952-1956 from its membership which shall consist of two Bishops, one minister, and one layman from each Jurisdiction whose responsibility it shall be to study the operation of the various Pension Programs and to present recommendations to the General Conference of 1956. This Committee shall have a claim on the General Administration Fund for an amount not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for expenses during the quadrennium. Special consideration shall be given to the following:

1. The feasibility of providing for minimum pensions for ministers and widows of ministers.
2. Methods of making apportionments to the pastoral charges for the support of Conference Claimants.
3. In co-operation with the Division of National Missions, the allocation of pension responsibility on account of approved service of ministers given to pastoral charges in a mission or a Provisional Annual Conference prior to or after merger with an Annual Conference.
4. The feasibility of arranging for reciprocity with the Pension Plans of other denominations in cases of ministers transferring their ministerial standing to or from The Methodist Church.
5. A uniform Staff Pension System for the General Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church.
6. A plan for reciprocal acceptance of pension responsibility by Methodist institutions on account of service given two or more such institutions.
7. In co-operation with the Council on World Service and Finance, a plan for the reserve funding of the pensions of Bishops and widows of Bishops.
8. The feasibility of providing legislation permitting the approval by an Annual Conference of the annuity claim of the divorced wife of a ministerial member or former ministerial member of an Annual Conference.
9. In co-operation with the National Council of the Churches of Christ, to study the desirability and feasi-

bility of the inclusion of the service of Ministers in Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance (O.A.S.I.) on a voluntary basis; *provided*, however, that in the event that legislation is presented to the Congress of the United States relative to this matter during the quadrennium, the Council of Bishops, the Council of World Service and Finance, the Council of Secretaries, and The Board of Pensions shall be authorized to take such joint action as they may deem to be advisable.

LESTER L. ROUSH, *Chairman*;
HERBERT H. BROWER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. PENSIONS

M, 42; P, 28; F, 28; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: FEDERAL SECURITY FOR MINISTERS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Calendar No. 134. Adopted May 6, 1952, and added to Report No. 1. See Journal, Page 784.

We recommend:

9. In co-operation with the National Council of the Churches of Christ, to study the desirability and feasibility of the inclusion of the service of Ministers in Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance (O.A.S.I.) on a voluntary basis; *provided*, however, that in the event that legislation is presented to the Congress of the United States relative to this matter during the quadrennium, the Council of Bishops, the Council of World Service and Finance, the Council of Secretaries, and the Board of Pensions shall be authorized to take such joint action as they may deem to be advisable.

LESTER L. ROUSH, *Chairman*;
HERBERT H. BROWER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. PENSIONS

M, 42; P, 38; F, 38; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NO. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 168. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 754.

These Memorials were considered individually by the Committee and voted Non-concurrence.

Non-current memorials: 421, 476, 515, 521, 528, 534, 541, 596, 597, 599, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 609, 610, 611, 1088, 1154, 1157, 1158, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630.

LESTER L. ROUSH, *Chairman*;
HERBERT H. BROWER, *Secretary*.

NO. 12. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

Chairman—Rufus C. Baker (Colorado-W)

Vice-Chairman—Frank C. Propert (*), (New Jersey-NE)

Secretary—Bradshaw Mintener (*), (Minnesota-NC)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 41.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the "SUBJECT" will be found "MEMORIAL—Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for this Report. For list of Memorials see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1091. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 47; F, 45; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: AMENDING PARAGRAPH No. 127—1948 *Discipline*

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1167

Calendar No. 6. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 391.

Your Committee had before it Memorial No. 1167, amending Paragraph 127 in the *Discipline*.

Inasmuch as this is a matter of correcting a typographical error we are referring it to the Book Editor for editing.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;

BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 43; F, 30; A, 8; N, 5

SUBJECT: BISHOPS ON THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1169

Calendar No. 7. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 391.

Your Committee had before it Memorial No. 1169 re-

ferring to "Bishops on the Board of Publication." Your Committee recommends that Paragraph 1110, Section II of the *Discipline* be amended to include the additional words, "In addition there shall be upon the Board of Publication two Bishops who shall be elected by the Council of Bishops, each for a term of four years, and who shall be ineligible to succeed themselves as members upon the said Board. Vacancies in the episcopal membership of the Board shall be filled by the Council of Bishops" after the words "unexpired term" in next to the last line of the Paragraph, so that the Paragraph when amended shall read:

Paragraph 1110. The Board of Publication shall be constituted by the respective Jurisdictional Conferences, with a representation of each in proportion to church membership upon a basis of one member of the Board for each 150,000 church members or major fraction thereof within the Jurisdiction; *provided* that no Jurisdictional Conference shall have fewer than three members, and *provided*, further, that the ministers and laymen shall be in equal number, as nearly as possible. In case a Jurisdictional Conference by the ratio has an odd number of representatives it shall decide whether the major number of its representatives shall be ministers or laymen. The term of office of the members of the Board shall be eight years, but in the first election, one half shall be elected for only four years, the Conference determining in case of an odd number. In case a vacancy occurs between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference for any cause, including removal from the Jurisdiction, the Board shall fill the vacancy from that Jurisdiction in whose representation the vacancy occurs until the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference. The Jurisdictional Conference after such a vacancy occurs shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term. In addition there shall be upon the Board of Publication two Bishops who shall be elected by the Council of Bishops, each for a term of four years, and who shall be ineligible to succeed themselves as members upon the said Board. Vacancies in the episcopal membership of the Board shall be filled by the Council of Bishops. The Publishing Agents shall be ex officio members of the Board without vote.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 51; F, 49; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: PUBLISHING HOUSE TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 615

*Calendar No. 32. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 640.*

Your Committee had before it Memorial No. 615 on the subject "Publishing House to Be Represented at the Meeting of the Council of Secretaries."

The Committee voted concurrence with the recommendation that the Publishing Agents be advisory members of the Council of Secretaries, without vote, and recommends that Paragraph 751, Section III, Chapter II, be amended by adding after the words "Boards and Agencies" at the end of the Paragraph the following words: **in addition to the above the Publishing Agents shall be advisory members of the Council of Secretaries, without vote**, so that the Paragraph will read as follows:

Par. 751. The General Boards and Agencies participating in the World Service Fund shall, severally and co-operatively, promote throughout the Church the World Service Program and the causes represented therein. To the end that duplication, overlapping, and competition may be eliminated, the work of promotion is especially committed to the Executive Secretaries of the said participating General Boards and Agencies and the Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance, organized as a *Council of Secretaries*. The Council shall co-ordinate the promotion of the causes represented in the total World Service Program of the Church, shall prepare and publish such materials as will inform our people concerning the same, and shall use such means as they judge to be most effective to enlist their full and hearty support. The expense of the promotion committed to the Council of Secretaries shall be a prior claim on the World Service Fund, and shall be payable before distribution is made to the respective Boards and Agencies.

In addition to the above the Publishing Agents shall be advisory members of the Council of Secretaries, without vote.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 4. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 45; F, 43; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION—
EPISCOPAL REPRESENTATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 855

*Calendar No. 42. Withdrawn May 1, 1952. See Journal,
Page 391.*

The Committee previously had before it Memorial No. 1169 relating to the same subject matter and voted Concurrence on said No. 1169, after amending by adding the provision that two Bishops be selected by the Council of Bishops for a term of four years, and with the further provision that such Bishops shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. (See Report No. 2—Page 154, Daily Advocate, April 26) Also See Journal, pages 391, 1381.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 5. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 45; F, 43; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: EDITORIAL DIVISION CHURCH SCHOOL
PUBLICATIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 614, 1159, 1163

*Calendar No. 43. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 641.*

The Committee on Publishing Interests had before it Memorials Nos. 614, 1159, and 1163, and the Report of the General Conference Committee to Study the Relation of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education to the Board of Publication, and voted to approve the recommendations of the said Committee of the General Conference and to join with your Standing Committee on Education in recommending adoption of the Report of the Study Committee.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 6. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 45; F, 41; A, 0; N, 4

SUBJECT: LOCATION OF METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1164

*Calendar No. 49. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 641.*

The Committee had Memorial No. 1164 before it and is of the opinion that this is not a proper Memorial but is clearly an administrative matter to be handled by the Publishing Agents.

Accordingly the Committee voted non-concurrence.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 45; F, 42; A, 0; N, 3

SUBJECT: QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION
TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. SUMMARY REPORT FROM
COMMITTEE

*Calendar No. 50. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 641.*

With reference to the Quadrennial Report of the Board of Publication, which was referred by the General Conference to the Committee on Publishing Interests, the Committee submits the following summary report:

It has been said that "Every generation must make its past serve its future" and this applies with particular emphasis to such an institution as The Methodist Publishing House, whose past extends back through a period of 163 years.

A Report such as this can emphasize cold figures, and in this instance they pay eloquent tribute to the business ability of the management of our Publishing House, but we feel it proper to keep in mind at all times the historical past of this institution. By doing this, by keeping in mind at all times the vision, courage, ideals and perseverance of those who pledged their resources in order to launch the publishing work of the young Church, we realize the quality of Methodist leadership back of them. They and all they represent from the past, serve to inspire us to a greater and more useful future.

Your Committee feels that emphasis in this year's Report can very properly be placed first upon some phases of service rendered during the quadrennium rather than upon business statistics.

We desire to refer first to "The Interpreter's Bible," which has become a fact during the quadrennium, realizing a dream which has been before the Board of Publication for more than two quadrenniums. It is difficult to put into words an adequate tribute to this undertaking. Press and speakers have undertaken such tribute, but it should be borne in mind that your Board of Publication, in launching this venture, undertook a project far beyond anything ever projected in the field of religious publishing. This 12-volume Commentary represented faith on the part of the Board of Publication, but in this case faith had to be matched with approximately half a million dollars before a single volume could be placed on sale, and when the project is completed it will represent an investment of more than \$1,000,000. Recogn-

nition of the service rendered by the Board of Publication is proper, but such recognition should also include the names of Dr. Fred D. Stone and B. A. Whitmore, Publishing Agents at the time the project was inaugurated, and Mr. Pat Beard, Director of Publishing.

While it is reported that the project is meeting with success far beyond earlier expectations, we should not lose sight of the faith and vision which has made it possible. No one can estimate the good that will come to the cause of Christ and His Church through the publication of this great work. It is gratifying to know that "The Interpreter's Bible" has been honored by the publishing industry as one of the outstanding creative publishing projects of the year. Certainly it is in line with the vision of John Wesley and particularly that of John Dickins, whose \$600 started Methodist publishing on its way.

The Methodist Church has every reason to point with pride to this conspicuous undertaking but it is only one of many contributions rendered by the Publishing House. Signal service has been rendered during the quadrennium in the field of books, periodicals, church-school literature and audio-visual education.

During the quadrennium the program of book publishing has been appreciably enlarged. The name Abingdon-Cokesbury is recognized in the field of religious publishing as identified with books of exceptionally high order. This branch of the Publishing House serves as a wide interdenominational reading constituency. During the quadrennium there have been produced 242 new cloth-bound, 512 reprints of cloth-bound books old and new, 307 different titles in paper binding, and 507 pamphlet printings, resulting in a total of 7,297,475 volumes of all types produced and distributed throughout the world. Approximately 1,800 manuscripts were submitted for consideration during the quadrennium, indicating somewhat the volume of editorial work involved in the publishing of books. It is noteworthy that a number of those manuscripts when published have been selected by religious book clubs and have been honored by the American Library Association.

The Methodist Publishing House through The Board of Publication is responsible for *The Christian Advocate*, the *Central Christian Advocate*, and *Religion in Life*. Statistics indicate that these ventures represent a financial loss. The Reports of the Publishing Agents indicate that every effort is being made to reduce these deficits. This is commendable and these efforts should not be abated in the least, but it is well in such instances to keep in mind at the same time the services rendered by them. The value of many Methodist

services cannot be measured in dollars and cents and certainly this applies to such publications as these.

Your Committee notes with satisfaction that many compliments are heard concerning improvements made in these publications, particularly *The Christian Advocate*. The Board of Publication has had a Special Committee working for the past two years and many improvements have resulted from the work of this group. This work should be a source of satisfaction to the Church, but it should be in order to place upon the hearts of Methodists the part they can play continuing the improvement of these publications. *The Christian Advocate* could have a circulation of a million copies per issue if our people will give their paper the co-operation it deserves. This means a challenge to the lay members of the Church, but even a heavier responsibility upon our ministers. Ministers should give greater support to *Religion in Life* or consent to its discontinuance.

The Publishing House has rendered outstanding service in the field of Church School literature. The Church should understand that this has been produced in co-operation with the Editorial Division of the Board of Education, the responsibility for the editorial content of the literature resting with that body and the responsibility for publishing and distribution resting with The Publishing House. There are now 71 Church School publications, certainly an impressive figure, the circulation of this material now reaching a total of 5,613,046 per issue.

The quadrennium has marked a substantial increase in the publication of children's books, and an excellent start is being made in the field of fiction, it being felt there is need today for such books at a time when there is so much literature which parents feel should not be in our homes.

We note in the report of The Publishing House a new department—Audio-Visual Service. This Department has grown so rapidly during the quadrennium that it is now the largest distributor of religious films in America. For the year ending May 31, 1951, film rental amounted to \$214,343, a gain of 225 per cent in four years. A continuance of this gratifying record may be anticipated.

While emphasis has been placed upon service, the business side of the record of The Publishing House during the quadrennium is very impressive. It should be a source of gratification to our Church to know that The Methodist Publishing House is today probably the largest religious publishing house in America if not the world. It is the conviction of this Committee that such a record would not be possible if the institution was failing to live up to the vision of John Wesley and its founder in America.

The assets of The Methodist Publishing House are in excess of \$14,000,000, representing an increase in net worth during the quadrennium of \$2,514,178. Additions to the printing plant at Nashville during the past quadrennium represents a total of more than \$1,500,000, with more than \$850,000 invested in new equipment. The Publishing House is now able to produce the highest grade of printing in both the letter-press and offset fields.

The greatest service rendered the Church is revealed in the millions of dollars worth of books, periodicals, tracts, Church School and other religious literature supplied to The Methodist Church annually. The educational and spiritual value of the work of our oldest Methodist agency is beyond computation.

During the past quadrennium a total of \$1,600,000 has been paid to Conference Claimants. It is impossible to estimate the value of this service. This is a large sum of money—it means a great deal to those who receive it, and at the same time we should endeavor to have in mind the results in many homes had the money not been received.

The Publishing House is today operating in 16 different cities. There are 12 regional houses which handle mail order business and serve as retail outlets. There are Cokesbury stores in two other cities and a book room in still another city. We note that improvements have been made in the facilities of these stores. Our store at Dallas, Texas, is now recognized as the finest book store in the world.

The soundness of the organizational structure of The Methodist Publishing House is important. The statistical records found in the Quadrennial Reports of the agencies of the Church indicate that this structure under the administration of the Publishing Agents is sound, that the business is ably administered through five administrative divisions—Sales, Publishing, Manufacturing, Accounting and Public Relations and Personnel.

In closing this Report your Committee feels that recognition should be given two agencies which appear to us to be responsible for the outstanding success of The Methodist Publishing House. The two Publishing Agents, Lovick Pierce and Dr. Roy L. Smith, have rendered service of exceptionally high order. We compliment their stewardship.

Back of the Publishing Agents, however, stands The Board of Publication and your Committee feels the Church owes this group of men a deep debt of gratitude. The entire Board, its Executive Committee and various other Committees have gone far beyond what might reasonably be expected of them and this Report would be incomplete without recognition of their service to Methodism.

It is likewise in order to recognize the service rendered by the 1,800 employees of The Publishing House. Without their loyalty and devotion to the Church such a Report as we have received would hardly be possible. Too often it is customary to recognize the services rendered by those at the top of an enterprise and overlook the teamwork which must prevail through the organization to make the work of the leaders effective.

It is abundantly evident that the foundations of The Methodist Publishing House are embedded deeply in the vision and faith of the circuit-riding Methodist pioneers who believed Methodism should operate its own publishing business to assure the Church the quality of product that would advance the cause of Christ and His Church. Those pioneers commissioned the publishing branch to pay its own way, through efficiency and economy of operation, show a net produce that could be used for the relief of our veterans of Christian service. The record since Union at Kansas City is good, we take pride in it and commend the agency of the Church which has made it possible.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman;*

BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 8. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 43; F, 41; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: PUBLISHING INTERESTS—CORPORATE STRUCTURE OF THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1552

Calendar No. 65. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 642.

Your Committee recommends that Part VII, Chapter I, Section I of the 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, dealing with the *Corporate Structure* of The Methodist Publishing House be amended as follows:

Delete Paragraph 1104, which reads as follows:

"Paragraph 1104. The several corporations through and by means of which the publishing interests shall be conducted by the Board of Publication shall be collectively known as The Methodist Publishing House, each corporation having power to transact its business under its own corporate name, as the Board may direct."

Renumber Paragraph 1107 as Paragraph 1104 and amend to delete the words "*several corporations,*" in the first line, and substitute therefor the words "*operations of The Meth-*

odist Publishing House," so that the Paragraph will then read as follows:

"P. 1104. The net produce of the operations of The Methodist Publishing House, after setting up proper reserves for the efficient operation of the business and necessary expansion, shall be paid into a single fund and distributed annually by The Board of Publication to the several Annual Conferences for the persons who are and shall be Conference claimants."

Delete Paragraph 1105, which reads as follows:

"Paragraph 1105. The four corporations, known by the following names, to wit: The Methodist Book Concern, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of New York; The Methodist Book Concern, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Ohio; The Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania; and the Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Tennessee; shall be presently continued, the members of the Board of Publication serving and acting as Trustees and Directors of each such corporation. The Board is empowered and authorized to continue the printing and manufacturing business of the Church at New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, Nashville, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore, and later to combine the allocated activities into a smaller number of publishing units as the Board may determine to be for the best interest of the whole Church; provided that one of the principal plants shall be continued within the present territory served from the Publishing House located at Nashville, Tennessee. Branch houses, distributing agencies, depositories, and offices may be established or continued or discontinued, in the discretion of the Board."

Renumber Paragraph 1109 as Paragraph 1105 and amend to delete the words of "each of the several corporations," in the first line, and "legitimate business" in the third line, substituting for the matter so deleted in the third line the word operations, so that the Paragraph will read as follows:

"P. 1105. The income of The Methodist Publishing House shall be appropriated to no other purpose than its own operations, and the distribution of net produce, after setting up proper reserves as above provided."

Amend Paragraph 1106 by deleting the words "first elected under this Discipline," in the first and second line, so that the Paragraph will read as follows:

"P. 1106. The members of The Board of Publication, and

their successors in office, are declared to be the successors of the incorporators named in the charters of The Methodist Book Concern issued by the States of New York and Ohio, and in the charter of the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church issued by the State of Pennsylvania. The Publishing Agents elected from time to time under this or any subsequent *Discipline* are declared to be the successors in office of the Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, named in the charter issued to the corporation of that name by the State of Tennessee."

Insert a new paragraph to be designated as Paragraph 1107, which shall read as follows:

"P. 1107. Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 1103, and to the continuing control and direction of the General Conference of The Methodist Church as set forth from time to time in the *Discipline*, The Board of Publication is authorized, empowered and directed to cause the operations of The Methodist Publishing House to be carried on, and the objects defined in Paragraph 1102 achieved, in such manner, through or by means of such agencies or instrumentalities and by use of such procedures as such Board may from time to time determine to be necessary, advisable or appropriate, with full power and authority in the premises to take all such action and to do all such other acts and things as may be required or found to be advisable; in particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, The Board of Publication is authorized and empowered, for the purposes of this Chapter (1) to use, manage, operate and otherwise utilize all property and assets of every kind, character and description of the four existing corporations, namely—

The Methodist Book Concern,

a corporation existing under the laws of the State of New York,

The Methodist Book Concern,

a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Ohio,

The Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and

The Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Tennessee—

as well as all income from such property and assets and the avails thereof, all with liability or obligation to account for such property and assets, the use thereof, the income therefrom and avails thereof only to the General Conference of The Methodist Church or as it shall direct; (2) in its discre-

tion to cause to be created and established a new corporation to bear the name and style of The Methodist Publishing House, under the charter of which the operations and functions of The Methodist Publishing House may be carried on and executed; and (3) to cause each of said existing corporations to take all such action and to do all such things as the Board of Publication may deem necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purposes of this Paragraph 1107. The governing body of each of said corporations from time to time shall take all action which The Board of Publication deems to be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purposes of this Paragraph 1107. The Board of Publication shall cause all legal obligations of said four corporations, now existing or hereafter incurred, to be met, fulfilled and performed.

Delete existing Paragraph 1108, reading as follows:

Paragraph 1108. The property and proceeds of each corporation shall be held and managed separately, without transfer of funds or obligations of credit between them. and insert a new Paragraph 1108, which shall read as follows:

"Par. 1108. In the event of the creation and establishment of The Methodist Publishing House, incorporated as authorized by Paragraph 1107, the property profits and income of such new corporation shall be held by it as an agency of The Methodist Church and shall be subject to the control and direction of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, as set forth from time to time in the *Discipline*. In carrying out and executing its operations and functions, such new corporation shall be entitled to use, manage, operate and otherwise utilize all property and assets of each of the four existing corporations, identified in Paragraphs 1106 and 1107, of every kind, character and description (other than its corporate powers and franchises) and all income therefrom and avails thereof, for the purposes and objects defined in Paragraph 1102, 1104, and 1105. The governing body of each of the four existing corporations from time to time shall take all such action which The Board of Publication deems to be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purposes of this Paragraph. Such new corporation shall assume all legal obligations of each of the four existing corporations in force at the time the new corporation commences operations. The new corporation and The Board of Publication shall be without obligation to account for principal or income to any of the four existing corporations or otherwise report to them, except that the new corporation shall return to each of the four existing corporations custody

and control of the latter's real property and account for the net amount of any other assets received from such existing corporation, if and when such return and accounting shall be directed or required by The Board of Publication of the General Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 42; F, 40; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: EDITING THE *Discipline*

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. RESOLUTION FROM COMMITTEE

Calendar No. 81. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 642.

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following Resolution:

That the Book Editor, the Secretary of the General Conference, and the Publishing Agents be charged with editing the *Discipline*. The Editors in the exercise of their judgment shall have authority to make such changes in phraseology as may be necessary to harmonize legislation without changing its substance.

The Committee further recommends that the 1952 *Discipline* be published as soon as possible after the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conferences and that there be included therein the Directory listing the Bishops, the members of the various Boards and Commissions of the Church insofar as information is available at the time.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 39; F, 36; A, 1; N, 2

SUBJECT: MANUAL FOR CANDIDATES FOR MARRIAGE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1557

Calendar No. 87. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 643.

In compliance with the request contained in Memorial No. 1557 relative to a Manual for Candidates for Marriage, your Committee concurs and recommends that the Council of Bishops be requested to appoint a Committee to consider

the preparation of a manual for the use of ministers in pre-marital counseling.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 39; F, 35; A, 1; N, 4

SUBJECT: COMBINING METHODIST PUBLICATIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1162

Calendar No. 88. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 643.

Referring to Memorial No. 1162 requesting legislation providing for the consolidation of a group of Methodist papers, your Committee voted Non-Concurrence but in lieu thereof presents the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Publishing Interests recommends general approval to the program now under consideration by The Board of Publication for the development of a program for official church papers to be designed to provide primarily (1) a paper for the professional needs of the minister; (2) a general publication for the entire membership of the Church, and (3) a paper to meet the needs of the Central Jurisdiction. This program is now in process of careful study and will be put into effect as soon as in the judgment of The Board of Publication it is proper to do so.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 39; F, 32; A, 2; N, 5

SUBJECT: *Christian Advocate*

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1168

Calendar No. 89. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 644.

The Committee on Publishing Interests concurs in the Memorial requesting the continuance of the publication of *The Christian Advocate* and the *Central Christian Advocate* as official publications of The Methodist Church, as set forth in the *Discipline* in Section V, Paragraph 1128.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 43; F, 41; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENCE MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 613, 1014, 1160, 1166, 1243, 1553

*Calendar No. 113. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Pages 644, 754.*

Your Committee on Publishing Interests had before it the above-numbered Memorials and after careful consideration of each Memorial voted Non-Concurrence.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 41; F, 39; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: PRAYER BOOK FOR CHILDREN JOINING THE
METHODIST CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 902

*Calendar No. 218. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 735.*

Your Committee on Publishing Interests recommends the reference of this Memorial concerning a Prayer Book for children joining The Methodist Church to the Joint Committee on Materials for Training for Church Membership, Par. 1419, *Discipline*, 1948.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
LEE F. TUTTLE (*), *Acting Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 53; P, 41; F, 39; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: RECORDS AND STATISTICS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 1548, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1677

*Calendar No. 219. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 736.*

These Memorials on Record forms and systems, and statistics were again considered by your Committee on Publishing Interests upon re-reference, in the light of new legislation. Your Committee now recommends the reference of these Memorials to the Council on World Service and Finance for their Committee on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks inasmuch as the work of that Committee is under the direction of the Council.

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;
LEE F. TUTTLE (*), *Acting Secretary*.

NO. 13. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Chairman: K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California Arizona).

Vice-Chairman: Merrill B. McFall (Indiana).

Secretary: Mrs. Kenneth McGill (*) (Central Kansas)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 26.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Ritual and Orders of Worship.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the "SUBJECT" will be found "MEMORIAL—Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for this Report. For the list of Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1091. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: INDUCTION SERVICE FOR THOSE RECEIVED ON TRIAL

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 897

Amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 651.

Calendar No. 79. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 651.

We recommend that a dignified and inspirational service for men being received into an Annual Conference on Trial be provided.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the continuing Commission on Worship and The Fine Arts.

K. MORGAN EDWARDS, *Chairman*;

MRS. KENNETH MCGILL (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 8; F, 8; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: EDITORIAL SUGGESTION FOR THE *Discipline*

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 914

Calendar No. 85. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 652.

We recommend that attention be given by the Editorial Committee of the 1952 *Discipline* to marking sections, such as Marriage, Baptism, Membership, etc.

K. MORGAN EDWARDS, *Chairman*;
MRS. KENNETH MCGILL (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 8; F, 8; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COLLECTION OF HYMNS FOR CHURCH SCHOOL
MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 915, 1251, 1272, 1277, 1680
Calendar No. 86. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 652.

We recommend that the matters discussed in these memorials be referred to the Continuing Commission on Worship and The Fine Arts.

K. MORGAN EDWARDS, *Chairman*;
MRS. KENNETH MCGILL (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CONSECRATION OF DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1639

Calendar No. 111. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 652.

Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Commission on Worship to the General Conference of The Methodist Church at San Francisco following the meeting of the Commission at Hollywood, California, April 20-21, 1952.

The Commission on Worship respectfully begs leave to bring to the attention of the General Conference these recommendations contained in its printed Report and additional recommendations formulated and adopted at its meetings since the preparation of the Report.

1. In accordance with Paragraph 1454 of the 1948 *Discipline*, viz.: "Certified Directors of Christian education may be consecrated and commissioned at a session of an Annual Conference or other suitable time, for which a ritual shall be provided and published in the *Discipline* of 1952." We recommend—the adoption and inclusion in the Ritual of The Methodist Church of an order for the Consecration of Certified Directors of Christian Education for use at Annual Conferences. (See exhibit A.)

It is specifically recommended that the order be used as stipulated at the time of the report of the Conference Board of Education, or other suitable time and place, subject to the approval of the Annual Conference Program Committee, but that it be not used in connection with the Conference Ordination Service.

2. In accordance with repeated requests, we recommend—the adoption and inclusion in the Ritual of The Methodist Church of an order Licensing to Preach. (See exhibit B.)

3. The Commission had before it an order for the Organization of a New Church (see exhibit C) prepared by the Rev. Allen T. Newby of Chattanooga, Tennessee. We recommend—

(a) that we recognize the value of having a proper form for the celebration for so important step as the Organization of a New Church.

(b) that further study be given to this matter by both the Committee on Ritual of the General Conference and the Commission on Worship.

(c) that when a suitable order has been prepared it be printed and made available for optional use pending its approval by the General Conference.

4. The Commission had before it a proposal which has also been submitted as a Memorial to the General Conference providing for the "Inclusion in The Book of Worship of The Psalter and Other Responsive Readings, Arranged in the Order of the Church Calendar; and Insertion in The Hymnal of an Index of These Scripture Passages in Like Order."

Although the Commission finds it impractical to incorporate these suggestions in any future printing of the present editions of either the Methodist Hymnal or the Book of Worship, we believe that they are well worthy of consideration and therefore we recommend that they be given further study.

5. In order to meet certain difficulties encountered in the present wording of the Order for the Reception of Members, namely, the confusion of the word "presence" with "presents," we recommend the following changes in the Order for Reception of Members in the Ritual of The Methodist Church—instead of the question:

"Will you be loyal to The Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service?"

the question should read:

"Will you be loyal to The Methodist Church and uphold it by your attendance, your prayers, your gifts and your service?"

6. Because of the basic character of this concern of the Church we recommend—that in the organizational structure of the Church a Commission on Worship be continued, and that its scope of interest and responsibility be widened to include the fine arts in their service to the Church (the Commission might then be called “Commission on Worship and the Fine Arts”).

7. In response to a need repeatedly expressed, we recommend that one of the tasks to be undertaken by this Commission during the next quadrennium shall be the preparation of a Manual for the guidance of ministers in all matters pertaining to the conduct of public worship, the administration of the Sacraments, and other ordinances of the Church.

8. Since some Annual Conferences have Commissions or Committees on Worship, but the majority of Conferences do not, we recommend that the General Conference encourage the appointment of such a Standing Commission in each Annual Conference whose duty it shall be to foster the use of the best resources for worship at Annual Conference meetings and in all the churches of the Conference; and that the General Conference Commission on Worship offer to such Commissions its co-operation in the conduct of seminars or workshops on Worship on the Conference or other level.

Respectfully submitted,

IVAN LEE HOLT, *Chairman*,
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EXHIBIT “A”

AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE CONSECRATION OF CERTIFIED DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

This service shall be in the charge of the presiding Bishop who will ask the Chairman of the Conference Board of Education and the candidates to come to the chancel. The Bishop should then declare what are the office and duty of a Director of Christian Education, as follows:

The Bishop: Dearly beloved, we rejoice that there is a

vocation within the Church for those persons who have been called to serve Christ in the field of Christian Education. It is the office of a Director of Christian Education to assist the pastor in guiding the work of Christian Education in the local church. It is the duty of a Director of Christian Education, through personal endeavor and through the service of others, to lead the people to Christ, to inform them of the way of Christ, and to guide their growing understanding of how to live as Christians.

The Chairman of the Conference Board of Education shall then present those to be consecrated saying:

I present to you these persons, having been duly certified, to be consecrated Directors of Christian Education:—in The Methodist Church. (He shall then give the full name and church of each candidate.)

Their names having been read aloud, the Bishop shall say to the people to be consecrated:

Dearly beloved, we rejoice that you have purposed in your hearts to devote yourselves to this task. You are to be among those who serve and teach. Such a vocation confers a great privilege; it also lays upon you a solemn responsibility. What you have done alone with God in consecrating yourselves to this service, we now ask you to declare publicly in the presence of this congregation.

Do you believe in your heart that you have been led by the Spirit of God to engage in Christian Education and to assume its responsibilities?

I do so believe.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in other studies necessary to the development of a program of Christian education?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you strive so to live that the power of God may be manifest in your life, enabling you through a program of Christian Education to bring others to an awareness of the presence of God and to become disciples of Our Lord Christ?

I will, by God's Grace.

Will you maintain and set forward, as much as lieth in you, quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among them that shall be committed to your charge?

I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Will you be loyal to the Church and accept the authority of those to whom the Church has committed the direction of your work?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The candidates will kneel.

The Bishop's dedicatory prayer:

O eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look upon these thy servants whom we this day consecrate Directors of Christian Education.

Grant that they may have strength of body, mind, and soul for the fulfillment of Thy will, that they may worthily discharge the work committed to them, to the blessing of mankind and the glory of Christ our Savior. Amen.

EXHIBIT "B"

An Order of Service for Licensing Men to Preach in The Methodist Church.

The pastor of the church of which the candidate is a member shall arise and present his candidate (or candidates) to the District or Quarterly Conference: "Brethren, I present unto you to be licensed by you to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ under the auspices of The Methodist Church."

District Superintendent: "Take heed that this person (these persons), whom you present unto us this day, is (are) fitted in character and skill for this sacred vocation."

Pastor of the church: "The church has inquired diligently concerning him (them) and has examined him (them) and found him (them) so to be."

District Superintendent: "Brethren, you have heard the recommendation of these men by your pastor. If there be any of you who knows any reason why any one of them should not be licensed to preach the gospel, let him arise now and declare the same. All vocations are sacred in the sight of the Lord who created all things and sanctified them by the power of his Spirit. Especially precious in his sight is the preaching of his Word."

Scripture Lesson:

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass,

and all the godliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever. (Isaiah 40:1-8.)

Prayer:

Almighty God, whose word is truth and in the keeping of which is eternal life, we thank thee for these men whom we set aside in thy name today as preachers of thy gospel. Prepare them in body, mind, and spirit for their task and continue them in thy grace that they may increase and bless the Church through their labor. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the District Superintendent shall ask each of the candidates the following questions:

Question: "Do you believe you are moved by the Holy Spirit to preach the word of God?"

Answer: "I do."

Question: "Will you strive to live a life in keeping with what you preach?"

Answer: "I will."

District Superintendent: "Take thou authority to preach the truths of the Old and New Testament in The Methodist Church."

Benediction:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

K. MORGAN EDWARDS, *Chairman*;
MRS. KENNETH MCGILL (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 8; F, 8; A, 0; N, 0

**SUBJECT: RITUAL FOR ORGANIZATION OF A NEW CHURCH
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1266**

Amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 652.

*Calendar No. 139. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 652.*

RITUAL FOR ORGANIZING A NEW METHODIST CHURCH

Prelude

Declaration of Purpose

Dear Friends: The Church is the household, established by Christ for the maintenance of Christian fellowship, the promotion of worship, the administration of his word and ordinances and the conversion of the world. All of every age and station stand in need of the strength and grace which His Church supplies.

As Christ called his disciples into a sacred fellowship, thus are we drawn together with that same bond of Christian love, to become a redeeming body in the society of men. We have assembled here for that high purpose, to form a new band of Christian believers, within the family of The Methodist Church yet a living part of Christ's Universal Church. To that end we dedicate ourselves and this hour.

Hymn 164—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (print words for congregation).

Scripture Reading (Jeremiah 32:37-41).

Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may love me forever, for the good of them, and of their children after them; and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my love in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart, and with my whole soul.

Litany

O God, for the freedom to band together for Christian fellowship, worship and work,

We Lift Our Voices in Thanks.

For those courageous men and women who struggled and suffered that the Cross of Christ might be ours today,

We Lift Our Voices in Thanks.

As neighbors who yearn for a church in this community,

We Give Thee Our Thanks.

For the opportunity this church will afford people of all ages, classes, nationalities and races to share in Christian fellowship,

We Give Thee Our Thanks.

For the chance to share with Thee, O God, in the creative process of Thy Kingdom,

We Give Thee Our Thanks.

To the purpose of creating this church for the ages to come,

We Pledge Ourselves This Day.

To the end of making it a faithful member of the brotherhood in Christ, striving for justice, peace and righteous living,

We Pledge Ourselves This Day.

O God, our hearts rejoice with a great joy this hour, we feel Thy love and leadership, guiding us on in this enterprise of a new church that shall be a radiant center of Thy light, truth and love forever.

Reception of Members.

Before this new church is constituted it is fitting and proper that all persons desiring to share in its establishment should pledge their vows to Christ and to this Church. Therefore, you coming recommended by other churches, and you coming for the first time to the threshold of membership in God's house, should here publicly express your vows, confess your faith and declare your purposes, by answering the following questions:

Do you here in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn promise and vow that was made at your baptism?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and pledge your allegiance to His Kingdom?

I do.

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the New Testament of our Lord Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you be loyal to The Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your services?

I will.

Do you pledge yourself to work wholeheartedly in the establishment of this new Methodist Church?

I do.

Declaration of Organization.

In response to your eager desire for the establishment

of this new church, and in accordance with the laws and Discipline of The Methodist Church, I hereby declare the Methodist Church of duly constituted and organized.

To you who have declared your vows, I rejoice to recognize you as members of the Church of God and of this new Society, and bid you welcome to all of its privileges. With God's love in your hearts and a will to work, you will not only bring joy and strength to yourselves but will also share in the creating of Christ's Kingdom in this community and throughout the world.

Second Scripture Reading (Isaiah 60, selections).

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see; all they that gather themselves together, they come to thee; thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought, for the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish.

Hymn—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds." (Print verses to be used.)

Address.

Hymn No. 279—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." (Print verses.)

Benediction.

Additional Suggestions:

Responsive Reading—Eighteenth Sunday—First Reading.

Hymn No. 381.

Hymn No. 256.

Your Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the continuing Commission on Worship and The Fine Arts.

K. MORGAN EDWARDS, *Chairman*;
MRS. KENNETH MCGILL (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NO. SEE REPORT

*Calendar No. 169. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 754.*

These Memorials were considered individually by the Committee.

The following are Non-concurrent Memorials: 360, 886, 887, 888, 889, 896, 898, 899, 900, 901, 903, 904, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 919, 920, 921, 924, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 1004, 1068, 1105, 1161, 1248, 1252, 1253, 1254, 1256, 1258, 1259, 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1268, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1284, 1285, 1469, 1573, 1633, 1635, 1636, 1638, 1640, 1641, 1648.

K. MORGAN EDWARDS, *Chairman*;
MRS. KENNETH MCGILL (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 19; F, 19; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP—TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR
PAR. 2007 OF THE 1948 *Discipline*

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

*Calendar No. 172. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 653.*

To be substituted for Paragraph 2007 of the 1948 *Discipline*:

A Commission on Worship and The Fine Arts (taking the place of the Commission known since 1948 as the Commission on Worship) shall be established and continued through the quadrennium.

(Purpose). It shall be the purpose of the Commission (1) to collect information on the use of ritual, music, and the fine arts in worship; (2) to prepare and perfect resources in the field of Ritual and Orders of Worship which may be presented for consideration by the General Conference.

(Personnel). The Commission on Worship shall be composed of the following (nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference): two Bishops, the Book Editor, one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, and three members from the Church at large.

(Finance). The expenses of the Commission shall be paid from the General Administration Fund.

K. MORGAN EDWARDS, *Chairman*;
MRS. KENNETH MCGILL (*), *Secretary*.

The Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship wishes to express its appreciation to the Commission appointed by The General Conference of 1948 for its work in preparing and perfecting additional aids in Ritual for the pastors of Methodism.

K. MORGAN EDWARDS, *Chairman*;
MRS. KENNETH MCGILL (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 14. STATE OF THE CHURCH

Chairman: Charles C. Parlin (*), (Newark).

Vice-Chairman: Dr. Georgia Harkness (*), (Troy).

Secretary: Willard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 42.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to social service, labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other committee.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the "SUBJECT" will be found "MEMORIAL—Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for this Report. For list of Memorials see Report of Committee of Reference, page 1091. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 55; F, 54; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: CRUSADE FOR WORLD ORDER

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 624, 631, 637, 643, 644, 658, 664,
690, 694, 696, 698, 710, 711, 712, 715, 733, 749, 1170,
1179, 1192, 1286 to 1425 inclusive, 1427, 1433,
1451, 1461, 1642

Amended May 1, 1952.

*Calendar No. 12. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal,
Page 392.*

An urgent responsibility rests upon the Church to bring the total power of its spiritual and educational resources to bear upon the task of establishing and maintaining peace with justice. This is both basic to the Christian gospel and necessary to survival in a time of increasing tempo in the threat of further conflict. As in the Crusade for a New World Order, which did much to rally the support which prepared the way for the birth of the United Nations, the Church should now lead its people in the quest of the conditions

of just and enduring peace, and specifically in the support of a Charter Revision Conference scheduled to be placed on the agenda of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1955.

To this end, we request the Council of Bishops, utilizing the existing agencies of the Church, to implement the vital leadership toward peace embodied in their Episcopal Address by further leadership in a Crusade for World Order beginning in the fall of 1953, its objectives to include a study of the specific questions of adequate United Nations Charter revision, and the taking of all affirmative steps necessary to make the United Nations a more effective instrument of peace.

We refer the projected Crusade for World Order to the Council on World Service and Finance for special consideration from the Administration Fund.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 56; F, 56; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: KOREAN RELIEF

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1174

Calendar No. 54. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 645.

We recommend that the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief now give priority to the relief and rehabilitation of the Korean people.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 56; F, 31; A, 17; N, 8

SUBJECT: PUBLIC MORALS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1453

Action Deferred May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 645.

Calendar No. 59. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 645, 738, 1442.

We recommend that Paragraph 2022 entitled "Public Morals" in the 1948 *Discipline* be reaffirmed, and that it be printed in the appendix of the 1952 *Discipline*.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 62; F, 54; A, 0; N, 8

SUBJECT: RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 688

Calendar No. 60. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 646.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church urgently petitions officials responsible for the laws and ordinances governing the District of Columbia to take the necessary steps to remove all barriers of racial discrimination, to the end that all citizens of the United States may move with a sense of freedom, may enjoy full participation in the life of the nation's capital, and that visitors from all parts of the world may see democracy in practice in our capital city.

We request the Secretary of the General Conference to send copies of the above resolution to the following persons:

Mr. Matthew N. Neely Chairman of the Senate Committee of the District of Columbia;

Mr. John L. McMillan, Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee of the District of Columbia;

Mr. John Russell Young, President of the Board of Commissioners, District Building, Pennsylvania Ave. at 14th Street; and

Mr. T. Joseph Donahue and General Bernard L. Robinson, members of the Board of Commissioners.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 60; F, 60; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: AN APPEAL FOR WORLD-WIDE RACIAL TOLERANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 754

Action Deferred May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 650.

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 740.

Calendar No. 63. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 740.

We appeal to the Congress of the United States for legislation to eliminate racial ineligibility to citizenship, and the exclusion system based thereon, by the enactment of the following provisions:

1. That laws providing naturalization to citizenship in the

United States shall apply hereafter to all aliens alike, irrespective of race, color, or place of birth.

2. That provisions governing Quota Immigrants from European and certain other countries shall be extended to include all persons native of Asia and the Islands adjacent thereto.

3. No person, otherwise admissible by law, shall be excluded or prevented from entering the United States, or be ineligible to citizenship, on account of race, color, or place of birth.

4. We earnestly request the Council of Bishops to urge the Congress of the United States to take in the United Nations Organization such affirmative steps as may be necessary to remove all inhuman practices, such as racial discrimination and segregation laws now practiced in the world, and in South Africa in particular.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 62; F, 62; A, 0, N, 0

SUBJECT: THE CHRISTIAN HOME

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1436

Amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 646.

Calendar No. 64. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 646.

The home is the foundation of society and is vital to the stability of both Church and State. We believe it is ordained of God as the place in which there is the greatest opportunity for the origin and development of stalwart Christian character.

The home is suffering today from the tensions created by the world situation and the uncertainties due to the present military demands upon youth, from inadequate housing, the unprecedented movement of populations, the subtle and effective entrance of unchristian ideas and practices conveyed by the power of mass media, by open attack of evil forces, high pressure advertising which creates an undue emphasis upon material things, and by sheer neglect.

We are faced with such a continuing high rate of divorces, juvenile delinquency, broken lives, and disregard of life's sanctities that the very existence of civilization is threatened. It is imperative therefore that all Christian people be aroused to action.

We conceive the Christian home to be one in which parents so practice the presence of God that children come to accept God as the greatest reality of life.

A Christian home seeks to bring every member into the Christian way of living. It accepts the responsibility of worship and instruction to the end of growing the spiritual life of each person.

The Christian home practices daily prayer, and grace at meals and is committed to behaviour in keeping with Christian ideals for home and community. The outgrowth of this will naturally be the participation of the family as a whole in the life of the Church. With the hope of stimulating the thinking of the members of our Church, and their efforts to make more vital the Christian living in their homes, we record the following convictions:

1. *Worship in the Home*

We believe it is the birthright of every child to have the emotional security of a stable Christian home in which there is a normal opportunity for self-development in a creative atmosphere. When parents abide in God's love day by day and children are conscious of that relationship that love becomes the basic security for the child. Family worship and grace at mealtime unite the parents and children through their love for God. Parents teach religion by example as well as through the holy habits of formal and informal worship in the home. We urge families to spend some time with God each day, seeking His guidance and blessing for each member of the family. We recommend the use of such resources for personal and family worship as are found in *The Bible*, *The Christian Home*, *The Upper Room*, and *Power*. Many families find that a worship center in the home, good religious pictures and Church periodicals lay the foundation for the natural inclusion of worship as a part of the family's daily life.

2. *Teaching in the Home*

We recognize that parents are constantly teaching in the home, in unrecognized ways as well as in their conscious efforts. A parent's position is one of great responsibility toward his children and toward God, as well as one of high privilege. There is great need for parents to interpret to their children in a Christian way world issues and needs, the politics of national and international relationships, the complex problems created by the use of beverage alcohol and narcotics, and the need for adhering to Christian moral standards amid the tensions and pressures of our present-

day living. There is also need for parents to guide their children in learning how to evaluate the propaganda to which they are constantly subjected through newspapers, magazines, radio, television, and movies as well as through personal relationships. At these points the Church and family can support and strengthen each other in their ideals of personal conduct and social righteousness.

World peace begins at home. As parents teach democracy in the home through their relationships with each other and with their children, they build the foundations for democracy in the nation and in the world. The most effective education for world peace lies in the attitudes and ideas expressed through daily conversation. The efforts of the peoples of the world through United Nations to do those things which make for peace and more abundant life should be understood and appreciated.

To help parents understand these issues, and the best methods for guiding their children, we recommend that local churches make provision for study classes and discussion groups on child development, family relationships, and the teaching of religion in the home, making wider use of the helpful materials provided through the regular publications and channels of our Church.

Our children desire and have a right to know before adolescence the facts regarding the origin of life and the nature of their personalities as it relates to sex. Parents, if properly instructed, are best fitted to give this assistance; but if they are recreant to this duty, then qualified persons in the Church should teach reverently the beautiful truths of life to offset the obscene and all-too-prevalent misinformation to which our children are exposed. We endorse the growing tendency in our public schools to include sex education under competent teachers as a normal part of their curriculum.

3. Preparation for Marriage

We believe that a child's experience in his home lays the foundation for success or failure in his marriage and future home. Many parents feel themselves to be inadequate in the preparation and guidance of their children as they become of marriageable age. Therefore it is recommended that a regular course of instruction be given in each church for youth on the Christian ideals of love, courtship, and marriage, using the materials made available by our Church. All of our youth assemblies, camps and institutes should have qualified persons to give counsel on personal problems, and the duties and privileges of Christian marriage, and to make available to young people suitable books, pamphlets, and audio-visual resources. It is further recommended that

courses of instruction for young married couples on home-building, income budgeting, child training, life adjustments, and personality problems be given by each church. We recommend that pastors prepare themselves to counsel and guide young people through pre-marital and post-marital counseling.

We recognize that divorce is not the answer to the problems that bring it about. As a Christian Church and ministry, we are obligated to aid by counsel those persons who have experienced broken marriage, to make those adjustments emotionally and otherwise that would prepare the way for successful family living.

We believe it is important for the churches to focus attention upon the family at frequent intervals during the year, but especially we recommend the observance of National Family Week as provided in Par. 233-5 of the *Discipline*. We further urge the parents in our churches to participate in the Methodist National Conference on Family Life planned for this quadrennium.

4. *Legislation*

To protect both the individual and society from hasty marriages we favor legislation requiring an interval of at least several days between the application for a license and the granting of it, to allow sufficient time for consideration.

We recommend laws requiring a medical examination of both contracting parties, and the refusal of a license to those unfitted physically or mentally by heredity or otherwise for the responsible state of matrimony.

We favor uniform marriage and divorce laws.

There is an increasing demand for the adoption of children in Christian homes, which we favor. We urge the churches to work for more uniform adoption laws.

5. *Co-operation*

We recommend that our churches fully co-operate with all other agencies in the community that are working for the improvement of family life and the strengthening of Christian character, such as the public schools, Hi-Y, Y-Teens, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys' Clubs, Camp Fire Girls, 4-H Clubs, and social service agencies.

In the local church we strongly urge co-operation as regards special courses of study to the end that the above provisions shall become a regular part of the education program of the Church.

We further recommend the continued correlation of the

work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and of the Boards of Education and of Evangelism.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 61; F, 39; A, 17; N, 5

SUBJECT: THE METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 617, 619, 620, 623, 625, 628, 629, 648, 650, 665, 668, 669, 671, 673, 674, 676, 679, 680, 684, 687, 691, 692, 693, 704, 706, 707, 713, 717, 723, 725, 728, 729, 734, 752, 1171, 1177, 1178, 1182, 1184, 1199, 1202, 1203, 1206, 1208, 1426, 1430, 1432, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1445, 1448, 1452, 1462, 1463, 1465, 1667, 1668, 1676, 1678

Calendar No. 83. Majority Report Adopted May 5, 1952.
See Journal, Pages 613-621.

M, 86; P, 61; F, 17; A, 39; N, 5

Calendar No. 84. Minority Report Not Substituted May 5, 1952. See next Report No. 7-A and Journal, Pages 613-621.

Whereas, The Methodist Federation for Social Action is not now and never has been an official organization or agency of The Methodist Church, and;

Whereas, The Methodist Church has no control over and is not responsible for the program or pronouncements of The Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial), and;

Whereas, The Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial) has no right or authority to speak for or in the name of The Methodist Church, and;

Whereas, in times past confusion has arisen in the minds of the public regarding the right of said Federation to speak for The Methodist Church, and;

Whereas, The Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial) has continued the use of the word "Methodist" in connection with its name despite a widespread objection to its doing so, and;

Whereas, many members of The Methodist Church have been embarrassed by certain pronouncements of The Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial) and by said Federation's continuance of the use of the word "Methodists," and;

Whereas The Board of Publication of The Methodist Church (an official agency of the Church) has requested said Federation to vacate the offices which it occupies in the

Methodist Building at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, with which request said Federation has not complied:

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church:

- I. That we reaffirm the historic position of The Methodist Church that the General Conference of The Methodist Church is the only body authorized to speak for The Methodist Church.
- II. That The Methodist Church does not approve many of the statements and policies of The Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial).
- III. That the General Conference announces and emphasizes that The Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial) has no right to take any action which in any way might be construed as speaking for or reflecting the sentiment or position of The Methodist Church.
- IV. That we do hereby request The Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial) to remove the word "Methodist" from its name; and we approve the action of the Board of Publication in requesting said Federation to terminate its occupancy of quarters in the Methodist Building at 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.
- V. That we do reaffirm the historic position of The Methodist Church of the right of its people to interpret the Christian faith in the field of social and economic relations and to work to bring our social order more nearly into conformity with the teachings of Christ in accordance with the dictates of their own consciences.
- VI. That these resolutions be printed in the 1952 edition of the *Discipline*.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

Minority Report No. 7-A. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 61; F, 17; A, 19; N, 5

SUBJECT: THE METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. SEE REPORT NO. 7

Calendar No. 84. Minority Report Not Substituted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Pages 613, 621.

The undersigned members of the Committee on State of the Church submit the following Minority Report to Committee report number 7 relative to the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

We respectfully request the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church to set up an impartial Commission to investigate The Methodist Federation for Social Action, as

well as other unofficial organizations and publications using the word "Methodist" in their title, and about which there is likely to be confusion in the public mind as to their unofficial character.

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REPORT NO. 8. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 56; F, 52; A, 0; N, 4

SUBJECT: THE METHODIST CHURCH AND RACE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 626, 630, 635, 641, 649, 656, 657, 659, 660, 662, 670, 685, 701, 703, 724, 738, 740, 744, 745, 750, 1172, 1176, 1185, 1196, 1197, 1207, 1428, 1429, 1431, 1440, 1441, 1447, 1449, 1450, 1454, 1467, 1491, 1564

Amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 647.

Calendar No. 109. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 647.

Ours is a world Church. As such its responsibility is to unite in one fellowship men and women of all races and nations. As Christians we confess ourselves to be children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. This being true there is no place in The Methodist Church for racial discrimination or racial segregation. "To discriminate against a person solely upon the basis of his race is both unfair and unchristian. Every child of God is entitled to that place in society which he has won by his industry and his character. To deny him that position of honor because of the accident of his birth is neither honest democracy or good religion." (The Episcopal Address, 1952.)

In our world, our nation and our Church however, racial discrimination and segregation do exist. As sincere followers of our Lord it is our business to help free our world and our nation from these evils. But it is more immediately our imperative duty to confess our failure to achieve God's will in Methodism and then resolutely to set about achieving a

Christian brotherhood in the Church that will be free from racial discrimination and segregation.

We rejoice in the progress being made. The promulgation by the United Nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its acceptance, in principle, by the United States and other nations is indicative of a growing awareness of the dignity and sacredness of human personality. In America noteworthy advances have been made in many phases of the nation's life, business, sports, education, and religion. In Methodism many tangible gains can be seen, as for instance, in the opening of an increasing number of our schools to students without regard to race. Perhaps the intangible gains are even more significant. Attitudes at variance to basic Christian principles are yielding; we are coming to have a mutual appreciation and love and a willingness to work together which whisper of still better things to come. As was stated in the Episcopal Address: "We face the critical adjustment between the absolute Christian ideal and the human level upon which a retarded and hesitating Christian conscience moves; Christian Truth and strategy must reach us where we are and lead us by divine grace to where God would have us be."

The obstacles have been many, but progress is being made. Therefore, let us thank God and go forward.

The problem facing Methodism in the matter of race is perhaps the most crucial problem before our world today. Therefore, it presents to us a God-given opportunity. In keeping, therefore, with the thrilling challenge set forth in the Episcopal Address we propose that the Church seek to free itself utterly from racial discrimination and segregation. To this end we recommend the following as specific and feasible immediate steps.

1. Let there be opportunity without discrimination or segregation for full participation in all the activities of the Church by the many racial and national groups that make up our Methodist fellowship.

2. That there shall be equality of accommodations for all races at all National and International meetings of The Methodist Church.

3. Let the institutions of the Church, local churches, colleges, universities, theological schools, hospitals and homes carefully restudy their policies and practices as they relate to race, making certain that these policies and practices are Christian.

4. In keeping with the rapid advance being made in the direction of widening employment on democratic principles, let the agencies and the institutions of The Methodist Church

employ their Staffs on the basis of character and qualifications, without racial discrimination.

5. In view of the fact that churches of the Central Jurisdiction may in some cases, very properly desire to become a part of another Jurisdiction in which they are located, we commend the proposal that enabling legislation be enacted making such readjustments easier of attainment. Meanwhile we call attention to the possibility of such readjustment being made, though with some difficulty, under existing disciplinary provisions. (Paragraphs 26, 28 and 29 and Judicial Decisions, Pages 82 and 162.)

6. We recommend that unless a General Board of Social Relations is set up by this General Conference, the legislation of the 1948 General Conference be re-enacted, which called for "A Continuing Commission to study the practices and organization of the world-wide Church (Methodist) to the end that racial discrimination shall ultimately be eliminated from our fellowship," and that the Council of Bishops be instructed to nominate such Commission to be composed of one Bishop, one minister from each Jurisdiction, two laymen from each Jurisdiction (one of whom shall be a woman), and two youth to be nominated at large. Furthermore that the Council on World Service and Finance shall provide the necessary funds for the work of the Commission. This Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Conference of 1956.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 37; F, 37; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 618, 627, 639, 640, 642, 647, 653, 654, 655, 661, 672, 678, 700, 718, 720, 727, 732, 736, 739, 742, 743, 747, 753, 1181, 1190, 1191, 1194, 1200, 1204, 1675

Calendar No. 149. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 685.

Paragraph 1586 Amended and Referred to Co-ordinating Council to eliminate overlapping May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 690.

The Committee recommends establishment of a Board of Social and Economic Relations, and the amending of the *Discipline* by adding the following Paragraphs as Chapter IX; present Chapters IX and X would be renumbered as Chapters X and XI respectively.

CHAPTER IX

Board of Social and Economic Relations

Par. 1585. There shall be a Board of Social and Economic Relations. The Board shall be composed of one Bishop from each Jurisdiction, elected by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction; one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction for each 600,000 members, or major fraction thereof, in the Jurisdiction, elected by each Jurisdictional Conference upon nomination of the Jurisdictional Conference Nominating committee, provided that in all Jurisdictions in which two or more lay persons shall be thus elected they shall, as nearly as possible, be divided between laymen and laywomen; and one youth (18-23) elected by each Jurisdiction upon nomination of the Jurisdictional Conference Nominating committee from nominations submitted by the Annual Conferences and/or the Annual Conference Youth Organizations of the Jurisdiction; and provided further that there shall be a minimum of one minister, one layman, one laywoman, and one youth from each Jurisdiction. The Board may invite representatives from other agencies within the Church to meet with it as advisory members, without power to vote.

Par. 1586. It shall be the function of the Board to implement the actions of the General Conference and of the Methodist Social Creed (*Discipline* Par. 2020); to make available to the Church membership resource material relating to the field of social and economic relations, to respond to requests of local church groups for information and guidance; to encourage and stimulate interest and activity in the relation of the program of the Church to social and economic problems; to establish "service projects" where Methodist youth may render Christian service and express their Christian convictions in pioneering and other endeavors at home and abroad, subject to the provisions of Par. 1169; to co-ordinate such work with other general agencies of the Church; to work with other General Agencies in stimulating Christian social thinking and action. This Board shall work in co-operation with the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Board of Christian Service.

Par. 1587. The Board shall elect a Bishop as President, a Vice-president, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. These officers, with four other elected members of the Board, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled at any regular or duly called meeting of the

Board. The Executive Secretary shall be elected by the Board, and serve ex-officio. Staff personnel shall be approved by the Executive Committee upon the nomination of the President and the Executive Secretary.

Par. 1588 (1). Each Jurisdictional Conference may establish a Jurisdictional Board of Social and Economic Relations, auxiliary to the General Board, such Board to be composed of one Bishop from the Jurisdiction, chosen by the College of Bishops; one minister, one lay person, and one youth (18-23) from each Area in the Jurisdiction, and members of the General Board located in the Jurisdiction.

(2) Each Annual Conference may establish a Conference Board of Social and Economic Relations, auxiliary to the Jurisdictional Board and the General Board, which may report each year to the Annual Conference in such manner as the Conference may direct.

(3) Each charge may have, as a part of its quarterly conference, a Committee on Social and Economic Relations to serve the interest of Christ in the local situation and to cooperate with the General, the Jurisdictional, and the Conference boards. This Committee shall report to the Quarterly Conference, and may report to the Official Board of the church.

Par. 1589 (1). The Board of Social and Economic Relations shall meet annually, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the President or on the written request of one-fifth of its members.

(2) The work of the Board shall be supported from the General Benevolences of the Church, the amount to be determined by the General Conference, on recommendation of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10 STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 40; F, 37; A, 1; N, 2

SUBJECT: THE CHURCH AND WAR AND PEACE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 683, 699, 726, 735, 748, 751, 1438, 1443, 1485, 1666

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 741, 747

Calendar No. 175. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 741, 747.

The Church and War and Peace

The world of our day is confronted by a crisis, profound in depth and global in scope. Although men have ever faced

the problem of living together, today's crisis is the most acute in history. Man has developed weapons of mass destruction which, in the event of a third world war, might well result in the annihilation of man himself, and the obliteration of civilization as we now know it.

The Church cannot ignore nor evade this problem. Upon its solution rests our future. If that future is to fulfill the cherished prophesies of the Christian Church, there must be peace, permanent and eternal.

I. The Church and War

We rededicate ourselves to these statements incorporated in 1944 in The Methodist Social Creed (Paragraph 2020, Section 15) :

"We stand for these propositions: Christianity cannot be nationalistic; it must be universal in its outlook and appeal. War makes its appeal to force and hate, Christianity to love and reason. The influence of the Church must always be on the side of every effort seeking to remove animosities and prejudices which are contrary to the spirit and teaching of Christ. It does not satisfy the Christian conscience to be told that war is inevitable. It staggers the imagination to contemplate another war with its unspeakable horrors in which modern science will make possible the destruction of whole populations. The methods of Jesus and the methods of war belong to different worlds. War is a crude and primitive force. It arouses passions which in the beginning may be unselfish and generous, but in the end war betrays those who trust in it. It offers no security that its decisions will be just and righteous. It leaves arrogance in the heart of the victor, and resentment in the heart of the vanquished. When the teachings of Jesus are fully accepted, war as a means of settling international disputes will die, and dying will set the world free from a cruel tyrant."

Because war is contrary to every tenet of love and reason for which Christianity stands, the Church must continue to declare its sinfulness. It can decisively put an end to the exercise upon earth of those curative and creative forces which Christianity holds in its keeping. The Church must use its spiritual power to destroy war. More clearly than before, we now see that our only earthly security is in obedience to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has "made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth."

Since Christianity and war are utterly opposed, the Church as the body of Christ, the carrier of the Gospel, the institution that bears Christ's name must not become the agent of any government for its furtherance. The task of the

Church is healing, reconciliation, the removal of prejudice and hate, the cementing of bonds of brotherhood, the exalting of God as the Father and Ruler of all mankind and Christ as the Saviour of all. This task it cannot perform if it becomes a partisan in international conflict and destruction. "Christianity cannot be nationalistic; it must be universal in its outlook and appeal."

Regarding the duty of the individual Christian, opinions sincerely differ. Faced by the dilemma of participation in war, he must decide prayerfully before God what is to be his course of action in relation thereto. What the Christian citizen may not do is to obey men rather than God, or overlook the degree of compromise in our best acts, or gloss over the sinfulness of war. The Church must hold within its fellowship persons who sincerely differ at this point of critical decision, call all to repentance, mediate to all God's mercy, minister to all in Christ's name.

II. The Church and Peace

(a) Moral and Spiritual Conditions

The primary conditions of peace lie in the attitudes of men. Since the Church in a unique way holds in its keeping the moral and spiritual forces for a peaceful world, the Church has a unique and God-given responsibility.

Among the fertile causes of war are: the claims of each State to absolute national sovereignty; the failure of nations to apply moral law and justice in international negotiations and action; the cancelling of distinctions of right and wrong, as more and more barbarous forms of cruelty are held to be legitimate; self-righteousness; the treating of persons as things; the condoning of human bondage; economic self-interest; the distortion of the truth by propaganda and deliberate falsehood; reliance on military force as the sole arbiter in conflict and instrument for the restraint of evil.

To each of these factors the Christian gospel has an answer. No earthly State, but God alone, is ruler of the universe. To His righteous law nations as well as individuals are subject, and no claims of military necessity can make what is evil good. By Him all men are judged and called to repentance. All persons were made in the image of God, and however sinful are infinitely precious in His sight. All men are children of God and brothers one of another; before Him no distinctions of nation, race, class, culture, or political alignment can stand. God wills all men to be free to work out their destinies in a just society amid conditions compatible with truth, and to share in the resources of the earth that He has provided for all. To us He has committed, not imple-

ments of destruction for the arrest of evil, but the words of reconciliation and of love.

But we have failed to employ these forces. We have simply affirmed them. Passive affirmation has failed to establish peace in the world. There is a very real necessity of transmuting our faith in the undying truths of Jesus Christ into works.

The Church can be an agency of great power for the establishment of a world community, as has been demonstrated by the missionary and ecumenical movements. That the bonds of brotherhood among Christians have held so firm during the recent years of war and international tension is occasion for humble thanksgiving to God. From the beginnings already made, a wider world community must be fashioned through co-operation with persons of all religious faiths.

(b) Relief of Suffering

Among the primary tasks of the Church is the duty to relieve human misery. When millions of our brothers for whom Christ died are hungry, cold, and homeless, and children die of starvation, no Christian can turn a deaf ear to the voice of Him who says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The command of Christ and political realism unite in making this ministry an essential condition of peace, for war walks on the heels of hunger.

Such relief should be given through various channels. We rejoice that governments, Churches, and individuals have made generous contributions for this purpose. Much more must be done. Since no private giving can be adequate in amount, there must be large-scale government appropriations on a non-partisan basis, given for the welfare of the recipients. The gifts of Methodists, through both Church World Service and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, should be greatly increased. There is a place for personalized giving to individuals known to be worthy and in need, for through such personal connections ties of fellowship are cemented.

(c) Rejection of Preventive War

We reaffirm the conviction that war is not inevitable. We concur in the following quotation found in the Report of the Federal Council of Churches' Commission on the Christian Conscience and Weapons of Mass Destruction: "To avoid the physical and moral disaster of global war we must put behind us a satanic temptation the dangerous idea of a "preventive war," which is closely bound up with the faithless and defeatist idea that war is inevitable." We rejoice that

responsible statesmen recognize this fact, and we call on all Methodists to support this stand by holding steady in goodwill and faith.

(d) Inter-National Co-operation

Yet neither is peace inevitable, and its cost is patient, continuous effort at Inter-National co-operation. Our best political hope of peace lies in the United Nations. There is emerging from it a larger vision of the total interests of mankind. In spite of obstacles, freedom of presentation and discussion still abides in its Assembly and Councils. Long before it took action to resist aggression in Korea, it had proved its usefulness for peacemaking in such troubled areas as Palestine, Kashmir, and Indonesia, and had taken large steps forward through its Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the work of such agencies as UNESCO, the World Health Organization, and the Food and Agriculture Organization. It has created a Center in which the official leaders of international affairs in sixty nations can meet for the presentation, analysis, and discussion of problematical issues. Both the actual efficiency and the possibility of strengthening the United Nations have been demonstrated in several crucial areas, such as the technical assistance program, provision for Observation Commissions in areas threatened by outbreak of violence, and the establishment of a twelve nation Disarmament Commission.

In spite of tensions within the United Nations, we believe that it must be kept united. We reject the proposal that the world should be split politically, as it is now ideologically, into two blocs. If the United Nations is to serve the interests of peace, it must not become the instrument of any bloc of nations. Regardless of difficulties that may be encountered in arriving at agreements or securing unanimity, the United Nations should be maintained for all nations.

One of the most significant factors of this decade has been the demand in many parts of the world for recognition and protection of the freedoms and rights of the individual. By forthright emphasis on the worth of the individual as a child of God, the Church has shared the responsibility for awakening this desire. Methodist churches everywhere can demonstrate their steadfast adherence to this belief by supporting the United Nations Genocide Convention and Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

We call upon Methodists in all lands to urge their governments to provide adequate financing and give their full support to the United Nations and its agencies.

(e) World Government

Peace can only come from God, expressed through all peoples. World peace is bigger than any single nation, single economic system, or single religion. The United Nations, if peace is to be achieved, must be developed into a world federation of nations. To insure such investment of national sovereignty as will lay the foundations for permanent world co-operation and peace, we must first have a wider recognition and acceptance of God as sovereign over all nations. We call for revision of the United Nations charter in such manner as to enable that body to enact, interpret, and enforce world law against aggression and war.

(f) Universal Disarmament

We rejoice that the sixth session of the General Assembly, meeting in Paris during the winter of 1951-52, established by unanimous vote a Disarmament Commission. To nations greatly over-burdened by the economic and moral strains of the present armament race, this action brings new hope of the possibility of reduction, control and eventual elimination of the implements of war. We pray for the success of this Commission and pledge it the support of our Church, **because we stand for the promotion of a society fashioned upon a civilian basis.**

We emphasize the following statement from the Episcopal Address: "We must keep disarmament before the nations as they seek an alternative to war. The theory upon which the western allies and their communist antagonists are operating is that their only security lies in amassing such a weight of armaments that nobody will dare challenge them. This theory has repeatedly been tested in history. It has never yet brought peace." Believing this to be true, we seek firmer grounds of security in mutual understanding, international co-operation, and the use of our economic resources for better standards of living throughout the world.

(g) Military Training

The General Conference and seven Church-wide organizations of The Methodist Church, led by the Council of Bishops, have declared their opposition to any system of peacetime universal military training. We reaffirm this stand. We appeal to the United States to give bold leadership looking toward the universal abolition of peacetime conscription by or through the United Nations.

(h) Reserve Officers Training Corps

To Methodist colleges considering the installation of

R.O.T.C. units, we call attention to the following points:

1. Methodists have always held to the principle of separation of Church and State. The installation of R.O.T.C. units in Church colleges is in violation of this principle.

2. Both Christian and democratic education seek to encourage an attitude toward government of patriotic loyalty joined with intelligent criticism. The presence of military institutions on a campus should not be permitted to inhibit freedom of individual thought and action.

3. We recognize the financial difficulties confronting many of our Church colleges and universities, and urge adequate support of them by the entire Church.

(i) Soviet-United States Relation

There can be no condoning of the ideology or practice of Communism though it hold out to underprivileged peoples promises of a release from want and oppression, these promises are for the most part deceptive and are accompanied, where power is seized, by new and terrible forms of tyranny. Its atheistic totalitarianism and its tendency to infiltration, clever deception and ruthless violence make it the major foe both of Christianity and of freedom in the world today. Recognition of these facts is essential to Christian Democracy.

It is equally essential to avoid fostering hatred. We should not charge the entire Russian people with being Communist. There are still many millions of Christians in Russia. They are not materialists for they believe that the Eternal Spirit, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, is the ultimate reality. Churches and cathedrals are open and people worship in them, traditional scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are used, and Christian hymns are sung. We should make every effort to communicate with these people and send a message of Christian fellowship and goodwill.

We believe that the best defense against Communism is not to be found in the use of military force or in the suppression of civil liberties. Rather, it is to be found in the preservation of democratic institutions by a more thorough-going practice of democracy. Such defense calls for the abatement of racial and class discrimination; the elimination of economic conditions which foster poverty, hunger and disease; more adequate provision for both the physical and the spiritual needs of persons of all lands.

It is our conviction that the peoples of neither the Soviet Union nor the United States desire war. We call upon all of our people promptly to undertake to change the prevailing mood which we believe conducive to war. We urge our respective governments to support a continuing process of negotiations through the United Nations and on their diplo-

matic high levels and to keep the door open to any proposal, from whatever source, that holds the possibility of peace.

(j) Colonial and Dependent Peoples

Old imperialisms are decaying and falling away. Non-self-governing territories are seeking independence, freedom, self-government. Furthermore, they are seeking the knowledge, the tools, the skills whereby they may transform their lands, providing more adequately for the food, health, housing, and other needs of higher standards of living. We proclaim our undying interest in freedom for all peoples. We urge the adoption of policies and practices which undergird the aspirations of retarded and non-self-governing peoples to freedom, the determination of their own forms of government, and the economic means required for the highest development of which they are capable.

(k) Technical Assistance and Point Four

The officially stated purpose of technical assistance programs is "to start where people are, to help them solve their own problems in their own way without imposing ideas or methods upon them which are alien to their character and desires; to work with others, to co-operate and not to dominate."

We believe that economic assistance which "... seeks to make the benefits of our scientific advances and industrial progress available for the improvement of underdeveloped areas ..." is the strongest combatant of the elements of revolution found in our times. There is a tragic shortage of food and other basic necessities in vast areas of our world. Even with present levels of food production maintained, millions of people will starve to death each year.

We urge that government funds and resources be increased for "Point Four" and Technical Assistance programs and that these be channeled through the United Nations' Technical Assistance Program as much as possible. We believe that the original purposes of the "Point Four" and Technical Assistance programs should be carefully guarded against use based primarily on military and/or political expediency.

The personnel employed in these projects should be of the highest character, and should seek through these channels the development of better human relations as well as better economic conditions. We also highly commend and urge increased support of technical assistance by and through denominational and interdenominational programs and other private foundations and agencies.

(1) Civil Liberties

The American Declaration of Independence declares that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are the inalienable rights of every human being. This implies that these rights are not the gifts of governments, but the gifts of God. Civil governments exist not to confer these rights, but to guarantee them to all men alike and to protect all men in the fullest possible enjoyment of them. The right to be free implies not only the freedom of the body, but the freedom of the mind.

In this time of fear, areas of freedom of speech and thought are being narrowed all over the world. Everywhere, there is increasing limitation of the expression of variant ideas and opinions, and even of factual information. In some lands, thought control uses the techniques of absolute censorship, surveillance by secret police, torture, imprisonment and death. In other lands, the techniques are those of social rejection, calling of names, demands for "loyalty oaths," denial of employment, irresponsible accusations, and assertion of "guilt by association."

In any of these cases, the results are false and inadequate information, degradation of the human mind, and shackling of the human spirit. In such an atmosphere, suspicion becomes fear, fear becomes hatred, and hatred becomes war. Our role is not to suppress ideas, but to open channels of communication, so that men can come to know the thoughts of their neighbors, and so that the best thoughts of all men can come to be possessions of all mankind.

We who are Christians profess that Christ came to demonstrate the character of God, and reveal that God is love. Love is the power of God at work in human relations. Against such power, no earthly barriers can stand, no earthly armies ultimately can prevail. This power can be ours. We need only dare to use it.

This resolution shall be printed in the appendix of the 1952 *Discipline*.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 46; F, 43; A, 0; N, 3

SUBJECT: ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN WESLEY'S BIRTH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 731

Calendar No. 190. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 740.

The General Conference directs the attention of the Church to the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley,

which date falls on the 17th of June, 1953. The Conference calls upon the churches and those responsible for our literature to take note of this significant event, and to insure fitting observance of the occasion by means of programs, sermons, and articles dealing specifically with John Wesley, his home, his life, and his influence.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 54; F, 54; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: UNWARRANTED RESTRAINTS ON TRAVEL RIGHTS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1455

Calendar No. 191. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 740.

Recently, in the United States and other countries there have been instances in which fundamental civil rights and religious liberties have been ignored and abrogated by military authorities with particular regard to the granting of passports and such other travel documents as entrance visas and military entry permits. This procedure has even interfered with plans for travel abroad by certain officials of our own Methodist Church and other Christian Churches for purposes of visitation and administration of missionary enterprises.

We urge all governmental authorities to avoid all attempts to restrict the legitimate activities of representatives of religious bodies engaged in the normal pursuits of their acknowledged tasks. We urge the placement in positions of accountability in government agencies of those who are competent to judge as to the responsible character of well-established religious organizations and the worthiness of their representatives to receive from the government the necessary facilities for travel and visitation in various parts of the world.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 53; F, 53; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: THE SOCIAL CREED

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 634, 636, 705, 741, 1458, 1460, 1596, 1670, 1673

Calendar No. 193. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 741.

Be it resolved by the General Conference of The Methodist Church that the Methodist Social Creed as it appears in Paragraph number 2020 of the *Discipline* of 1948 be and the same is hereby amended by striking out paragraph numbered nine (9) thereof and substituting the following:

(9) We stand for the principle of the acquisition of property by Christian processes, and in the right of private ownership thereof with full acknowledgment of stewardship under God and accountability to Him for its use. We espouse no economic system, and refuse to identify Christianity with any economic order. We approach every economic order in the commands of our Christ and judge its practices by the Christian gospel. We firmly believe that it is not only our duty to bring Christ to the individual but also to bring the society within which we live more nearly in conformity with the teachings of Christ. We believe that the free democratic way of life ruled by Christian principles can bring to mankind a society in which liberty is preserved, justice established, and brotherhood achieved.

Be It Further Resolved by the General Conference that the Methodist Social Creed, as thus amended, be adopted as the Social Creed of The Methodist Church, and that it be printed in the 1952 *Discipline*.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 59; F, 59; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1671-A

Calendar No. 220. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 741.

We reaffirm the position of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America opposing the appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 59; F, 59; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: RELIGION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1671-B

Calendar No. 221. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 741.

We recommend that the statement on Religion and the Public Schools be reaffirmed as it appears in the *Discipline* of 1948, Paragraph 2028, with the deletion of the words:

More than 100,000 men and women are teaching on sub-standard emergency licenses: some of these have not had even high school education. In face of drastic teacher shortage fewer young people are entering the teachers colleges while the school population is on the increase. Thousands of children did not attend any school in 1947; their schools were closed.

We recommend that the statement as thus amended again be printed in the *Discipline*.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 68; P, 57; F, 57; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENCE AND MATTERS FOR REFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. *See Report*

Calendar No. 251. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 754.

The Committee recommends non-concurrence in the following Memorials: 622, 632, 645, 675, 681, 686, 689, 695, 708, 714, 721, 722, 730, 737, 1173, 1183, 1186, 1201, 1205, 1211, 1442, 1446, 1456, 1457, 1466, 1468, 1643, 1644, 1665, 1682.

The materials contained in the following Memorials have been cared for in whole or in part by previous Reports of this Committee, or by Reports of other Committees of this General Conference: 633, 646, 663, 666, 702, 709, 1187, 1188, 1193, 1209, 1210, 1444, 1669, 1674.

The material contained in Memorial 1180 has been taken up with a staff member of the Board of Missions, Home Division, and upon agreement is referred to said Board.

The material contained in Memorial 1690 received sympathetic consideration by the Committee, but the Committee feels itself incompetent to bring an adequate report upon the subject, and recommends that the substance of the Memorial be referred to the proposed new Board of Social and Economic Relations.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
WILLARD E. STANTON, *Secretary*.

NO. 15. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

Chairman: Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas-SC).

Vice-Chairman: Donald A. Odell (*), (Southern California-Arizona).

Secretary: Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer (*), (Rock River-NC).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 44.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to temperance and prohibition of the liquor traffic and all matters relating to the Board of Temperance and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(NOTE—Under the name of each Committee will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?)

M—Total membership of this Committee.

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REPORT NO. 1. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 18; F, 17; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: BUSINESS OF THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 767

Calendar No. 1. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 390.

To amend Chapter III, Section 3, Par. 151, 1948 *Discipline*, by the addition of three sub-sections, designated d, e, and f, as follows:

(d) "How many persons signed Commitment Day cards, pledging themselves to abstinence from the use of beverage alcohol?"

(e) "How many supplemental or renewal Commitments?"

(f) "What are the plans for pressing the work in the area of temperance this coming year?"

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman;*
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary.*

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REPORT No. 2. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 19; F, 19; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF
TEMPERANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 769

*Calendar No. 2. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal,
Page 390.*

To amend the 1948 *Discipline*, Chapter IV, Section III, by placing the following Paragraph, which should be numbered 1472, immediately after the Paragraph numbered 1471:

The Board shall estimate annually the amount necessary for the support of its work and report this amount to the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance for its consideration and recommendation to the Annual Conference. The work of the Board shall be considered a Benevolence Interest of the Church within the Conference.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 3. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 18; F, 18; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CHANGE "CLASS LEADER" TO "CHARGE LAY
LEADER"

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 771

*Calendar No. 3. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal,
Page 390.*

To amend Chapter III, Section III, Paragraph 969-d by substituting for the last two words, which are "class leader," the expression "Charge Lay Leader."

(d) Buying, selling, or manufacturing intoxicating liquor as a beverage; renting his property for the manufacture or sale thereof; signing a petition in favor of granting a license for the sale thereof; procuring a license for the sale of such liquors; becoming surety on the bond of any person engaged in such traffic; or persisting in the use of intoxicating liquor after private reproof and admonition by the pastor or *Class Leader*.

so the paragraph shall read:

(d) Buying, selling, or manufacturing intoxicating liquor as a beverage; renting his property for the manufacture or sale thereof; signing a petition in favor of granting a license for the sale thereof; procuring a license for the

sale of such liquors; become surety on the bond of any person in such traffic; or persisting in the use of intoxicating liquor after private reproof and admonition by the pastor or **Charge Lay Leader**.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 19; F, 19; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: DISTRICT TEMPERANCE SECRETARIES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 770

Calendar No. 4. Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 390.

To amend the 1948 *Discipline*, Chapter IV, Section III, by placing the following Paragraph, which should be numbered 1473:

There shall be a District Secretary of Temperance in each District, appointed by the District Superintendent after consultation with the Conference Board of Temperance and publicly assigned by the Bishop to carry forward the work of temperance in the several Districts of the Annual Conference. Should a vacancy occur in this office during the Conference year, such vacancy may be filled by appointment of the District Superintendent.

The present Paragraph 1472 to be numbered 1474.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 16; F, 16; A, 0, N, 0

SUBJECT: OBJECT AND DUTY OF THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 761

Amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 632.

Calendar No. 23. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 632.

To amend the first sentence of Par. 1461, Chapter IV, Section I, page 331 of the 1948 *Discipline* by deleting the following words in lines 7 and 8 "*promote the speedy enactment of such legislation throughout*" and add the following: "**aid and promote such legislation in townships, counties, villages, cities, States and throughout the nation and.**"

The sentence now reads: The object and duty of this Board shall be to promote by an intensive educational program, including publication and distribution of literature, voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants and narcotics; to promote observance and enforcement of constitutional provisions and statutory enactments which suppress the traffic in alcoholic liquors and in narcotic drugs; and to *promote the speedy enactment of such legislation* throughout the world.

so that the entire Paragraph shall read:

"The object and duty of this Board shall be to promote by an intensive educational program, including publication and distribution of literature, voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants and narcotics; to promote observance and enforcement of constitutional provisions and statutory enactments which suppress the traffic in alcoholic liquors and in narcotic drugs; and to aid and to promote **such legislation in townships, counties, villages, cities, States and throughout the nation and the world.**

"It shall be the object and duty of this Board also actively to seek the suppression of salacious and corrupting literature and degrading amusements, lotteries, and other forms of gambling, and in every wise way to promote the public morals, and the prohibition of the liquor traffic."

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 18; F, 15; A, 0; N, 3

SUBJECT: COMPOSITION OF CHURCH BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 773

Calendar No. 24. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 633.

To amend, Chapter VI, Paragraph 183, in the 1948 *Discipline*, by the insertion, in line 10, after the words "in the Church elected by them," the words "**the Chairman of the Temperance Committee**" so that the first section of Paragraph 183 shall read:

"Each local church shall organize a Church Board of Education, which shall be composed of the pastor, the Director of Christian Education or Educational Assistant, the Church School Superintendent, the three Church School Divisional Superintendents, a representative of a Young Adult Group elected by it, a representative of the Woman's Society

of Christian Service elected by it, a representative of the Official Board or Board of Stewards elected by it, one representative each from the other agencies in the church elected by them, **the Chairman of the Temperance Committee**, the Missionary Education Counselor (where there is one) and not less than two nor more than four youth elected by the youth. In addition there may be members at large, elected by the Quarterly Conference, chosen for their fitness for leadership in Christian education.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMITMENT DAY

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 774, 1542

Amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 633.

Calendar No. 25. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 633.

To insert in the *Discipline*, Chapter IV, Section I, a new Paragraph following Paragraph 1466:

"Paragraph —. To enlist Methodists and encourage others to commit themselves to personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages, and to challenge church members to creative action for a sober home and social life.

We request the Co-ordinating Council, in consultation with the Council of Bishops, and the General Commission on World Service and Finance, to establish a Special Day of Commitment each year, giving special consideration to the fourth Sunday in January as the designated Day. The observance of this Day shall be promoted by the General Board of Temperance through the Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Temperance.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 16; F, 16; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: AMENDING PARAGRAPH 1460, BOARD OF TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NOS. 759, 765

Calendar No. 26. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 634.

To amend the first sentence of Par. 1460, Chapter IV,

Section I, by adding the following words in line 3, following the word sentiment—"in clarifying the thinking of the people of the nation concerning the nature and the effects of beverage alcohol," and following the word crystallizing, "apprehension of and."

The Paragraph now reads "In order to make more effectual the efforts of The Methodist Church in creating a Christian public sentiment, and in crystallizing opposition to all public violations of the moral law, there shall be a Board of Temperance with headquarters in Washington, D. C. The Board of Temperance, hereinafter known as the Board, shall be incorporated in the District of Columbia under this title, and work under the following constitution:"—so that the Paragraph shall read:

"In order to make more effectual the efforts of The Methodist Church in creating a Christian public sentiment, in clarifying the thinking of the people of the nation concerning the nature and the effects of beverage alcohol, and in crystallizing apprehension of and opposition to all public violations of the moral law, there shall be a Board of Temperance with headquarters in Washington, D. C. The Board of Temperance, hereinafter known as the Board, shall be incorporated in the District of Columbia under this title, the work under the following constitution:"

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 18; F, 17; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: MANUALS FOR PREPARATORY MEMBER CLASS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 772

Calendar No. 27. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 634.

In order to provide definite resource material for the use of pastors and others in giving temperance instruction, we memorialize the General Conference.

To authorize and recommend that those charged with responsibility for the creating of manuals for use in Preparatory Member Classes include specific teaching on abstinence from the use of beverage alcohol; and also, to authorize and recommend that those creating manuals for pastoral premarital counseling shall include definite guidance concerning abstinence from alcoholic beverages.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: TIME FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL BOARD
OF TEMPERANCE FOR 1952-1956

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 763

*Calendar No. 28. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 634.*

The present Board of Temperance was organized on the 17th day of November in 1948. We recommend the authorization of the organization of the new Board on November 19, 1952, or not more than ten days before or after that date.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: TEMPERANCE TO BE EMPHASIZED DURING THE
QUADRENNIUM 1952-1956

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 764

*Calendar No. 29. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 635.*

Church people are tremendously impressed by the urgent necessity of effective and aggressive leadership in behalf of the cause of Temperance. Many representative leaders of other Communions are looking to The Methodist Church to lead in a new movement against the forces of liquor. To accomplish this end we recommend that the cause of Temperance shall be one of the chief emphases throughout The Methodist Church in the quadrennium of 1952-1956.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 16; F, 16; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: AMENDING PARAGRAPH NO. 147 AND 148, BUSINESS
OF THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 756, 762

*Calendar No. 30. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 635.*

To amend Paragraphs 147 and 148 in Chapter III place Section 3 of Paragraph 148 in Paragraph 147 as Section 9.

Paragraph 148 reads—"The Quarterly Conference, if it deems them advisable, shall constitute the following Committees: No. 3 is the Committee on Temperance. The recommendation is to place the Temperance Committee with those in Paragraph 147 which reads: The Quarterly Conference shall constitute the following committees—**No. 9 The Committee on Temperance.**

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman;*
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 13. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COURSES OF STUDY IN ALCOHOLICS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 768

Calendar No. 80. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 636.

WHEREAS, there is an increasing demand for pastoral counseling by persons involved with beverage alcohol,

AND WHEREAS, skill and training on the part of the pastor in dealing with such persons is essential,

Be It Resolved, That the General Conference requests that all Methodist Theological, Missionary, and Bible training schools include in their Courses of Study the teaching of strategies and skills concerning the pastoral care of those in trouble with beverage alcohol.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman;*
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 14. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 21; F, 17; A, 3; N, 1

SUBJECT: REPORT ON MOTION OF REFERENCE DEALING WITH OFFICIAL BOARD IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. REFERENCE BY GENERAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 170. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 636.

In the Report of the Commission on the Study of the Local Church the following was referred to the Committee on Temperance:

Chapter V the Official Board, pp. 38, 39, the two lines on top of said page 39:

Add after the word "church" the words "and shall be total abstainers from the use of intoxicating liquors" so that

those two lines shall read: "all members of the Official Board shall be members of The Methodist Church **and shall be total abstainers from the use of intoxicating liquors.**" Proposed by Chester A. Smith (*).

Substitution proposed by Edwin E. Voigt, Iowa-Des Moines Conference:

"And shall avow their readiness to adhere to Par. 95 of the General Rules," making this to read: "All lay members of the Board shall be members of the local Methodist Church and shall avow their readiness to adhere to Par. 95 of the General Rules."

James E. Skillington, Central Pennsylvania Conference, moved that the entire Paragraph, with amendments, be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance submits the following: To amend Chapter V, Section I, Paragraph 182, number 4, page 39, after the word church in the second line, add the following: **"and that in nominating and electing persons to such membership the utmost care shall be taken that only morally disciplined persons shall be so nominated, and with special reference to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages."**

The amended subdivision 4, will then read:

4. The Trustees of the local church (Pg. 143), except such as may not be members of The Methodist Church. All lay members of the Board shall be members of the local Methodist Church, **and that in nominating and electing persons to such membership the utmost care shall be taken that only morally disciplined persons shall be so nominated, and with special reference to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages.** (See Par. 207.4 1952 *Discipline*.)

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 19; F, 19; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CHURCH OFFICIALS AND THE USE OF BEVERAGE
ALCOHOL

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 1543

*Calendar No. 171. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 637.*

We recommend the following be inserted in the *Discipline* following the present Paragraph Number 2024.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Church believes in total abstinence regarding the use of beverage alcohol, and

WHEREAS, in the Episcopal Address the call to the high

doctrine of total abstinence is given by the Council of Bishops,

Be It Resolved, That the General Conference recommends that no member be nominated for or appointed to any official capacity in the Church or Church School who is not a morally disciplined person, with special reference to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 21; F, 21; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: TO REWRITE DISCIPLINARY STATEMENT ON TEMPERANCE, MORALS, AND WAR TIME PROHIBITION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NOS. 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1217

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 734.

Calendar No. 176. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 734.

(See Report No. 3 State of the Church, pages 645, 739, 1409)

Par. 2022. **Temperance.** This Section to read as follows: The Methodist Church, as stated in the Episcopal Address to the 1952 General Conference, continues its "ancient and unceasing battle with intemperance." Our Church reasserts its long-established conviction that intoxicating liquor cannot be legalized without sin. The Church of Jesus Christ from its very nature, stands at variance with the liquor traffic. For it to be silent in its opposition would be to be disloyal in its function. Therefore, to be true to itself the Church must be militant in opposition to the liquor traffic.

Wine through the centuries has not ceased to be a mocker, destroying individuals and blighting society. Adequate relief can come only through total abstinence for the individual, and effective prohibition for the State.

Among the confused moral judgments of our age with respect to drinking and the liquor traffic, The Methodist Church lifts the clear voice of the Christian conscience. The teaching of Christ emphasizes as one of its basic principles, the sacredness of each human personality. The use of alcoholic beverages impairs the functions of the body and mind. It slows perception and judgment. It delays reaction. It not only impairs physical health, but more important, it impairs the tenderness of conscience. It deteriorates character. We are stewards of our bodies. We are stewards of an ability to think straight. Anything which blights and destroys hu-

man personality is fundamentally opposed to the Gospel of Christ. We therefore stand for the Christian principle of total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages of any kind. Our people should regard abstinence as an essential part of witness to the faith we profess and as evidence of loyalty to the high ideals for which the Church stands.

The use of alcoholic beverages violates the Christian principle that we are each our brother's keeper. We are stewards of our influence upon others. He who uses alcoholic beverages may by his example lay a stumbling block in the path of a brother and thus contribute to the destruction of another human personality. The influence of personal example is a sacred trust. For a Christian, the use of intoxicating liquors is a fundamental moral question which must be answered in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The drinking of alcoholic beverages is increasingly responsible for the disintegration of the home as witnessed by social service records and those of divorce court proceedings. It is the major cause of public disorder. It causes poverty and produces inefficiency in industry and commerce. It is a corrupting influence upon the conduct of public affairs. It is the most formidable obstacle to the good life among all people. It is in short, as stated in the Episcopal Address to the 1952 General Conference, "an abominable social curse."

Since human welfare decreases as the drinking of alcohol increases, we stand strongly opposed to the continuation of the organized liquor traffic. The Church must be vigorous in its opposition to it. The truths taught by the Church concerning the personal and social evils of alcohol have been clouded by the falsehoods cleverly presented in liquor advertising and propaganda not only appearing in magazines, newspapers, and in motion pictures, but also presented through the media of radio and television. We denounce the continued invasion by these means of Christian homes by liquor advertisers who seek to indoctrinate even our children in the use of alcoholic beverages and we deplore governmental toleration of this practice. We call on the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to prevent the use of radio and television for such purposes.

Knowledge must always precede conviction and without conviction there can be no successful social action. We, therefore, as a matter of major importance, call upon our churches to vigorously declare and teach the truths concerning the personal and social evils resulting from the use of alcoholic beverages. To do this, we ask them to use and support all forms of educational processes, to use every educational agency of the Church, and to urge and support beverage

alcohol education in the public schools. The Church must continue by this process of education and by all other available means to combat the liquor traffic. It is necessary that laws be enacted controlling and prohibiting the traffic in alcohol. The right of the people to enact such legislation to protect their homes and communities from the evils of the liquor traffic is a fundamental legal and moral right.

We commend our own Board of Temperance for its vigilant and effective activity.

Par. 2023. The Armed Services and Beverage Alcohol.

This Section to read as follows:

Christian mothers and fathers by the thousands were moved to deep concern during World War II by letters from their sons in service stating that in some places nothing was provided for them to drink except intoxicating beverages.

Christian compassion imposes upon us a deep concern for the sufferings of the tens of thousands of alcoholics who have come to their alcoholism through the mistaken policy of the Armed Services in co-operating with the brewers to make beer and, in some instances, other intoxicants available to the man in uniform.

On February 2, 1948, Dr. Harvey J. Thompkins, Chief of the Psycho-Neurotic Service of the Veterans Administration, said that 10% of all World War II patients discharged from Veterans Administration Facilities in 1947 entered with the primary diagnosis of alcoholism.

In June, 1945, Mr. John H. Connelly, Army Exchange Service Administrative Beer Co-ordinator, said: "Hundreds and thousands of new friends and young friends at that, are being acquired by the brewing industry."

The brewers' boast over this turn of events as is evidenced by their own publications. The following are direct quotations:

"Ten million GI's have learned to know and like BEER much earlier than they would have as civilians. For five years there has been no need to 'sell.' Uncle Sam has been your sales manager and the best you ever had."—Statement made by Kenneth Laird, advertising man, to the Wholesale Beer Association of Ohio, February 7, 1947, reported in *Brewers' Journal*, March, 1947. "They (the brewers) cheerfully followed every request of the military authorities who recognized the need for beer and ale to be available to our soldiers wherever they were sent and this need will be met again with no restraint."—Quoted from *Brewers' Journal*, July, 1950.

With the continuance of Selective Service the friends of sobriety look with alarm at this sinister strategy of the

liquor interests. We believe it is high time for Christians everywhere to raise a loud cry of protest against this practice of causing young men to become addicts and drunkards, many of whom in civilian life would never have become users of beverage alcohol. We believe that most of the enlisted men, if given the opportunity, would much prefer soft drinks.

We commend the National Security Training Commission and the Armed Service Committees of the House of Representatives and of the Senate for the indications of their growing awareness to the exceedingly serious necessity of protecting young men who may be called into training from the possibilities of addiction to alcoholic beverages. We earnestly hope this concern may eventually be carried into the entire area of uniformed services.

We are grateful to the Chairmen and the members of these Committees and we earnestly hope that the concern they have manifested may soon affect the entire policy of the government in its attitude in regard to this matter.

Par. 2024. Public Morals.

This Section to read as follows :

We call attention to the fact that distressing corruption in the administration of public affairs is closely related to moral evil. The crimes of vice finance crimes of violence and institutionalize them. Our citizens should demand the most rigid integrity upon the part of public servants and should support this demand by full participation in public affairs. The great majority of public servants are not corrupt but corruption to any degree must be regarded as a menace to political freedom.

While alcohol is the narcotic drug most far-reaching in its evil effects upon our people, traffic in the opiates such as heroin and in marijuana has caused profound concern to all humane people. Apparently as a demoralizing result of the war, the distribution of the drugs ordinarily known as narcotics recently became much more prevalent with destructive results to body, mind and soul of many people, particularly those still in their formative years. We commend the efficiency of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and the State legislatures and other authorities which met the recent emergency by commendable legislation and the various city police departments which have taken effective action and we rejoice in the improvement which has resulted. This, however, gives no cause for complacency; Christian compassion demands a continuing and intelligent concern.

Gambling is a menace to business integrity, it breeds crime and is destructive of the interests of good government.

The revelations of the Senatorial Committee for the Investigation of Crime in Interstate Commerce, by revealing the extent of gambling, the vast economic loss it imposes upon the nation and its demoralizing influence throughout all our society, has awakened our people to the intimate relationship between this vice and governmental corruption. The measures taken to disorganize this traffic in evil deserve warm approval from Christian citizens.

We strongly urge all of our churches to abstain from the use of raffles, lotteries and other forms of games of chance in the raising of money for the purposes of the Church and we urge them to protest against gambling practices by secular organizations in their communities.

Recognizing the insidious nature of the influences responsible for the increase of crime, we urge that individuals as well as organized units of the Church encourage such positive influences, activities, and programs as will promote good citizenship and obedience to law; and further, we encourage a scientific approach to the whole subject of crime with the object of redeeming criminals wherever possible and returning them to positions of respect and trust in society.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 21; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NO. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 192. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 754.

The Committee voted non-concurrence in Memorials numbered 755, 760, 766, 1218 and 1495.

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;
MRS. ALVIN PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 16. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

Chairman: Harry Denman (*), (North Alabama-SE).

Vice-Chairman: Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas).

Secretary: G. Clifford Pettygrove (*), (California-Nevada-W).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 45.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to trustees, properties, church finances (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other Committee.

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REPORT NO. 1. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 34; F, 32; A, 1; N, 1

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF CHURCH INSIGNIA FROM CHURCH
PROPERTY DISPOSED OF

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 793

*Calendar No. 119. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 592.*

Par. 255, Sec. 1.

Change the period at the end of the section to a comma and add: "and it shall be the duty of the Trustees thus effecting sale to remove, insofar as reasonably possible, all Christian and church insignia and or symbols from such property." so that the entire section shall read:

"Par. 255, Sec. 1. With the consent of the presiding Bishop and of a majority of the District Superintendents and of the District Board of Church Location and Building (PP. 704-7) of the District in which the action is contemplated, the Annual Conference may declare any charge or church within its bounds discontinued or abandoned. Upon a charge or church's being thus discontinued or abandoned, it shall

be the duty of its Board of Trustees to make such disposition of the property thereof as the Annual Conference shall direct, and if no such lawful Trustees remain, or if for any reason said Trustees fail to make such disposition, then it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Annual Conference to sell or dispose of said property in accordance with the direction of the Annual Conference, **and it shall be the duty of the Trustees thus effecting sale to remove, insofar as reasonably possible, all Christian and church insignia and or symbols from such property."**

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 34; F, 34; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: TRUSTEES—USE OF A CHURCH PROPERTY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 834

Calendar No. 120. Withdrawn May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 592.

Amend Paragraph 245 of the *Discipline* by changing the final period to a comma, and adding the following:

"nor shall the Trustees permit the use of said property for religious or other meetings without the consent of the pastor, or in his absence the consent of the District Superintendent." so that the entire Paragraph shall read:

"Except as in this chapter otherwise provided, and subject to the direction of the Quarterly Conference, the Board of Trustees of the charge shall hold and manage all real property of the charge and such other property as may be committed to them, receive and administer all bequests made to the charge, receive and administer all trusts, and invest all trust funds of the charge in conformity with the laws of the state, territory, or country in which the charge is located. The Trustees shall not prevent or interfere with the pastor or other duly authorized ministers of The Methodist Church in the use of said property for religious services or other proper meetings recognized by the law and usage of The Methodist Church, **nor shall the Trustees permit the use of said property for religious or other meetings without the consent of the pastor, or in his absence the consent of the District Superintendent."**

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 3. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 39; F, 38; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: EXPENSE ALLOWANCE TO PASTORS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 854

Amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 593.

Calendar No. 150. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 593.

Par. 804:

Following the period after the last word of Paragraph 804 shall be added the following: **"The total of all travel, automobile and other expense allowed and paid to the pastor in addition to his salary, shall be reported for insertion in the Annual Conference Journal in a separate column from that of pastor's salary and adjacent thereto."** so that the entire Paragraph shall read:

Par. 804. "It shall be the duty of the Quarterly Conference of each pastoral charge or of the Official Board or Board of Stewards of the charge, as the Quarterly Conference may elect, at the session immediately preceding the Annual Conference, after consultation with the pastor, to agree upon the minimum salary of the pastor of the charge for the ensuing year. In charges of more than one organized congregation, the amount apportioned to each church shall be recorded in the minutes of the Quarterly Conference. The pastor's salary, thus agreed upon, shall not include the traveling and moving expenses of a new appointee to the charge. Where traveling and moving expenses of a new appointee to a charge are paid by the charge, this amount shall be a separate and additional item. **The total of all travel, automobile and other expenses allowed and paid to the pastor in addition to his salary, shall be reported for insertion in the Annual Conference Journal in a separate column from that of pastor's salary and adjacent thereto.**

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman;*

G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 4. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: APPORTIONMENT OF EPISCOPAL FUND

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 776, 777, 798, 822,
874 and 1222

Calendar No. 151. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 595.

To deal with Memorials No. 776, 777, 822, 874, 1222 and

798 we propose the following: Delete Paragraph 763 and substitute in its place: Par. 763. **The Council on World Service and Finance shall estimate what percentage of the total salaries paid pastors and associate pastors by the entire Church will yield an amount equal to the estimated Episcopal Budget, and shall make recommendations to the General Conference concerning the same for its action and determination. When such percentage has been approved by the General Conference, it shall be the basis of the Annual Apportionment to each Annual Conference of The Methodist Church for the Episcopal Fund. The Apportionment to each Annual Conference shall be an amount equal to the approved percentage of the total cash salaries paid to the pastors and associate pastors serving charges under Episcopal appointment or as Supply pastors, as reported at the last session of the Annual Conference. This Apportionment shall be distributed to the pastoral charges as the Conference may determine. In every case the amount apportioned to a charge for the Episcopal Fund shall be paid in the same proportion as the charge pays its pastor.**

Amend Paragraph 802 by adding the following to line four after the words "support of," **"the Episcopal Fund,"** so that the Paragraph as amended will read:

Par. 802. Each Annual Conference shall determine what plan and method shall be used in distributing the Apportionments to its several Districts and charges for the support of **the Episcopal Fund**, District Superintendents and Conference Claimants, and for the Minimum Salary Fund (Par. 806), whether by percentages based on the current cash salary paid to the ministers serving pastoral charges under Episcopal appointment and to Supply pastors, or by some other method. The Apportionment for the Episcopal Fund is described in Par. 763.

Amend Paragraph 786 as follows: delete "each charge in" in line 5; and add the following to the last sentence **"and shall be distributed to the pastoral charges as the Conference may determine,"** so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

Par. 786. The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall report to the Annual Conference at each session the standard percentage approved by the General Conference for the Episcopal Fund as an Apportionment to the Annual Conference. This apportionment is based on the annual cash salary as described in Par. 763 **and shall be distributed to the pastoral charges as the Conference may determine.**

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 5. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 39; F, 33; A, 0; N, 6

SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL DECISIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1232

*Calendar No. 152. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal,
Page 595.*

In Paragraph 2001 of the *Discipline* of 1948, Section 11, substitute for the present legislation the following, which shall be:

"The Decisions of the Judicial Council on questions of law, with a summary of the facts and of the opinion, shall be filed with the Secretary of the General Conference, and shall be published in the following manner:

"All Decisions of the Council which have been handed down prior to the end of the General Conference of 1952, shall be published in the Journal of the General Conference of 1952. Subsequent decisions of the Judicial Council shall be published in the interim years, between sessions of the General Conference, as a part of the General Minutes of The Methodist Church.

"Future General Conferences are requested to give favorable consideration to the following plan: In a General Conference year, beginning with the General Conference in 1956, all Decisions of the Judicial Council handed down during the time which has elapsed since the last General Conference and those announced during the General Conference session shall be published in the Journal of the General Conference, so as to bring up to date at each General Conference, the record of the Decisions of the Judicial Council.

"Following each session of the Judicial Council the official publications of the Church shall publish an official summary, prepared by the Secretary of the Judicial Council, of the Decisions arrived at during that session of the Council.

"The Editors of the *Discipline* are requested, if they find it practicable, to call attention by footnotes throughout the *Discipline* to those Paragraphs which have been affected by a Decision of the Judicial Council. Such footnotes should not attempt to interpret the Decisions referred to but should indicate the particular decisions which affect any given Paragraph."

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH,
CHARLES B. KETCHAM, *Secretary*.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: THE METHODIST FOUNDATION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 90, 807, 844, 861

Action Deferred May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 595.

Calendar No. 153. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 724.

Delete present Par. 754 and in its place substitute the following:

Par. 754. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall establish "The Methodist Foundation."

It shall be the duty of The Methodist Foundation to (a) prepare materials, develop mailing lists, and employ such personnel and other means within budget limitations as may be deemed necessary to encourage Methodists to make gifts, devise and bequests to The Methodist Foundation as a means of continuing their interest in and support of World Service, a World Service Agency, or other institution, Agency or project of The Methodist Church; and (b) to receive, invest, and administer these gifts, devices and/or bequests within any restrictions imposed by the General Conference of The Methodist Church and in accordance with the expressed wishes of the donor. When a testator or donor makes a devise, bequest, or gift to The Methodist Foundation without instructions for its use, the Council on World Service and Finance shall recommend quadrennially to the General Conference, for its action and determination, the Agency (ies), project(s) or object(s), which shall receive the income from said undirected gift(s) and the amount or percentage of the income to be distributed to each. Such action as is taken by the General Conference shall be binding on The Methodist Foundation.

The Methodist Foundation shall be incorporated with fifteen Directors. Among these Directors there shall always be at least one chosen from each Jurisdiction. Of the fifteen Directors not less than three shall be ministers, not less than three shall be members of the Council on World Service and Finance and at least five shall be chosen for their knowledge and skill in the field of investments.

The Directors shall be nominated by the Council on World Service and Finance and elected by the General Conference. They shall serve for a period of eight years, or until their successors in office are elected and qualified, except that in the organization of The Methodist Foundation, seven shall be elected for four years and eight elected for eight years.

Vacancies shall be filled by the Council on World Service and Finance. The Executive Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance shall sit with the Directors of The Methodist Foundation and shall have the right to the floor, but without vote. The Council on World Service and Finance shall perform the treasury functions for the funds of The Methodist Foundation.

The funds to support the activity of the Methodist Foundation shall be provided from the General Administration Fund in such sum as may be determined by the General Conference, due consideration having been given to the amount recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance.

The Methodist Foundation shall have power at its discretion to invest, reinvest, buy, sell, manage, exchange, transfer and convey any and all funds and property which it may hold absolutely or in trust, subject always to the terms of the bequest, devise or donation, and subject to any restrictions imposed by the General Conference, but in exercising such power, The Methodist Foundation shall exercise the judgment and care under the circumstances then prevailing, which men of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of their capital. Within the limitations of the foregoing standard, it is authorized to acquire and retain every kind of property, real, personal or mixed, and every kind of investment, including specifically but without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, bonds, debentures and other corporate obligations, stocks, preferred or common, and real estate mortgages, which men of prudence, discretion and intelligence acquire or retain for their own account, and within the limitations of the foregoing standard, The Methodist Foundation is authorized to retain property properly acquired, without limitation as to time and without regard to its suitability for original purchase.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;

G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: RADIO AND FILM COMMISSION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NOS. 826, 829, 1228, 1547

*Calendar No. 195. Withdrawn May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 725.*

Delete Paragraph 1144 and replace as follows:

Par. 1144. 1. There shall be a Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church.

2. The membership shall be constituted from and elected by the following agencies: Two members from the Council of Bishops, three from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, three from the Board of Education, two from The Methodist Publishing House, and one each from the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Lay Activities, the Commission of World Peace, the Board of Temperance, the Board of Pensions, the Commission on Ministerial Training, the Commission on Public Information, the Association of Theological Schools, the Commission Chaplains, and the American Bible Society; and one from each Jurisdiction selected by the Council of Bishops; and three members at large elected by the Commission.

3. The officers of the Commission shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, elected quadrennially as the Commission may determine.

4. The purpose and function of the Radio and Film Commission shall be as follows:

(a) To unify and co-ordinate the audio-visual aids programs of all Methodist Agencies dealing with pictures, recordings, transcriptions, radio and television and other audio-visual materials.

(b) To make the studies necessary for the development of a unified and comprehensive program for all age groups in the home, church and community.

(c) To produce and distribute such programs and materials in the areas of work of the member Agencies as they may request and finance.

(d) To represent The Methodist Church in the Central Department of Broadcasting and Films of The National Council of Churches, and other Inter-denominational Agencies working in the area of mass communication.

(e) To investigate ways and means whereby audio-visual aids may serve the program of the Church at large, and to look toward training qualified persons in this field of service.

5. The financial support of the Radio and Film Commission shall be provided from World Service funds, in such ratio as The Council on World Service and Finance shall determine. The Radio and Film Commission may recommend to the Council of World Service and Finance such allotment as should be made to the Central Department of Broadcasting and Films of The National Council of Churches of Christ

in America—such funds to be included in the annual appropriation of our Church to the National Council.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: RADIO AND FILM COMMISSION IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1591

Calendar No. 196. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 725.

Renumber Paragraphs 644-651 in the *Discipline* to provide for the following:

Par. 644 (New). There may be a Radio and Film Commission in the Annual Conference, constituted by members of the same Agencies listed in No. 1144, which shall have charge of the audio-visual aids and program of the Annual Conference.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 586, 1580, 1599

Calendar No. 197. Amended and Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 725.

To replace Section 1 under Paragraph 1231, page 268 of 1948 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church with Sections 1 to 6 inclusive as follows and to renumber sections 2 and 3 as 7 and 8 respectively.

Paragraph 1231.

1. There shall be a Committee on Town and Country Work composed of:

(a) The Bishop's Committee on Rural Life, whose Chairman shall be the convener of this Committee.

(b) One representative elected from the membership of each of the following:

Division of National Missions.

Board of Education

Board of Lay Activities

Board of Evangelism

Woman's Division of Christian Service

(c) The Educational Director of the Commission on Ministerial Training.

(d) The professors of Town and Country Work in the Methodist Theological seminaries, and

(e) Two professors of Town and Country Work in the colleges of the Church, to be elected by the Council of Bishops.

(f) One Chairman of an Annual Conference Commission on Town and Country Work and one other member of such a Commission provided that one is a layman, elected by the Jurisdictional College of Bishops to represent each Jurisdiction.

(g) Serving as Staff and in an advisory capacity shall be those Staff members of the participating Boards and Agencies of the General Conference and of the Jurisdictional Conferences whose specific function is Town and Country Work.

2. The members of this Committee shall hold office for the quadrennium and/or until their successors are elected and qualified.

3. This Committee shall have as its primary function the promotion of and the concern for the strengthening of Town and Country Work in The Methodist Church.

4. This Committee shall prepare and supervise the holding of the Quadrennial Conference of The Methodist Church on Town and Country Work and shall serve as the continuing Committee of this Conference.

5. The Budget of this Inter-Board Committee, including the cost of the Conference on Town and Country Work, shall be contributed by the participating Boards and Agencies.

6. The Council of Bishops are requested to call a National Conference on Town and Country Work to be held within the quadrennium 1952-56 and for each subsequent quadrennium if and as directed by the subsequent General Conferences.

7. Same as section 2 under Paragraph 1231 of 1948 *Discipline*.

8. Same as section 3 under Paragraph 1231 of 1948 *Discipline*.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;

G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1592

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 725.

Calendar No. 198. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 725.

The following Resolution is presented:

Be It Resolved That the General Conference for 1952 authorize the Commission on General Conference Entertainment for the 1956 General Conference to assist the local Committee in their finances for legitimate Conference expense up to a total of \$20,000.00 if deemed desirable by the Committee on General Conference Entertainment, such funds to be applied on such local expenses as the General Conference Committee may determine.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 11. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF PENSIONS OF BISHOPS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1155

Calendar No. 199. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 726.

Par. 735, *Discipline*, 1948:

Amend this Paragraph, last sentence of same, by including the words "**or pensions**," so that the completed sentence shall read:

"The Bishops serving on the Commission, however, shall not be present in the sessions of the Commission when the salaries of the Bishops or their expense or rental allowances **or pensions** are under consideration."

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 12. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 31; F, 26; A, 0; N, 5

SUBJECT: FIRE AND TORNADO INSURANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NOS. 775, 781, 810, 840, 849, 872,
1231, 1589

Calendar No. 200. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 726.

The Committee non-concurs for the reason we find that

the Division of National Missions is already engaged in a study of insurance needs and of the practicability of creating an underwriting company within The Methodist Church. We recommend the encouragement of a continuation of the study of this subject within the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 30; F, 30; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: INCLUSIVE BENEVOLENCE ASKINGS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 778, 786, 787, 788, 794, 828, 842,
847, 850, 856, 862 and 1244

*Calendar No. 201. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 726.*

In voting non-concurrence the Committee expresses its sympathy with the spirit of these Memorials and recommends that they be referred to the Quadrennial Planning Committee and to the Council on World Service and Finance with the suggestion that these two Agencies consider a plan for the establishment of a Unified Budget and appeal for the World Service Agencies and other general activities.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 31; F, 31; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 783, 790, 795, 808, 825, 852,
870, 875, 1221

*Calendar No. 202. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 727.*

The Committee non-concurs with all of the Memorials listed above.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. MAJORITY REPORT. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 34; F, 24; A, 10; N, 0

SUBJECT: METHODIST SHRINES SEEK AID

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NOS. 800, 846, 1220, 1239 and 1594

Calendar No. 203. Majority Report. Adopted May 6, 1952.

Calendar No. 204. Minority Report. See Journal, Page 727, and No. 15, of Committee, following.

Before your Committee were these five Memorials asking that the John Street Church in New York City and St. George's in Philadelphia be included in the General Administration Fund for support with some of the Memorials suggesting the sum of \$5,000 annually for each of these churches.

Your Committee believes that these two significant historical monuments and many others over the nation should be maintained and kept open for our people. We do, however, believe that it is not practical nor advisable to support all such significant historical monuments from the General Administration Fund of The Methodist Church.

We therefore recommend that the General Conference urge our Jurisdictional Conferences, our Annual Conferences and our Methodist churches and members to give serious consideration to their responsibility for maintaining such historic monuments and that the Association of Methodist Historical Societies give consideration to listing all historical monuments of national Methodist significance.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;

G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 15-A. Minority REPORT. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 34; F, 10; A, 24; N, 0

SUBJECT: METHODIST SHRINES SEEK AID

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ST. GEORGE'S
AND JOHN STREET METHODIST CHURCHES**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NOS. 800, 846, 1220, 1239 and 1594

Calendar No. 204. Minority Report. Not Substituted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 728.

A Minority Report concerning the Memorials listed above.

Subject: Financial Assistance for St. George's and John Street Churches.

We undersigned members of the Committee on Temporal Economy submit the following Minority Report to Committee Report Number 15 relative to financial assistance for St. George's and John Street churches:

Whereas a motion recommending non-concurrence in re-

gard to Memorials numbered 800, 846 1220, 1239 and 1594 and substituting a Resolution therefor as set forth in report number 15 of this Committee on Temporal Economy was adopted by a majority of the members present and voting thereon, and

Whereas the undersigned members of the Committee believe that St. George's church at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the John Street church in New York City, which have been heretofore designated as Methodist Shrines, require the financial assistance of the General Conference for necessary and proper repairs and maintenance, and

Whereas we believe that Methodism has a rich heritage as exemplified by said churches, and that said heritage should be preserved,

We, therefore, recommend that the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church adopt the following Resolution in the place and stead of the said Resolution adopted by the majority:

"Whereas, St. George's church in Philadelphia and the John Street church in New York City had an important role in early Methodism, and are today two of the outstanding shrines of our denomination, and

"Whereas the said churches are not now self-supporting,

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, that \$5,000.00 a year for the quadrennium 1952-56 be appropriated from the General Administration Fund for each of these two shrines for repairs and maintenance."

Respectfully submitted,

J. Manning Potts

Ralph W. Sockman

Alexander K. Smith

Mrs. John E. Martin (*)

Carl A. Reppert

C. A. Barrett

Vincent S. Hart (*)

Chas. F. Berkheimer

W. H. Wilcox (*)

Henry Ford, Jr. (*)

Members of the Committee on Temporal Economy

REPORT NO. 16. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING, STATISTICAL OFFICE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 813, 819, 845, 1227, 869, 841, 873

Calendar No. 205. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 729.

The Committee concurs with the spirit and intent of the foregoing Memorials but has not implemented them with legislation as the same subject matter will have come before

the General Conference in its current sessions through other Committees or Agencies.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;

G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 17. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: TRUSTEES FOR JOHN STREET METHODIST CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 48

Calendar No. 206. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 729, 1959.

Your Committee recommends election of the Trustees named.

Whereas it has been an established policy to elect nine Trustees for John Street Methodist church, New York, N. Y., at each succeeding General Conference, since 1868, we offer the following nominations for election to that position for the quadrennium 1952-1956.

The Bishop assigned to Residence in New York:

Leigh A. Brown

Ellis L. Phillips

Edward R. Carman

Mrs. Millard L. Robinson

John C. Hegeman

Clayton Snyder

Charles C. Parlin

Wilson P. Tanner

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;

G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 18. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 31; F, 31; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: REMITTANCES TO TREASURERS, AND REMITTANCES TO COUNCIL OF WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1576

Amended May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 729.

Calendar No. 207. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 729.

Your Committee voted concurrence in the foregoing memorial.

Re: Memorial 1576

Subject: Council of Secretaries.

Delete Paragraphs 751 and 742 and in their place *substitute* the following:

751. There shall be a Council of Secretaries of The Methodist Church whose membership shall consist of the chief Executives of the following Boards, Divisions, Commissions and other General Agencies: one person each from the Division of World Missions, the Division of National Missions, and the Division of Education and Cultivation General Section of the Board of Missions; and three from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, one each from the Division of the Local Church, the Editorial Division, and the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education; one each from the two corporations of the Board of Pensions; one each from the following: the Board of Temperance, the Boards of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Lay Activities, the Council on World Service and Finance, the Board on World Peace, the Board of Social and Economic Relations, the Commission on Ministerial Training, the Commission on Chaplains, the Radio and Film Commission, the American Bible Society, the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, the Board of Publications, the Central Promotion Agency, and Methodist Information.

The Council shall meet periodically to consider matters of common interest and co-operation among the several General Boards and Agencies of the Church.

The Council shall report annually to the Council of Bishops and to the Council on World Service and Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

CARADINE R. HOOTON, *Chairman*;
HORACE W. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

Re: Memorial 1576

Subject: Remittances to Council of World Service and Finance.

Amend the sentence beginning in line 14 of Paragraph 791 by the insertion of the word **total** before the word "share" at the beginning of line 16, so that the sentence when amended, shall read:

"He shall remit monthly to the treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance the **total** share received by him for World Service, and the total received by him for the General Administrative Fund, the Episcopal Fund, and other General Causes."

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 19. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 12, 782, 785, 789, 796, 804, 806, 821, 833, 836, 848, 865, 867, 868, 877, 878, 1223, 1225, 1230, 1233, 1238, 1587, 1588

Calendar No. 208. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 730.

These Memorials request that the Association of Methodist Historical Societies be recognized as an official Agency of the Church and that more adequate financial support be provided for its work.

The *Discipline* (Par. 662) specifically declares that the Association is "officially recognized"; and it is our understanding that more adequate support for its work is being recommended to the General Conference by the Council on World Service and Finance.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;

G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 20. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 9

Calendar No. 209. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 730.

Be It Resolved by the General Conference of The Methodist Church:

That Section 713 of the *Discipline* be amended so as to eliminate the last two sentences of said Section 713, which now read as follows:

"When the use to be made of any such donation, bequest, or devise is not otherwise designated, the same shall be added to and become a part of 'The Permanent Fund' of The Methodist Church. Trust Funds committed to this Board may be invested only in such securities or properties as are legal for investment of trust funds in the state in which the Board is incorporated."

Be It Further Resolved:

That Section 713 of the *Discipline* be amended so that the sentence now reading "The Board shall have power to in-

vest, reinvest, buy, sell, transfer and convey any and all funds and properties which it may hold in trust, subject always to the terms of the legacy, devise or donation," shall read:

The Board shall have power, IN ITS DISCRETION, AND ON THE ADVICE OF COMPETENT INVESTMENT COUNSEL, to invest, reinvest, buy, sell, transfer and convey any and all funds and properties which it may hold in trust, subject always to the terms of the legacy, devise or donation.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 21. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: WORLD SERVICE AGENCY SOLICITATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1219

Calendar No. 210. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 730.

Delete present Paragraph 744 and substitute in its place the following:

Par. 744. The authorized World Service Boards and Agencies shall not solicit additional or special gifts from individual donors or special groups unless approval for such solicitation is first secured from the Council on World Service and Finance.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 22. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M 49; P, 32; F, 32; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: JOHN WESLEY STUDENT HOUSE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 120

Calendar No. 211. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 730.

WHEREAS, the World Methodist Council and Conference, meeting at Oxford, England in 1951, recommended the establishment at Oxford of a Students' House as a World Methodist Center and a memorial to John Wesley at an estimated cost of approximately \$420,000, to be raised among all the Methodist Churches of the world;

THEREFORE, Section XIII of the World Methodist Council, representing The Methodist Church in the United States, hereby memorializes the General Conference to endorse the establishment of this Oxford memorial, and to authorize

Section XIII of the World Methodist Council to solicit and receive personal contributions for the same.

Executive Committee, Section XIII
World Methodist Council

ELMER T. CLARK, *Secretary*
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The Committee concurs but recommends that the request for right to solicit be submitted to the Council on World Service and Finance for its approval.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 23. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 29; F, 28; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: APPORTIONMENT SYSTEM OF THE CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 1646

Calendar No. 212. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 731.

We agree with the general principles set forth in this Memorial and feel that it should be referred to the General Committee on Promotion for study.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 24. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 30; F, 30; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 213. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 755.

The Committee has carefully considered in detail all of the Memorials listed below and has non-concurred in all of the following: 10, 45, 378, 406, 409, 410, 416, 567, 568, 594, 595, 612, 616, 621, 638, 682, 779, 780, 784, 791, 792, 797, 799, 801, 802, 805, 832, 835, 837, 839, 851, 853, 859, 860, 863, 866, 871, 876, 881, 944, 945, 1069, 1086, 1110, 1114, 1126, 1127, 1140, 1224, 1226, 1229, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1240, 1245, 1246,

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HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 25. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 49; P, 29; F, 29; A 0; N 0

SUBJECT: REPORT OF COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ADVIS-
ABILITY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL
HEADQUARTERS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. COMMISSION'S REPORT

*Calendar No. 214. Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal,
Page 731.*

As indicated this matter involves consideration of a Report, not legislation as your Committee views it. We concur in the conclusions of the Report; we express appreciation to the Commission for its work; we recommend that the Commission be now discontinued and that the Council on World Service and Finance be asked to make a continuing study on this subject for report when and as the Council is prepared to make such report.

HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

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No. 1

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

On Friday morning, May 2, 1952, the General Conference ordered a reduction in the membership of General Boards of the Church, as proposed by the Special Committee of Six on the Survey Report.

To accomplish the reduction, rewriting of the sections of the *Discipline* dealing with the make-up of each Board is necessary. The Conference asked that proposed revisions be submitted for each Board by appropriate Committee Chairmen.

Their Reports are printed here.

REDUCTION OF BOARDS

Membership of the General Boards of the Church as it has been and as proposed in legislation approved Friday morning, May 2, 1952:

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Present</i>
Missions	136	172
Education	91	109
Publication	45	59
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1957.

In line two of Paragraph 1326 of the 1948 *Discipline* delete the words "*of all*" and in their place substitute the word "**seventeen**" and after the words "**United States**" in line three insert the words "**selected by the Council of Bishops**" so that the sentence as amended shall read:

"The Board shall be constituted quadrennially and shall be composed of **seventeen** effective Bishops of The Methodist Church resident in the United States, **selected by the Council of Bishops**, together with additional members selected as follows," and so on to the end of the sentence.

Delete the sentence beginning in line 13 from the top of page 298 in the 1948 *Discipline*, and in its place substitute the following:

"In addition, upon nomination of its Committee on Education, each Jurisdictional Conference shall elect one minister and one layman for each 400,000 members or major fraction thereof within the Jurisdiction. The Board shall elect members at large, on nomination of the Council of Bishops, in sufficient number to bring the membership of the Board to a total of 91."

Committee on Education,

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. BRINGLE MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

THE BOARD OF WORLD PEACE

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1969.

(1) Amend Chapter VIII of the 1948 *Discipline* as follows: wherever the words Commission on World Peace occur in the title substitute the words **"Board of"** for *"Commission on"* so as to read **"The Board of World Peace."**

(2) Amend Paragraph 1575 as follows: **"There shall be a Board of World Peace. The Board shall be composed of three Bishops, elected by the Council of Bishops; one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, elected by the Jurisdictional Conference; three ministers and three laymen elected at large by the Council of Bishops, and two youth members, under twenty-one years of age at the time of their election, to be elected by the Board of World Peace upon nomination by the National Conference of Methodist Youth."** The remainder of Paragraph 1575 to remain as at present except for the change from Commission to Board, the last sentence to be harmonized with new legislation.

RALPH W. SOCKMAN, *Chairman*;
CHARLES F. BOSS, JR., *Secretary*.

BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1960.

As amended the new Paragraph 1481 will read as follows: **"The Board shall be composed of three effective Bishops, elected by the Council of Bishops; six effective ministers, one from each Jurisdiction; and thirty-two lay members, distributed among the several Jurisdictions on the basis of Church membership, provided that no Jurisdiction shall have fewer than two lay members. The six ministers and the thirty-two lay members shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences on nomination of the Committees on Lay**

Activities of the Jurisdictional Conferences; *provided*, that these lay members shall be selected from the Conference Lay Leaders of the several Annual Conferences in the Jurisdiction; *provided*, further, that retirement from the office of Conference Lay Leader shall automatically vacate membership on the Board. The headquarters of the Board shall be fixed by the General Conference. The Board shall be duly incorporated.

Committee on Lay Activities,

RAY H. NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;

FRAN H. FABER (*), *Secretary*.

BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1959.

Substitute for present wording of Paragraph 1523 in *Discipline* 1948 the following:

Paragraph 1523 *Management*

The management of the Board shall be vested in a Board of Managers of eighteen, consisting of two Bishops elected by the Council of Bishops; and one minister and one lay member from each Jurisdiction, to be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference; *provided* at least one member from each Jurisdiction shall be an active administrator of an institution under the general supervision of the Board; and four members, at large, elected by the Board.

All of the Board of Managers shall be members of The Methodist Church. Should a vacancy occur among those elected by the Jurisdictions, the College of Bishops where such vacancy occurs shall elect the person to fill the unexpired term. All other vacancies shall be filled by the electing body.

Committee on Hospitals and Homes,

FRANK PRENTZEL, JR., *Chairman*;

LEON S. MOORE, *Secretary*.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 737, 1959.

Reduce the membership of the Board from 56 to 46, by making the new Paragraph (1548) to read as follows:

Paragraph 1548—*Article 3—Membership*

The membership of the Board shall be composed of seven Bishops of The Methodist Church, one from each Jurisdiction and one from the Church at large, elected by the Council of Bishops at the time of the General Conference; two ministers, one layman, one laywoman from each Jurisdic-

tion, elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences; three youth members elected by the National Conference of Methodist Youth; and twelve members from the Church at large, to be elected by the Board.

Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled in the following manner: those occurring among the Bishops to be filled by the Council of Bishops; those occurring in the memberships of the Jurisdictions to be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancy occurs; those occurring among the youth members to be filled by the National Conference of Methodist Youth; and those occurring in the membership at large to be filled by the Board itself.

Committee on Membership and Evangelism,

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

ALBERT W. CLIFFE (*), *Secretary*.

BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1968.

To substitute the following for Paragraph 1462 in the 1948 *Discipline* on composition of the Board of Temperance.

Paragraph 1462 will then read:

"The Board shall consist of one Bishop from each Jurisdiction, elected by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction; one minister and one lay person elected by each Jurisdictional Conference; and five members at large to be elected by the Board."

PAUL D. WOMELDORF, *Chairman*;

MRS. ALVIN B. PFEIFFER (*), *Secretary*.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 737, 1963.

Chap. II, Sec. III—Constitution.

Par. 1172. The Board of Managers shall be composed as follows: (1) eighteen (18) effective Bishops of The Methodist Church resident in the United States, elected by the Council of Bishops; and in addition, six Bishops serving overseas to be designated by the Council of Bishops, shall have the status of members of the Board of Missions in meetings at which they may be able to be in attendance, subject to such travel regulations as are provided in the *Discipline* for overseas Bishops; (2) members elected quadrennially by the Jurisdictional Conferences—one minister and three lay members, two of whom shall be women, from each Jurisdiction for each 600,000 members, or major frac-

tion thereof, in the Jurisdiction, and, in addition, one youth under twenty-one years of age from each Jurisdiction; provided that no Jurisdiction, in addition to the Bishops, shall have fewer than two ministers and six lay members, four of whom shall be laywomen and two laymen, and, in addition, one youth member under twenty-one years of age. In nominating and electing such members, the Jurisdictional Conference shall have as a basis for choice the following: (a) one minister and one layman designated by each Annual Conference of the Jurisdiction, on nomination of its Board of Missions; (b) and six additional names nominated by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction; (c) twice the necessary number of lay members, who shall be designated by the Jurisdiction Woman's Society from the three members nominated by each Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jurisdiction; (d) and one youth from those nominated by the Youth Organization of each Annual Conference in the Jurisdiction. Vacancies in the Board of Managers shall be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancies occur ad interim, having regard to the various classifications of members.

The Board, on nomination of the Council of Bishops, is authorized to elect quadrennially 27 laymen—at least four from each Jurisdiction, to be assigned as equally as possible to the Division of World Missions and to the Division of National Missions—who shall serve as members at large of the Board.

The Board, on nomination of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is authorized to elect quadrennially twelve (12) women, two from each Jurisdiction, for the Division, who shall serve as members at large of the Division and of the Board. The Board shall elect to membership the Chairman of the Commission on Missions and World Friendship of Methodist Youth.

Par. 1175. The Board shall elect quadrennially, upon nomination of the respective Divisions, a General Executive Committee of **thirty-eight** (38) members, **nine** members from the Division of World Missions, **two** of whom shall be women; **nine** from the Division of National Missions, **two** of whom shall be women; **nine** women from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; **ten** members, **five** women and **five** men, from the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation. A majority of the members of the General Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The President of the Board shall be a member of and the Chairman of the General Executive Committee. This General Executive Committee shall exercise the powers of the Board ad interim.

Chap. II, Sec. IV—Division of World Missions.

Par. 1195. The Division shall be composed as nearly as possible of **one-half** of the effective Bishops who are members of the Board, and the remaining members shall be as follows: one-half of the ministers, one-half of the laymen, one-third of the laywomen, and one-third of the youth members of the Board. **The Division may elect not to exceed one-third of its men members, other than Bishops, to be members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.** The Division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the Board, and at such other times as it may deem necessary.

Chap. II, Sec. V—Division of National Missions.

Par. 1210. The Division shall be composed as nearly as possible of **one-half** of the effective Bishops who are members of the Board, and the remaining members shall be as follows: one-half of the ministers, one-half of the laymen, one-third of the laywomen, and one-third of the youth members of the Board. **The Division may elect not to exceed one-third of its men members, other than Bishops, to be members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.** The Division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the Board and at such other times as it may deem necessary.

Chap. II, Sec. VI—Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Par. 1240 3. The Division shall be composed of all the women members of the Board, one Bishop from each Jurisdiction who is a member of the Board, and one-third of the youth members of the Board. This Division may nominate for election by the Board quadrennially not to exceed twelve (12) women, two from each Jurisdiction, who shall serve as members at large of the Division and of the Board. **The Division of World Missions and the Division of National Missions may elect not to exceed one-third of the men members of their Divisions, other than Bishops, to be members of the Division.** The Division shall hold a regular annual meeting and such other meetings as shall be called by the Division or the Executive Committee.

Chap. II, Sec. VII—Joint Section of Education and Cultivation.

Par. 1268. The Joint Section of Education and Cultivation shall be composed of six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; six men and two women from the Division of World Missions, elected by that Division; six men and two women from the Division of National Missions, elected by that Division; eight women from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, elected by that Division. In all these selections there must be due regard to equitable representation from the

Jurisdictions. This section shall undergird with education and cultivation the total program of the Board.

Committee on Missions and Church Extension,
MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
JOSEPH S. PLOUGHE, *Secretary*.

TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1960.

Par. 711, revise so as to read:

There shall be a Board of Trustees incorporated under the name of "The Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church." This Board shall be composed of three ministers and four lay persons. They shall be nominated without reference to Jurisdictional membership by the Council of Bishops and be elected by the General Conference for a term of eight years, except as to the first such Board, of which one clerical and two lay members thereof shall be elected for a term of four years, and two clerical and two lay members thereof shall be elected for a term of eight years, and they shall serve until their successors . . . (to end of paragraph).

Committee on Temporal Economy,
HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE, *Secretary*.

RADIO AND FILM COMMISSION

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1966.

Amend Par. 1144, Sec. 2, by deletion.

Substitute the following:

2. The membership shall be constituted from and elected by the following agencies: Two members from the Council of Bishops; three members from the Board of Missions (including the two Executive Secretaries of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation and one other elected by the Board); three from the Board of Education; two from The Methodist Publishing House; and one each from the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Lay Activities, the Commission on World Peace, the Board of Temperance, the Board of Social Relations, the Commission on Public Information, the Board of Pensions, and the American Bible Society; one from each Jurisdiction, elected by the College of Bishops of that Jurisdiction; and five members at large elected by the Commission.

Committee on Temporal Economy,
HARRY DENMAN (*), *Chairman*;
G. CLIFFORD PETTYGROVE (*), *Secretary*.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 736, 1966.

The officers of the Committee on Publishing Interests recommend that Paragraph 1110, Section II, Chapter I, Part VII, be deleted and that the following Paragraph be substituted:

Sec. II—Board of Publication

Par. 1110. The Board of Publication shall consist of forty-five members, two of whom shall be Bishops selected by the Council of Bishops for a term of four years, not eligible to succeed themselves. The remaining members shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences on a ratio which will provide for an equitable distribution between the various Jurisdictions, based on the memberships thereof, provided that no Jurisdiction shall be represented by less than two members. Membership on the Board shall be equally divided, as far as practicable, between ministers and laymen, the Bishops being counted among the ministerial members from the Jurisdictions in which they serve. It shall be the duty of the Board of Publication to inform the various Jurisdictional Secretaries of the number of members to be elected from their Jurisdictions, the ratio of such representation being computed on the basis of the latest official membership statistics available. The term of office of any elected member of the Board of Publication shall be limited to eight years. In the first election one-half shall be elected for only four years, the other half for eight years, the Jurisdictional Conference determining the tenure of office of each member elected. In order to provide for a continuing Board, it is recommended that at least one-half the members to be elected shall be chosen from the present membership of the Board of Publication. In case a vacancy occurs between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference for any cause, the Board shall fill the vacancy from that Jurisdiction in the representation of which the vacancy occurs. The Publishing Agents shall be ex-officio members of the Board, without vote.

Committee on Publishing Interests,

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;

BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

BOARD OF PENSIONS

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1965.

Par. 1602, Sec. 1.

The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, here-

inafter, for the sake of brevity, called the Board, shall be composed of one Bishop to be elected by the Council of Bishops for a term of four years, and one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction for every 1,000,000 church members in the Jurisdiction, or major fraction of that number, to be elected for a term of eight years; *provided*, however, that there shall be at least one ministerial and one lay member from each Jurisdiction; and *provided*, furthermore, that at its first meeting following the General Conference in 1952, the Jurisdictional Conference shall elect one-half of its quota of members for a term of four years and one-half of its quota of members for a term of eight years so that thereafter the Jurisdictional Conference shall elect one-half of its quota of members each quadrennium for a term of eight years.

In addition there shall be two members at large to be elected by the other members of the Board for a term of four years.

The Executive Secretaries of the Board shall be ex-officio members of the Board without vote.

A member of the Board shall serve during the term of office for which he was elected or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. Members elected by a Jurisdictional Conference need not be delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

Committee on Pensions,

LESTER L. ROUSH, *Chairman*;
HERBERT H. BROWER, *Secretary*.

COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1955.

"There shall be a Commission on Chaplains, which shall represent The Methodist Church in the procurement, endorsement, and general oversight of all Methodist ministers serving as Chaplains in the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration and Federal Prisons. The duties of the Commission shall include also the general supervision of Chaplains in public and private institutions (other than those of The Methodist Church), and industry. The Commission shall render such other services to these Chaplains as may be referred to it by the Council of Bishops.

"The Commission shall be composed of six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; five ministers and five laymen, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops. Vacancies shall be filled by the Council of Bishops. A member Bishop shall serve as Chairman. The Commission may elect one advisory member from each De-

partment of the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration and from other fields of service where Methodist Chaplains are used."

Committee on Ministry,

OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, *Chairman*;
LESTER RUMBLE, *Secretary*.

THE METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 739.

(Note: For final action on MCOR see Report No. 5 Missions and Church Extension, pages 624, 1311. Editor.)

Six members, one person from each Jurisdiction to be nominated by each College of Bishops and elected by each Jurisdictional Conference.

The Council of Bishops is asked to appoint a Convener for the new Committee.

GAITHER P. WARFIELD, *Associate Secretary*.

COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1711, 1970.

Par. 734. There shall be a Council on World Service and Finance which shall be incorporated. Its members shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference. It shall be constituted as follows: two Bishops, nominated by the Council of Bishops; two ministers and two lay persons from each Jurisdiction, to be nominated by the Bishops of that Jurisdiction; and seven members at large, at least three of whom shall be women, all nominated by the Council of Bishops without reference to Jurisdictions.

Survey Report, *Daily Christian Advocate*, April 23, 1952, page 28.

COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RELATIONS AND METH- ODIST INFORMATION

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 739, 1966.

Paragraph 1590.

There shall be an Agency of Public Relations and Methodist Information which shall gather news of public interest concerning Methodist activities and opinion and disseminate it through the secular press, the religious press, radio, television and other legitimate media of public information.

This Agency shall be known as The Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information but in its relations with the media it serves and with the public generally the Commission may use such abbreviation of its name as it may deem appropriate.

The Commission shall be composed of nine persons, one of whom shall be a Bishop, the members to be elected by the General Conference upon nomination of the Council of Bishops. Care shall be taken to nominate persons whose experience in public relations, journalism, advertising, radio and television, business, or the Church particularly qualifies them for this service. The Bishop who shall be a member of the Commission shall act as its Chairman.

The Commission is authorized to employ an Executive Secretary who may be known as Executive Director and such other persons as may be necessary to give effect to its purpose.

The expense of the Commission shall be borne by the General Administration Fund. The Commission shall present a proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance for its consideration and action.

This Commission shall be the sole general news-gathering and distributing agency for The Methodist Church and its General Agencies. The Commission may arrange with other General Agencies for some persons in those organizations to represent the Commission in direct release of Methodist news items to the religious and/or secular press, but in the cases of Agencies which supported a news-gathering and distribution service during 1948-52, their Budgets shall continue to be provided by these Boards.

Vacancies occurring between sessions of the General Conference shall be filled by the Commission. Members of the Commission shall hold office until the next session of the General Conference or until their successors are elected.

The Commission shall have general supervision over planning publicity relationships and procedures for making releases throughout the Church in the United States. It may encourage and work with Area and Annual Conference Directors of Public Relations, may assist in Pastors' Schools and conduct seminars in public relations, and may prepare instruction materials for local church use concerning public relations.

The Commission shall maintain co-operative relationship with the Editors of the Board of Publication.

Committee on Publishing Interests,

RUFUS C. BAKER, *Chairman*;

BRADSHAW MINTENER (*), *Secretary*.

No. 2

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MATERIALS FOR TRAINING IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Presented May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 658.

The General Conference of 1948 authorized the Board of Education and the Board of Evangelism to set up a Committee for the purpose of preparing suitable materials for the use of pastors in training children, youth and adults for membership in The Methodist Church. (Paragraph 1419, 1948 *Discipline*.) In accordance with instructions contained in this action, these Boards constituted a Committee composed of the following persons:

Bishops: W. Earl Ledden, W. W. Peele; Pastors: Weldon Crossland, Henry Bullock, Ray Ragsdale; Laymen: E. I. Pilchard, Charles A. Stuck, Mrs. Nathaniel P. Perry; Other "Qualified Persons": Mary Alice Jones, Mrs. Lester Rumble, Carrie Lou Goddard; Board Officials: Harry Denman, Nolan B. Harmon, C. A. Bowen, J. Richard Spann, John Q. Schisler.

The Committee met several times during the quadrennium and gave most serious consideration to its important assignment. After surveying all available materials it decided that three manuals should be prepared for members of the Pastors' Training Classes, and that a manual for pastors should contain teaching aids based upon the Pupil's Manuals as well as general suggestions on the Training Class. The Committee agreed upon a "core of content" which should be presented in each Manual, but gave considerable latitude to the writers in developing their manuscripts.

Writers were chosen with unusual care with a view of securing the service of persons peculiarly qualified by training and experience. The writers are:

Miss Mary Alice Jones, for several years Director of Children's Work in the International Council of Religious Education; author of numerous books for children. After her selection for this service, she was elected by the Board of Education to be Director of its Department of Christian Education of Children.

Mrs. Leila Bagley Rumble, pastor's wife; formerly Professor of Religious Education of Youth, Scarritt College for Christian Workers; leader in youth institutes and assemblies for many years.

Dr. James Chubb, pastor; formerly Conference Executive

Secretary; for a time a member of the staff of the General Board of Evangelism; a leader of youth in many parts of the Church.

Dr. W. Emory Hartman, pastor; formerly Professor of Religion in Dickinson College; later pastor in the Central Pennsylvania Conference; now pastor in the Ohio Conference.

The Committee set up an Administrative Committee composed of the Executive Secretaries of the Board of Evangelism and the Division of the Local Church and the Editorial Division of the Board of Education, and the Educational Director of the Commission on Ministerial Training, and the Book Editor to guide the writers in carrying out the details of their plans in accordance with the decisions of the Committee as a whole. Dr. J. Richard Spann was selected as Editor of the Manuals. He was ably assisted by the Editorial Staff of the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.

The Manuals are:

"Membership Manual of The Methodist Church for Boys and Girls," by Mary Alice Jones.

"Membership Manual of The Methodist Church for Teen Agers," by Leila Bagley Rumble.

"Membership Manual of The Methodist Church for Youth and Adults," by James Chubb.

"Membership Manual of The Methodist Church for Pastors," by W. Emory Hartman.

It is the hope of the Committee that the General Conference will receive these Manuals, and that they may find wide acceptance and use by pastors. They contain materials we believe to be of value to leaders of children, youth, and adults. Experience in the use of these Manuals will provoke helpful suggestions as to how they may be improved. The Committee recommends that the General Conference make some provision for these suggestions to be assembled and kept available for future revisions so that continuing progress may be achieved toward the attainment of the best possible materials for the use of pastors in the extremely important pastoral function of training for church membership.

W. EARL LEDDEN, *Chairman*;

E. I. PILCHARD (*), *Vice-Chairman*;

MRS. LELIA BAGLEY RUMBLE (*), *Secretary*.

No. 3

**REPORT METHODIST COMMISSION ON
CHURCH UNION**

Presented April 29, 1952. See Journal, Page 314.

A Study

by

The Protestant Episcopal Joint Commission on Approaches to Unity
and

The Methodist Commission on Church Union

for presentation to

The 1952 General Convention

The 1952 General Conference

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Foreword

Joint conversations between the Methodist Commission on Church Union and the Episcopal Church's Commission on Approaches to Unity, in which we have been privileged to serve as Chairmen, have been encouraging and fruitful. Our Commissions wish to share those fruits with the wider membership of the two Churches. To that end we are offering this "Study" which we feel startlingly reveals the common heritage of our Communion.

From the same mother Church came our two Churches, born of the same labors of history in this country's day of revolution. To England and her Church both can look in gratitude for the precious heritage of language, thought and form which still today make us more truly children of one household than our members are perhaps aware. Each in the other's Church would hear the familiar and beloved language which bespeaks a common home of worship and belief. How true this is appears in the striking parallels of the following pages.

Such kinship seems to make our Churches one in many senses of the word. We are fully aware, however, of the differences and difficulties which lie in the path of the goal of re-union. Certain psychological and sociological barriers are real. Sacramental and theological emphases and interpretations divide us, though these are hardly greater between the Communion than those within the fellowship of either Church. The Ministry and, particularly, succession through the Historic Episcopate stand as fundamental differences. But we who have worked and prayed together in our Unity Commissions are convinced that there are no insuperable obstacles to the eventual union of The Methodist Church and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

While ultimate organic union is obviously a distant goal, we believe that the road can be shortened and the day hastened by early steps leading to full Inter-communion. In the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to accomplish this, "If there were agreement on it, (we) would thankfully receive at the hands of (the other) their Commission in their accustomed form and in the same way confer our own." The purpose of this "Study" is to hasten "agreement on it."

That the members of our respective Churches may be

moved by our same desire, we submit and commend this to their study and prayers.

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Brief Statement of History

The Church of England

The Church in England takes its origin from earliest times. Bishops, priests and deacons from England were present at the Council of Arles in the year 314. Direct relation with the Church in Rome stems from the mission of Augustine, a Roman monk, who landed on the shores of Kent in 597. This work was united with the earlier Celtic Christianity to form the evolving Church in England and the organization of the national Church of England paralleled the growth of the English nation. This English Church while clearly an integral part of western Christendom, periodically reasserted its independence from developing papal tyranny and, from time to time, the attempted tyranny of the throne. The Magna Charta (1215) was the assertion of freedom from tyranny of pope or king, as shown in its opening words: "The Church of England shall be forever free." When basic reform of belief and practice became necessary in western Christendom, the Church of England undertook its reformation, in the course of which it severed its ties with papal jurisdiction in the sixteenth century.

The Church of England holds that its ministry is in unbroken continuity through the succession of Bishops, an Apostolic Succession dating from the earliest times. It has always maintained close relations with other Churches making similar claims, for example, the Eastern Orthodox Churches, which refused to submit to Rome and its theory of the papacy in 1054, the Church of Sweden, severing papal ties in the sixteenth century, and the Old Catholic Church of Europe which broke from Rome in 1878 when it refused to accept the new dogma of the Pope's infallibility.

During the latter part of the eighteenth century there were organized, within the Church of England, societies for special study of the Bible and prayer. Because many of these societies urged upon their members a methodical use of the hours of the day, giving thus more time for Bible reading, prayer and meditation, they became known as "Methodists." They were largely the work of two brothers, John and Charles Wesley, priests of the Church of England, and sons of the Church of England rector at Epworth.

The Church of England has been in the forefront of the ecumenical movement. Its Archbishop William Temple laid the groundwork for the coming into being of the World Council of Churches.

The Church of England in America

Sir Francis Drake, son of a British clergyman, brought his chaplain, Francis Fletcher, and the Church of England to the New World when, in 1579, he came ashore and claimed the new continent in the name of his Queen Elizabeth. The charters given Sir Humphrey Gilbert (1578) and Sir Walter Raleigh (1584 to 1587) provided for "public service according to the Church of England." With the dashing Captain John Smith came clergyman Robert Hunt, who at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607, established the first permanent worship as a part of an established settlement. Captain John reported "We did hang an awning (which is an old saile) to three or four trees" and there built their rustic altar. Thus, with the settlers came the established Church. In Boston, Kings Chapel was opened in 1689 and in 1698 Trinity Church, New York, and a chapel at Newport, Rhode Island, were consecrated.

While British colonists were settling the eastern seaboard, Spanish explorers and settlers were colonizing Florida and threatening to move north under the banner of their King and their Pope. As a buffer, England sent out General Oglethorpe to build a fort and establish a garrison at Frederica, Georgia, in 1736. As his personal secretary and Chaplain, he brought Charles Wesley, and later John Wesley came to serve as Chaplain to the garrison and as missionary to the Indians. In 1742 a Spanish fleet of 51 vessels moved north and landed its attacking force of 3,000 men, but in the ensuing "Battle of the Bloody Marshes" the garrison at Fort Oglethorpe completely annihilated their adversaries and ended the threat of Spanish conquest of the British colonies.

At Frederica the Wesleys established a church of their faith which today continues as Christ Church of the Protestant Episcopal denomination. As in England, the Wesley brothers organized, within this new Church, a "Methodist Society." The Society, thus established, continues today on neighboring St. Simons Island as the Methodist Church of St. Simons.

The American revolution brought a crisis for the Church of England in America. Ministers could be ordained only in England and as a part of their ordination service were required to take an oath of allegiance to the King. Understandably, many of the clergy remained loyal to their King.

Some returned to England; the former established Church was roughly treated. With the war won, the people of the new nation found themselves largely without the benefit of clergy. Out of this situation came into being, almost simultaneously, The Methodist Episcopal Church and The Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Methodist Church (1784)

That the people in the Societies in America were without clergy to perform the sacraments was of great concern to John Wesley. The Church of England had refused to send a Bishop to America to ordain ministers. The Bishop of London even refused Wesley's personal request "to ordain a pious man" for service in America.

(a) *Ordination of Bishop Asbury*

In 1746 Wesley had studied a book by Lord King, published in 1691, in which it was argued that in the early Church there were only two orders, deacons and elders or presbyters, and that the Church of England was in error in holding that Bishops were of a special "third order." For almost forty years Wesley had been studying and pondering this problem. If the thesis were correct, then he as a presbyter or priest in the true Apostolic succession of the Church of England, had the power of ordination. He ultimately came to the conclusion that "Bishops and presbyters are (essentially) one order." Acting on this finding, Wesley and James Creighton, also an ordained minister of the Church of England and others, by the laying on of hands in a service of consecration, set apart as Superintendent for the work in America, Thomas Coke, a scholarly Anglican clergyman, who held his doctor's degree from Oxford University. This was in Bristol on September 2, 1784. Coke in turn was to go to America and ordain Francis Asbury, a lay-preacher in the Methodist Societies whom Wesley had suggested as permanent Superintendent for the work of the Societies in America. The credentials which Coke took to America was in handwriting, and read as follows:

To all to whom these Presents shall come John Wesley, late Fellow of *Lincoln College in Oxford*, Presbyter of the Church of *England* sendeth greeting:

WHEREAS many of the People in the Southern Provinces of *North America* who desire to continue under my care, and shall adhere to the Doctrines and Discipline of the Church of *England* are greatly distressed for want of Min-

ister to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper according to the usage of the said Church. And whereas there does not appear to be any other way of Supplying them with Ministers

Know all men that I John *Wesley* think myself to be providentially called at this time to set apart some persons for the work of the ministry in *America*. And therefore under the Protection of Almighty God, and with a single eye to his glory, I have this day set apart as a superintendent, by the imposition of my hands and prayer, (being assisted by other ordained Ministers) Thomas *Coke*, Doctor of Civil Law a Presbyter of the Church of England & man whom I judge to be well qualified for that great work. And I do hereby recommend him to all whom it may concern as a fit person to preside over the Flock of Christ. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four

John Wesley
Seal

On arrival in America, Dr. Coke met with Francis Asbury and other Methodist preachers (American and those sent by Wesley) in the famous Christmas Conference of 1784, held in Baltimore, at which time and place they organized the Methodist Episcopal Church. Asbury would not permit Coke to ordain him unless and until the Methodist preachers, in Conference assembled, should elect him for ordination and leadership. This they did unanimously. Then Coke, assisted by both Whatcoat and Vasey and also by Philip William Otterbein, a pietistic German Reformed minister, ordained Asbury, first as Deacon, then as Elder, and then set him a part as Superintendent. The Conference also elected Coke as a Superintendent. Asbury and Coke were at once called Bishops and all Methodist Bishops today stem from this heritage. Their succession has never been recognized by Lambeth and the Anglican communion.*

(b) *Division in the Church*

The Church has been unhappy in its many divisions, there being today 23 denominations in America bearing the name "Methodist." In 1828 as a protest against episcopal authority, a group broke away to form the Methodist Protestant Church. In 1844 the Church split north and south on the issue of slavery. Happily, these three branches were able to reunite in 1939 as The Methodist Church, its mem-

* See paper "The Methodist Ministry" by Daniel L. Marsh.

bership of 9,000,000 making it today the largest protestant denomination in America. There are in addition three large negro groups: The African Methodist Episcopal Church which organized in Philadelphia in 1787 and now has more than 1,100,000 members; the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church which organized in New York in 1796 and has over 500,000 members; and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church which was organized in the South in 1870 and has about 385,000 members. Combining all groups, the "Methodists" in America number substantially over 11,000,000 members.

(c) *World Connections*

The Methodist Church is a member of the World Methodist Conference, formerly known as the Methodist Ecumenical Council, which was established in 1870. This Conference, composed of delegates from 24 Methodist Churches, having their seats of government in 17 different countries, meets every five years and maintains a Secretariat and office in London, for the eastern hemisphere, and in New York for the western hemisphere. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt serves as first President of the newly constituted World Methodist Conference.

The British Methodist Church does not have episcopal form of government. Generally speaking those churches which came into being through English missionary effort have followed their form and those from American effort the episcopal form.

The World Methodist Conference has no legislative control over its constituent members. It meets on a fraternal basis and makes plans for co-operative efforts in missionary work and world evangelism.

The Methodist Church has always been interested in the ecumenical movement and has taken an active part in the founding of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam (1948) and the National Council of Churches in Cleveland (1950). A layman, Dr. John R. Mott, was one of the guiding spirits of the World Council and became its first Honorary President and Bishop Oxnam was elected to serve as one of the first Presidium.

The Protestant Episcopal Church (1789)

The Revolution that separated the colonies of the Atlantic seaboard from the English crown left the Anglican congregations isolated from the mother Church. The scattered parishes were completely disorganized and suffered acute financial distress. The civil establishments guaranteeing the

support of the Church in the southern colonies were terminated by the new States; in the north the funds provided by the missionary body of the Church of England, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, were necessarily withdrawn. Moreover, the flight of a large number of Loyalists from the central and New England States to Canada and the West Indies removed from the Church many of its ablest clergy and lay leaders.

Between 1780 and 1783, the Rev. William White of Philadelphia and the Rev. William Smith of Maryland took steps to organize the clergy and laymen of the Middle States into the Protestant Episcopal Church, appealing to parishes elsewhere to join them. Meanwhile, the clergy of Connecticut, firmly convinced that no national organization should be completed until an American episcopate had been secured, sent the Rev. Samuel Seabury to England to seek consecration as Bishop.

(a) *Ordination of First Bishops*

Though Seabury was courteously received, the existing ecclesiastical laws prevented the English Bishops from consecrating a man who could not take the statutory oaths of allegiance to the King and supremacy of the state. As a result, Seabury went to Scotland. There, on November 14, 1784, he was consecrated by three Bishops of the little independent Scottish Episcopal Church, a body which had continued an heroic and precarious existence in Presbyterian Scotland ever since the revolution of 1688 had swept episcopacy out of the Church of Scotland.

The legal obstacles which prevented Seabury's consecration in England aroused the English archbishops to action. Within two years parliament was persuaded to pass the enabling legislation that allowed William White and Samuel Provoost to be consecrated in Lambeth Palace Chapel in 1787 for the Dioceses of Pennsylvania and New York. In 1790 the American episcopate in the English line was completed by the consecration of James Madison.

The General Convention of 1789 saw the final achievement of national unity and organization in the Protestant Episcopal Church. Earlier conventions in 1785 and 1786, attacking the problems facing the Church, had laid the groundwork for their solution. In 1789 the adoption of the Prayer Book and the Constitution gave the American Church the formularies in which its doctrine, discipline and worship were enshrined. Anglicanism was no longer confined to Great Britain.*

* From *Chapters in Church History* by P. M. Dawley.

(b) Division in the church

The Episcopalians have been peculiarly free from splits; only The Reformed Episcopal Church, a relatively small group, broke away in 1873. The Church even survived the Civil War, when the other major denominations, the Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists, divided. New England rectors became abolitionists and one southerner, Bishop Polk, became a general under Lee, but they remained in the same Church. The name of every absent southern Bishop was called in the New York Convention of 1862; northern churchmen corresponded with southern throughout the war; Bishop McIlvane of Ohio and fighting Bishop Polk of Louisiana prayed for each other by name from their respective chancels every Sunday.

Today the Church numbers about 2,500,000 members.

(c) World Connections

The Protestant Episcopal Church is a member of the family of Episcopal Churches known as the Anglican Communion. All these Churches, tracing their ancestry from the Church of England, recognize each others ministries and interchange clergymen and communicants. Organizationally, each branch of the communion is independent but, because they are of one communion, there can never be any geographical overlapping of its Bishops' jurisdictions.

The Lambeth Conference is a meeting held approximately every ten years of all Bishops of the Anglican Communion under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury. This Conference has no legislative power but great influence throughout the communion. The Anglican Communion is estimated at 38,000,000 members living in all parts of the world.

The Episcopal Church has always been interested in the ecumenical movement. Its Bishop Brent in 1910 took the lead in founding what became the Faith and Order movement and, with others, in founding the Life and Work movement, the two movements which merged in 1948 to form the World Council of Churches. Presiding Bishop Sherrill was elected first President of the new National Council of Churches, organized in Cleveland in 1950.

Attempts at Union

Some years before the Uniting Conference of Methodism in 1939 there were informal conversations between the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. and the Protestant Episcopal Church looking toward union. The Methodist Episcopal Church withdrew

from these discussions to consummate Methodist Union; the other two still continue discussions.

In 1942 representatives of the Episcopal Church and The Methodist Church met in Cleveland and it was decided to renew Episcopal-Methodist discussions. The 1948 Methodist General Conference in Boston received a proposal from the Commission of the Episcopal Church for further discussions and this proposal had hearty endorsement from two Episcopal Bishops who spoke at the Conference—Presiding Bishop Sherrill and Bishop Nash of Massachusetts.

Each Church has a Commission of eighteen, six Bishops, six other clergymen and six laymen, and these Commissions are currently engaged in discussions. Their present memberships are:

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The Commissions are unanimous in recommending to

their General Convention of 1952 and their General Conference of 1952, respectively, that work toward union and toward the problem of inter-communion and a mutually recognized ministry be continued. It is their belief that under Divine Guidance solutions eventually will be found.

Holy Communion

EPISCOPAL

The Order for

The Administration of the
Lord's Supper

or

Holy Communion

METHODIST

THE RITUAL

We call upon all our ministers to make faithful use of the forms and orders here provided, without other deviation than is here indicated.

We urge all ministers to encourage and train the people to participate audibly in those portions of the service provided for this purpose, particularly in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The portions to be used as responses are especially indicated by bold face type.

THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

AN ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION I

The following is a complete order of public worship and is intended to replace the regular order of morning worship when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered. The responses may be sung, if desired. See numbers 565-88 in *The Methodist Hymnal*.

At the Communion-time the Holy Table shall have upon it a fair white linen cloth. And the Priest, standing reverently before the Holy Table, shall say the Lord's Prayer and the Collect following, the People kneeling; but the Lord's Prayer may be omitted at the discretion of the Priest.

*The Lord's Table should have upon it a fair linen cloth.
Let the pure, unfermented juice of the grape be used.
It is our custom to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper kneeling, but if persons so desire, they may receive the elements while seated or standing.*

Upon entering the church let the communicants bow in prayer and in the spirit of prayer and meditation approach the blessed Sacrament.

The people shall stand and join in singing the hymn, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," or other suitable hymn, and remain standing until after the singing of the Gloria Patri.

God is a Spirit. They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Glory be to God on high.

God is Light. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another;

and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Glory be to God on high.

God is Power. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Glory be to God on high.

God is Love. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us.

Glory be to God on high.

Then the Gloria Patri shall be said or sung:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the minister say:

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Collect.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then may the minister read the Ten Commandments, and the people, still in the attitude of prayer, shall in response ask God's mercy for their transgressions in times past and grace to keep the law in time to come.

Then shall the Priest, turning to the People, rehearse distinctly The Ten Commandments; and the People, still kneeling, shall, after every Commandment, ask God's mercy for their transgressions for the time past, and grace to keep the law for the time to come.

And NOTE, That in rehearsing The Ten Commandments, the Priest may omit that part of the Commandment which is inset. The Decalogue may be omitted, provided it be said at least one Sunday in each month. But NOTE, That whenever it is omitted, the Priest shall say the Summary of the Law, beginning, Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

The Decalogue.

God spake these words, and said:
I am the LORD thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them;

for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain;

for the LORD will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

God spake these words and said: I am the LORD thy God:

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour thy father and thy mother;

that thy days may be long in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Then may the Priest say,

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Here, if the Decalogue hath been omitted, shall be said,

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

In place of or in addition to the Ten Commandments the minister may read the summary of the divine law in the words of Jesus, and the people, in the attitude of prayer, shall ask God's mercy and gracious aid.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Priest may say,

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here shall be said,

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Then shall the Priest say the Collect of the Day. And after the Collect the Minister appointed shall read the Epistle, first saying, The Epistle is written in the Chapter of—, beginning at the—Verse. The Epistle ended, he shall say, Here endeth the Epistle.

Then may the minister read the Epistle, to be followed by the Gospel.

Here may be sung a Hymn or an Anthem.

Then, all the People standing, the Minister appointed shall read the Gospel, first saying, The Holy Gospel is written in the Chapter of—, beginning at the—Verse.

Here shall be said,

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

And after the Gospel may be said,

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then shall be said the Creed commonly called the Nicene, or else the Apostles' Creed; but the Creed may be omitted, if it hath been said immediately before in Morning Prayer; Provided, That the Nicene Creed shall be said on Christmas Day, Easter Day, Ascension Day, Whitsunday, and Trinity Sunday.

Here may the minister and people repeat the Apostles' Creed or some other of the authorized affirmations of faith, the people standing.

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was

incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Then shall be declared unto the People what Holy Days, or Fasting-days, are in the week following to be observed; and (if occasion be) shall Notice be given of the Communion, and of the Banns of Matrimony, and of other matters to be published.

Here, or immediately after the Creed, may be said the Bidding Prayer, or other authorized prayers and intercessions.

Then followeth the Sermon. After which, the Priest, when there is a Communion, shall return to the Holy Table and begin the Offertory, saying one or more of these Sentences following, as he thinketh most convenient.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts xx. 35.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. St. Matt. v. 16.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. St. Matt. vi. 19, 20.

Then may follow the sermon or communion meditation and a suitable hymn (see hymns 408-15). During the singing of this hymn the minister shall remove the linen cloth that covers the elements.

After the hymn has been sung, the minister, standing by the Lord's Table, shall announce the offering for the needy, using one or more of the following groups of sentences.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *St. Matt. vii. 21.*

He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plentifully shall reap plentifully. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. *2 Cor. ix. 6, 7.*

While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith. *Gal. vi. 10.*

God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labour that proceedeth of love; which love ye have showed for his Name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister. *Heb. vi. 10.*

To do good, and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Heb. xiii. 16.*

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? *1 St. John iii. 17.*

Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plentifully; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity. *Tobit iv. 8, 9.*

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. *St. Matt. xxv. 40.*

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? *Rom. x. 14, 15,*

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

II

They shall not appear before the LORD empty: every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plentifully: if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

III

To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need,

Jesus said unto them, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into his harvest. *St. Luke x. 2.*

Ye shall not appear before the LORD empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee. *Deut. xvi. 16, 17.*

and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

IV

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

As the minister receives the offering, the people shall stand, and the following may be said or sung:

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

Then may the Minister say:

Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. *I Chron. xxix. 11.*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. *I Chron. xxix. 14.*

Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

And NOTE, That these Sentences may be used on any other occasion of Public Worship when the Offerings of the People are to be received.

The Deacons, Church-wardens, or other fit persons appointed for that purpose, shall receive the Alms for the Poor, and other Offerings of the People, in a decent Basin to be provided by the Parish; and reverently bring it to the Priest, who shall humbly present and place it upon the Holy Table.

And the Priest shall then offer, and shall place upon the Holy Table, the Bread and the Wine.

And when the Alms and Oblations are being received and presented, there may be sung a Hymn, or an Offertory Anthem in the words of Holy Scripture or of the Book of Common Prayer, under the direction of the Priest.

Here the Priest may ask the secret intercessions of the Congregation for any who have desired the prayers of the Church.

Then shall the Priest say,

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present;

that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy Holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Then shall this General Confession be made, by the Priest and all those who are minded to receive the Holy Communion, humbly kneeling.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's

The people shall remain standing while the minister reads the invitation.

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and devoutly kneeling make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Then shall this general confession be made by the minister and those who are minded to receive the Holy Communion, the minister kneeling, facing the Lord's Table, and all the people in the attitude of prayer.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us

sake, Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever here-
after Serve and please thee In
newness of life, To the honour
and glory of thy Name; Through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then shall the Priest (the Bishop if he
be present) stand up, and turning to the
People, say,*

Almighty God, our heavenly
Father, who of his great mercy
hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with hearty re-
pentance and true faith turn unto
him; Have mercy upon you;
pardon and deliver you from all
your sins; confirm and strengthen
you in all goodness; and bring
you to everlasting life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say,

Hear what comfortable words
our Saviour Christ saith unto all
who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that tra-
vail and are heavy laden, and I
will refresh you. *St. Matt. xi. 28.*

So God loved the world, that
he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe
in him should not perish, but have
everlasting life. *St. John iii. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul
saith.

This is a true saying, and wor-
thy of all men to be received, That
Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners. *1 Tim. i. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John
saith.

If any man sin, we have an
Advocate with the Father, Jesus
Christ the righteous; and he is
the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St.
John ii. 1, 2.*

*After which the Priest shall proceed,
saying,*

Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto
the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks
unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right
so to do.

all that is past; and grant that
we may ever hereafter serve and
please thee in newness of life, to
the honor and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Then shall the minister offer this
prayer:*

Almighty God, our heavenly
Father, who of thy great mercy
hast promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty re-
pentance and true faith turn unto
thee; have mercy upon us; pardon
and deliver us from all our sins;
confirm and strengthen us in all
goodness; and bring us to ever-
lasting life; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the minister say:

Hear what the Scripture saith
to those of a humble and contrite
heart:

If any man sin, we have an
advocate with the Father, Jesus
Christ the righteous: and he is
the propitiation for our sins: and
not for ours only, but also for the
sins of the whole world.

This is a faithful saying, and
worthy of all acceptation, that
Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners.

God so loved the world, that he
gave his only-begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should
not perish, but have everlasting
life.

Come unto me, all ye that labor
and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest.

*After which the minister and people
may say:*

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the
Lord.

It is meet and right so to do.

*Then the minister, still kneeling and
facing the Lord's Table, shall say:*

Then shall the Priest turn to the Holy Table, and say,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Here shall the Proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately shall be said or sung by the Priest,

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

HOLY, HOLY,
HOLY, Lord God of ^{Priest a n d}
hosts, Heaven and ^{People.}
earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

(Here in the Book of Common Prayer follows a series of Proper Prefaces (note rubric above) for the major holy days of the Church Year.)

When the Priest, standing before the Holy Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the People, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his own oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; For in the night in which he was betrayed, (a) he took Bread; and when he

(a) *Here the Priest is to take the Paten into his hands.*

(b) *And here to break the bread.*

(c) *And here to lay his hand upon all the Bread.*

(d) *Here he is to take the Cup into his hands.*

(e) *And here he is to lay his hand upon every vessel in which there is*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Then shall be said or sung:

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High! Amen.

Then shall the minister offer the prayer of consecration:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by the one offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, this memorial of his precious death: hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that we, receiving this bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion may also be partakers of the divine nature through him, who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread;¹ and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;

¹ Here may the minister take the plate in his hands.

had given thanks, ^{any Wine to be consecrated.} (b) he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, (c) this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, (d) he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for (e) this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord
a n d h e a v e n l y *The Oblation.*
Father, according to

the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O ^{*The Invocation.*} merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee,

this is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the cup; ² and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.
Amen.

² Here may the minister take the cup in his hands.

O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, say, in the name of all those who shall receive the Communion, this Prayer following:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his

(In the Methodist Ritual, as in the 1662 Prayer Book of the Church of England, this prayer follows the Communion of the people. See below.)

Then shall the minister, kneeling before the Lord's Table, unite with the people in this prayer:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou are the same Lord, whose mercy is unfailing. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of these memorials of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may be filled with the fullness of his life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore

body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Here may be sung a Hymn.

Then shall the Priest first receive the Holy Communion in both kinds himself, and proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, in like manner, (if any be present,) and, after that, to the People also in order, into their hands, all devoutly kneeling. And sufficient opportunity shall be given to those present to communicate. And when he delivereth the Bread, he shall say,

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

And the Minister who delivereth the Cup shall say,

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

If the consecrated Bread or Wine be spent before all have communicated, the Priest is to consecrate more, according to the Form before prescribed; beginning at, All glory be to thee, Almighty God, and ending with these words, partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

When all have communicated, the Priest shall return to the Lord's Table, and reverently place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.

(In the Book of Prayer this appears as part of the Consecration Prayer. See above.)

dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Then shall the minister first receive the Holy Communion in both kinds himself, after which he shall proceed to deliver the same to other ministers in like manner, if any be present. After this, the minister shall administer the Holy Communion to the people, while they are devoutly kneeling.

Before giving the bread, the minister shall say:

Jesus said, "This is my body, which is given for you." Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

Likewise before giving the cup he shall say:

Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you." Drink this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and be thankful.

When all have communed, the minister shall place upon the Lord's Table what remains of the consecrated elements, covering the same with the linen cloth.

Then shall the minister and people say:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we, thy humble servants, desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and thy whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here

we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses; through Jesus Christ Our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say,

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said the Gloria in Excelsis, all standing, or some proper Hymn.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards

Then shall be said or sung the Gloria in Excelsis, the people standing.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward

men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty!

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then come the People kneeling, the Priest (the Bishop if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

GENERAL RUBRICS.

In the absence of a Priest, a Deacon may say all that is before appointed unto the end of the Gospel.

Upon the Sundays and other Holy Days, (though there be no Sermon or Communion,) may be said all that is appointed at the Communion, unto the end of the Gospel, concluding with the Blessing.

And if any of the consecrated Bread and Wine remain after the Communion, it shall not be carried out of the Church; but the Minister and other Communicants shall, immediately after the Blessing, reverently eat and drink the same.

If among those who come to be partakers of the Holy Communion, the Minister shall know any to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any wrong to his neighbours by word or deed, so that the Congregation be thereby offended; he shall advertise him, that he presume not to come to the Lord's Table, until he have openly declared himself to have truly repented and amended his former evil life, that the Congregation may thereby be satisfied; and that he hath recompensed the parties to whom he hath done wrong; or at least declare himself to be in full purpose so to do, as soon as he conveniently may.

The same order shall the Minister use

men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty!

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then shall the minister let the people depart with this blessing:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

(In the Methodist Ritual, compare opening rubrics.)

with those, betwixt whom he perceiveth malice and hatred to reign; not suffering them to be partakers of the Lord's Table, until he know them to be reconciled. And if one of the parties, so at variance, be content to forgive from the bottom of his heart all that the other hath trespassed against him, and to make amends for that wherein he himself hath offended; and the other party will not be persuaded to a godly unity, but remain still in his forwardness, and malice; the Minister in that case ought to admit the penitent person to the Holy Communion, and not him that is obstinate. Provided, That every Minister so repelling any, as is herein specified, shall be obliged to give an account of the same to the Ordinary, within fourteen days after, at the farthest.

(The Methodist Ritual contains the following alternative shorter form.)

HOLY COMMUNION II

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

(For comparison with this alternative shorter form see above. The Episcopal form is not here reprinted.)

Then shall the minister read this invitation:

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Then shall this general confession be made by the minister and all those who are minded to receive the Holy Communion, both he and they humbly kneeling, and saying:

Almighty God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most

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justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy son Our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the minister say:

O Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the minister say:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Amen.

Then shall the minister say:

We do not presume to come to

this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by his death, and washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN.

Then the minister shall say the prayer of consecration as followeth:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his oblation of himself once offered), a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until his coming again: hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. AMEN.

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native shorter form see above. The Episcopal form is not here reprinted.)

Then shall the minister first receive the Holy Communion in both kinds himself, and then proceed to deliver the same to the other ministers in like manner, if any be present.

Then shall he say the Lord's Prayer, the people still kneeling and repeating after him every petition:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then a hymn may be sung, and the communicants shall be invited to the Lord's Table. The minister shall deliver both kinds to the people into their hands.

When he delivereth the bread, he shall say:

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

And the minister that delivereth the cup shall say:

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

When all have communed, the minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.

Then shall the minister and people say:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we, thy humble servants, desire thy Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and thy whole Church may obtain remission of

our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses; through Jesus Christ Our Lord; by whom, and with whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Then may be said or sung:

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, Good Will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty!

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, lamb of God, son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then the minister, if he see it expedient, may offer an extempore prayer; and afterward shall let the people depart with this blessing:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

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Confirmation or Receiving Persons into the Church

EPISCOPAL

**The Order of Confirmation
Or Laying on of Hands upon
Those that are Baptized, and
come to Years of Discretion.**

Upon the day appointed, all that are to be confirmed shall stand in order before the Bishop, sitting in his chair near to the Holy Table, the People all standing until the Lord's Prayer; and the Minister shall say,

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons to receive the Laying on of Hands.

Then the Bishop, or some Minister appointed by him, may say,

Hear the words of the Evangelist Saint Luke, in the eighth Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Then shall the Bishop say,

Do ye here, in the presence of God, and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that ye made, or that was made in your name, at your Baptism; ratifying and confirming the same; and acknowledging yourselves bound to believe and to do all those things which ye then undertook, or your Sponsors then undertook for you?

METHODIST

**The Order for Receiving Persons
into the Church.**

On the day appointed, all that are to be received into the Church shall be called forward, and the minister, addressing the people, shall say:

Dearly beloved, the Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the promotion of his worship and the due administration of his word and ordinances, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.

Into this holy fellowship the persons before you who have received the Sacrament of Baptism, who have learned the nature of these privileges and these duties, and who have also been instructed in the teachings and the aims of The Methodist Church, come seeking admission. We now propose in the fear of God to question them as to their faith and purpose, that you may know that they are proper persons to be admitted into this church.

Then, addressing those seeking admission, the minister shall say:

Beloved in the Lord, you are come hither seeking union with the Church of God. We rejoice that you are minded to undertake the privileges and the duties of membership in the Church. Before you are fully admitted thereto, you should here publicly renew your vows, confess your faith, and declare your purpose, by answering the following questions:

Do you here in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn promise and vow that was made at you baptism?

I do.

And every one shall audibly answer,

I do.

Then shall the Bishop say,

Do ye promise to follow Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?

And every one shall answer.

I do.

Bishop. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop. Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

Answer. Henceforth, world without end.

Bishop. Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Bishop. Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins; Strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Then all of them in order kneeling before the Bishop, he shall lay his hand upon the head of every one severally, saying,

Defend, O Lord, this thy Child with thy heavenly grace; that he may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until he come unto thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop say,

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Bishop. Let us pray.

Then shall the Bishop say the Lord's Prayer, the People kneeling and repeating it with him.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord and pledge your allegiance to his Kingdom?

I do.

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the New Testament of our Lord Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you be loyal to The Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

I will.

Then those to be received shall kneel, and the minister, who may lay his hand upon the head of every one severally, shall say:

N., The Lord defend thee with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm thee in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done, On
earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And
forgive us our trespasses, As we
forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop say,

Almighty and everliving God, who
makest us both to will and to do
those things which are good, and
acceptable unto thy Divine Majesty;
We make our humble supplications
unto thee for these thy
servants, upon whom, after the
example of thy holy Apostles, we
have now laid our hands, to certify
them, by this sign, of thy
favour and gracious goodness towards
them. Let thy fatherly
hand, we beseech thee, ever be
over them; let thy Holy Spirit
ever be with them; and so lead
them in the knowledge and obedience
of thy Word, that in the end
they may obtain everlasting life;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who with thee and the same Holy
Spirit liveth and reigneth ever,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting
God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee,
to direct, sanctify, and govern,
both our hearts and bodies, in the
ways of thy laws, and in the
works of thy commandments;
that, through thy most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and
soul; through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Then the Bishop shall bless them saying
thus,*

The Blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Ghost, be upon you, and remain
with you for ever. *Amen.*

*The Minister shall not omit earnestly to
move the Persons confirmed to come,
without delay, to the Lord's Supper.
And there shall none be admitted to the
Holy Communion, until such time as he
be confirmed, or be ready and desirous
to be confirmed.*

The minister shall say to the candidates:

We rejoice to recognize you as
members of the Church of Christ,
and bid you welcome to all its
privileges; and in token of our
brotherly love we give you the
right hand of fellowship, and
pray that you may be numbered
with his people here, and with his
saints in glory everlasting.

And the minister shall say to the congregation:

Brethren, I commend to your love
and care *these persons* whom we
this day recognize as *members* of
the Church of Christ. Do all in
your power to increase *their* faith,
confirm *their* hope, and perfect
them in love.

*Then may be sung one or more stanzas
of a hymn, such as:*

379—"I love thy kingdom, Lord."

380—"Jesus, with thy Church abide."

383—"How lovely is thy dwelling place!"

Then may the minister say:

The blessing of God Almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you, and remain
with you always. *Amen.*

Ordination of a Deacon

EPISCOPAL

The Form and Manner of Making Deacons

When the day appointed by the Bishop is come, there shall be a Sermon, or Exhortation, declaring the Duty and Office of such as come to be admitted Deacons; how necessary that Order is in the Church of Christ, and also, how the People ought to esteem them in their Office.

The Sermon being ended, a Priest shall present unto the Bishop, sitting in his chair near to the Holy Table, such as desire to be ordained Deacons, each of them being decently habited, saying these words,

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons present, to be admitted Deacons.

The Bishop.

Take heed that the persons, whom ye present unto us, be apt and meet, for their learning and godly conversation, to exercise their Ministry duly, to the honour of God, and the edifying of his Church.

The Priest shall answer,

I have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

Then the Bishop shall unto the People,

Brethren, if there be any of you who knoweth any Impediment, or notable Crime, in any of these persons presented to be ordered Deacons, for the which he ought not to be admitted to that Office, let him come forth in the Name of God, and show what the Crime or Impediment is.

And if any great Crime or Impediment be objected, the Bishop shall cease from Ordering that person, until such time as the party accused shall be found clear of that Crime.

Then the Bishop (commending such as shall be found meet to be Ordered, to the Prayers of the congregation) shall, with the Clergy and People present, say the Litany.

And Note, That after the Suffrage, That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, etc., shall be said the following Suffrage:

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THE ORDER FOR THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

When the day appointed by the Bishop is come, there shall be a sermon or exhortation declaring the duty and office of such as come to be admitted deacons, how necessary that order is in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteem them in their office: after which one of the elders shall present unto the Bishop all who are to be ordained, and say:

I present unto you *these persons* present to be ordained deacons: [names].

Their names having been read aloud, the Bishop shall say to the people:

Brethren, *these are they* whom we purpose, God willing, this day to ordain deacons. For, after due examination, we find that *they are* lawfully called to this office and ministry, and that *they are persons* meet for the same. But if there be any of you who knoweth any valid reason for which *any one of them* ought not to be received into this holy ministry, let him come forth in the name of God, and disclose what the impediment is.

If any impediment be alleged, the Bishop shall desist from ordaining that person until he shall be found to be innocent.

That it may please thee to bless these thy servants, now to be admitted to the Order of Deacons, and to pour thy grace upon them; that they may duly execute their Office, to the edifying of thy Church, and the glory of thy holy Name;

And Note further, That in the discretion of the Bishop, instead of the Litany appointed, may be said the Litany for Ordinations.

Then shall be said the Service for the Communion, with the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, as followeth.

The Collect.

Almighty God, who by thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in thy Church, and didst inspire thine Apostles to choose into the Order of Deacons the first Martyr Saint Stephen, with others; Mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the like Office and Administration: so replenish them with the truth of thy Doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve thee in this Office, to the glory of thy Name, and the edification of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Timothy iii. 8.

Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Then shall be read the Collect:

Almighty God, who by thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders of ministers in thy Church, and didst inspire thine apostles to choose into the order of deacons thy first martyr, St. Stephen, with others; mercifully behold *these thy servants*, now called to the like office and administration; so replenish *them* with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn *them* with innocency of life, that by both word and good example *they* may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy name and the edification of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

Then shall be read the Epistle:

Likewise must the deacons be grave, holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. They that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the

power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Then, the People being seated, the Bishop shall examine every one of those who are to be Ordered, in the presence of the People, after this manner following.

Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you this Office and Ministration, to serve God for the promoting of his glory, and the edifying of his people?

Answer. I trust so.

Bishop. Do you think that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and according to the Canons of this Church, to the Ministry of the same?

Answer. I think so.

Bishop. Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer. I am so persuaded.

Bishop. Will you diligently read

Then shall the Bishop, in the presence of the people, examine every one of those to be ordained, after this manner:

Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the office of the ministry in the Church of Christ, to serve God for the promoting of his glory and the edifying of his people?

I trust so.

Do you unfeignedly believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do believe them.

Will you diligently read and ex-

the same unto the people assembled in the Church where you shall be appointed to serve?

Answer. I will.

Bishop. It appertaineth to the Office of a Deacon, in the Church where he shall be appointed to serve, to assist the Priest in Divine Service, and specially when he ministereth the Holy Communion, and to help him in the distribution thereof; and to read Holy Scriptures and Homilies in the Church; and to instruct the youth in the Catechism; in the absence of the Priest to baptize infants; and to preach, if he be admitted thereto by the Bishop. And furthermore, it is his Office, where provision is so made, to search for the sick, poor, and impotent people of the Parish, that they may be relieved with the alms of the Parishioners, or others. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

Answer. I will so do, by the help of God.

Bishop. Will you apply all your diligence to frame and fashion your own lives, and the lives of your families, according to the Doctrine of Christ; and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?

Answer. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you reverently obey your Bishop, and other chief Ministers, who according to the Canons of the Church, may have the charge and government over you; following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions?

Answer. I will endeavour so to do, the Lord being my helper.

Then, the People standing, the Bishop shall lay his Hands severally upon the Head of every one to be made Deacon, humbly kneeling before him, and shall say,

pound the same unto the people whom you shall be appointed to serve?

I will.

It appertaineth to the office of a deacon to conduct divine worship and to assist the elder when he ministereth the Holy Communion, to help him in the distribution thereof; to read and expound the Holy Scriptures; to instruct the youth; and to baptize. And, furthermore, it is his office to search for the needy, that they may be visited and relieved. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

I will so do, by the help of God.

Will you apply all your diligence to frame and fashion your own lives and the lives of your families according to the teachings of Christ?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you reverently heed them to whom the charge over you is committed, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions?

I will so do.

Then those to be ordained shall kneel, and the Bishop, laying his hands severally upon the head of every one of them, shall say:

Take thou Authority to execute the Office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed unto thee; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop deliver to every one of them the New Testament, saying,

Take thou Authority to read the Gospel in the Church of God, and to preach the same, if thou be thereto licensed by the Bishop himself.

Then one of them, appointed by the Bishop, shall read the Gospel.

The Gospel. St. Luke xii. 35.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

Then shall the Bishop proceed in the Communion; and all who are Ordered shall tarry, and receive the Holy Communion the same day, with the Bishop.

The Communion ended, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect following.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who of thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept and take these thy servants unto the Office of Deacons in thy Church; Make them, we beseech thee, O Lord, to be modest, humble, and constant in their Ministration, to have a ready will to observe all spiritual Discipline; that they, having always the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing ever stable and strong in thy Son Christ, may so well behave themselves in this inferior Office, that they may be found worthy to be

Take thou authority to execute the office of a deacon in the Church of God; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop deliver to every one of them the Bible, saying:

Take thou authority to read the Holy Scriptures in the Church of God, and to preach the Word. Amen.

Then shall the bishop, or one appointed by him, read the Gospel:

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

Then shall the Bishop pray:

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who of thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept these thy servants into the office of deacon in thy Church; make them, we beseech thee, O Lord, to be modest, humble, and constant in their ministration, and to have a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; that they, continuing ever stable and strong in thy Son Jesus Christ, may so well behave themselves in this office that they may be found worthy to be called into the higher ministry in thy Church; through thy Son our Sav-

called unto the higher Ministries in thy Church; through the same thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

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Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then may the Bishop say:

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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And here it must be declared unto the Deacon, that he must continue in that Office of a Deacon the space of a whole year (except for reasonable causes it shall otherwise seem good unto the Bishop), to the intent he may be perfect and well expert in the things appertaining to the Ecclesiastical Administration. In executing whereof if he be found faithful and diligent, he may be admitted by his Diocesan to the Order of Priesthood, at the times appointed in the Canon; or else, on urgent occasion, upon some other day, in the face of the Church, in such manner and form as hereafter followeth.

Ordination of a Priest or Elder

EPISCOPAL

The Form and Manner of Ordering Priests

When the day appointed by the Bishop is come, there shall be a Sermon, or Exhortation, declaring the Duty and Office of such as come to be admitted Priests; how necessary that Order is in the Church of Christ, and also, how the people ought to esteem them in their Office.

A Priest shall present unto the Bishop, sitting in his chair near to the Holy Table, all those who are to receive the Order of Priesthood that day, each of them being decently habited, and shall say,

Reverend Father in God, I present

METHODIST

THE ORDER FOR THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS

When the day appointed by the Bishop is come, there shall be a sermon or exhortation declaring the duty and office of such as come to be admitted elders, how necessary that order is in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteem them in their office; after which one of the elders shall present unto the Bishop all who are to be ordained, and say:

I present unto you *these per-*

unto you these persons present, to be admitted to the Order of Priesthood.

The Bishop.

Take heed that the persons, whom ye present unto us, be apt and meet, for their learning and godly conversation, to exercise their Ministry duly, to the honour of God, and the edifying of his Church.

The Priest shall answer,

I have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

Then the Bishop shall say unto the People,

Good People, these are they whom we purpose, God willing, to receive this day unto the holy Office of Priesthood; for, after due examination, we find not to the contrary, but that they are lawfully called to their Function and Ministry, and that they are persons meet for the same. But yet, if there be any of you who knoweth any Impediment, or notable Crime, in any of them, for the which he ought not to be received into this holy Ministry, let him come forth in the Name of God, and show what the Crime or Impediment is.

And if any great Crime or Impediment be objected, the Bishop shall cease from Ordering that person, until such time as the party accused shall be found clear of that Crime.

Then the Bishop (commending such as shall be found meet to be Ordered, to the Prayers of the congregation) shall, with the Clergy and People present, say the Litany.

And NOTE, That after the Suffrage, That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, etc., shall be said the following Suffrage:

That it may please thee to bless these thy servants, now to be admitted to the Order of Priests, and to pour thy grace upon them; that they may duly exercise their Office, to the edifying of thy Church, and the glory of thy holy Name;

And NOTE further, That in the discretion of the Bishop, instead of the Litany appointed, may be said the Litany for Ordinations.

sons present to be ordained elders: [names].

Their names having been read aloud, the Bishop shall say to the people:

Brethren, *these are they* whom we purpose, God willing, this day to ordain elders. For, after due inquiry, we find that *they are* lawfully called to this office and ministry, and that *they are persons* meet for the same. But if there be any of you who knoweth any valid reason for which *any one of them* ought not to be received into this holy ministry, let him come forth in the name of God, and disclose what the impediment is.

If any impediment be alleged, the Bishop shall desist from ordaining that person until he shall be found to be innocent.

Then shall be said the Service for the Communion, with the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, as followeth.

The Collect.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in thy Church; Mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the Office of Priesthood; and so replenish them with the truth of thy Doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve thee in this Office, to the glory of thy Name, and the edification of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Ephesians iv. 7.

Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

The Gospel. St. John x. 1.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep

Then shall be read the Collect:

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers orders of ministers in thy Church; mercifully behold *these* thy servants, now called to the office of elder, and so replenish *them* with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn *them* with innocency of life, that by both word and good example *they* may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy name and the advancement of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall be read the Epistle and the Gospel:

I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Jesus said, I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and know my sheep, and am known of mine, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

Then, the People being seated, the Bishop shall say unto those who are to be ordained Priests as followeth.

Ye have heard, Brethren, as well in your private examination, as in the exhortation which was now made to you, and in the holy Lessons taken out of the Gospel, and the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity, and of how great importance this Office is, whereunto ye are called.

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Then shall the Bishop say unto the persons to be ordained elders:

Dearly beloved, you have heard of what dignity and of how great importance is this office whereunto you are called. And now again we exhort you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you are to be messengers, watchmen, and stewards of the Lord; to teach and to admonish, to feed and to provide for the Lord's fam-

And now again we exhort you, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye have in remembrance, into how high a Dignity, and to how weighty an Office and Charge ye are called: that is to say, to be Messengers, Watchmen, and Stewards of the Lord; to teach, and to premonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Have always therefore printed in your remembrance how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ, which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you must serve, is his Spouse, and his Body. And if it shall happen that the same Church, or any Member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue. Wherefore consider with yourselves the end of the Ministry towards the children of God, towards the Spouse and Body of Christ; and see that ye never cease your labour, your care and diligence, until ye have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge, unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life.

Forasmuch then as your Office is both of so great excellency, and of so great difficulty, ye see with how great care and study ye ought to apply yourselves, as well to show yourselves dutiful and thankful unto that Lord, who hath placed you in so high a dignity; as also to beware that neither you yourselves offend, nor be occasion that others offend.

ily; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this evil world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

Have always, therefore, in your remembrance how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they unto whom you are to minister are the sheep of Christ, for whom he gave his life. The Church which you must serve is his Bride and his Body. And if it shall happen the Church, or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault. Wherefore see that you never cease your labor, your care, and your diligence until you have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as shall be committed to your charge unto perfectness in Christ.

Forasmuch, then, as your office is both of so great excellency and of so great difficulty, consider how you ought to forsake, as much as you can, all worldly cares, and be studious in learning the Scriptures, and in acquiring such knowledge and skill as may help you to declare the living word of God.

Howbeit, ye cannot have a mind and will thereto of yourselves; for that will and ability is given of God alone; therefore ye ought, and have need, to pray earnestly for his Holy Spirit. And seeing that ye cannot by any other means compass the doing of so weighty a work, pertaining to the salvation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same; consider how studious ye ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures, and in framing the manners both of yourselves, and of them that specially pertain unto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures; and for this self-same cause, how ye ought to forsake and set aside, as much as ye may, all worldly cares and studies.

We have good hope that ye have well weighed these things with yourselves, long before this time; and that ye have clearly determined, by God's grace, to give yourselves wholly to this Office, whereunto it hath pleased God to call you: so that, as much as lieth in you, ye will apply yourselves wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way; and that ye will continually pray to God the Father, by the mediation of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost; that, by daily reading and weighing the Scriptures, ye may wax riper and stronger in your Ministry; and that ye may so endeavour yourselves, from time to time, to sanctify the lives of you and yours, and to fashion them after the Rule and Doctrine of Christ, that ye may be wholesome and godly examples and patterns for the people to follow.

And now, that this present Congregation of Christ may also understand your minds and wills in these things, and that this your promise may the more move you to do your duties; ye shall answer plainly to these things, which we, in the Name of God, and of his

We hope that you have weighed and pondered these things with *yourselves* long before this time, and that you have clearly determined, by God's grace, to give *yourselves* wholly to this work whereunto it has pleased God to call you. Also that you will continually pray that the Holy Spirit may assist you to order the lives of you and yours after the rule and doctrine of Christ, that you may grow riper and stronger in ministry and be godly and wholesome *examples* for the people to follow.

And now, that this congregation of Christ here assembled may also understand your purpose in these things, and that this your promise may the more move to you to perform your duties, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the name of

Church, shall demand of you touching the same.

Do you think in your heart, that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and according to the Canons of this Church, to the Order and Ministry of Priesthood?

Answer. I think it.

Bishop. Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined, out of the said Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge; and to teach nothing, as necessary to eternal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the Scripture?

Answer. I am so persuaded, and have so determined, by God's grace.

Bishop. Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the Doctrine and Sacraments, and the Discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and as this Church hath received the same, according to the Commandments of God; so that you may teach the people committed to your Cure and Charge with all diligence to keep and observe the same?

Answer. I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Bishop. Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word; and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole, within your Cures, as need shall require, and occasion shall be given?

Answer. I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you be diligent in Prayers, and in reading the

God and his Church, shall ask of you touching the same:

Do you believe in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the ministry of elders?

I do so believe.

Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all truth required for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same Holy Scriptures so to instruct the people committed to your charge that they may enter into eternal life?

I am so persuaded and determined, by God's grace.

Will you give faithful diligence duly to minister the doctrine of Christ, the Sacraments, and the discipline of the Church, and in the spirit of Christ to defend the Church against all doctrine contrary to God's word?

I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in the reading of the Holy Scrip-

Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

Answer. I will endeavour so to do, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own selves, and your families, according to the Doctrine of Christ; and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Answer. I will apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you maintain and set forwards, as much as lieth in you, quietness, peace, and love, among all Christian people, and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge?

Answer. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you reverently obey your Bishop, and other chief Ministers, who, according to the Canons of the Church, may have the charge and government over you; following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, and submitting yourselves to their godly judgments?

Answer. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then, all standing, shall the Bishop say,

Almighty God, who hath given you this will to do all these things; Grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that he may accomplish his work which he hath begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this, the Congregation shall be desired, secretly in their Prayers, to make their humble supplications to God for all these things; for the which Prayers there shall be silence kept for a space.

After which, the Persons to be ordained Priests kneeling, and others standing, the Bishop shall sing or say the Veni, Creator

tures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of God and of his kingdom?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you apply all your diligence to frame and fashion your own selves and the lives of your families according to the teachings of Christ?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you maintain and set forward, as much as lieth in you, quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among them that shall be committed to your charge?

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Will you reverently heed them to whom the charge over you is committed following, with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions?

I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Then shall the Bishop say:

Almighty God, who hath given you this will to do all these things, grant also unto you power to perform the same, that he may accomplish his work which he hath begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the people shall be requested to make their earnest supplications in silent prayer to God for those who are to be ordained as elders, and silence shall be kept for a space: after which shall be said the Veni, Creator Spiritus, the Bishop beginning, and all others answering as followeth, both the bishop and the people uniting in the final couplet.

Spiritus; the Bishop beginning, and the Priests, and others that are present, answering by verses, as followeth.

Veni, Creator Spiritus.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father,
Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One;
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

That done, the Bishop shall pray in this wise, and say,

Let us pray.

Almighty God, and heavenly Father, who, of thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who, after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors; by whose labour and ministry he gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy Name: For these so great benefits of thy eternal goodness, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call these thy servants here present to the same Office and Ministry, appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks, we praise and wor-

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That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Then shall the Bishop say:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we bless and magnify thy holy name for the gift of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and for all his apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and pastors, whom he hath sent abroad into the world. For these here present whom thou hast called to the same holy office and ministry, we render unto thee our most hearty thanks. And now, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee to grant that by these thy ministers, and by those over whom they shall be appointed, thy holy name may be forever glorified, and thy blessed Kingdom enlarged; through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

ship thee; and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy blessed Son, to grant unto all, which either here or elsewhere call upon thy holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto thee for these and all thy other benefits; that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these thy Ministers, as by them over whom they shall be appointed thy Ministers, thy holy Name may be forever glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

When this Prayer is done, the Bishop with the Priests present, shall lay their Hands severally upon the Head of every one that receiveth the Order of Priesthood; the Receivers humbly kneeling, and the Bishop saying,

Receive the Holy Ghost for the Office and Work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the Imposition of our hands. Whose sins thou dost forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins thou dost retain, they are retained. And be thou a faithful Dispenser of the Word of God, and of his holy Sacraments; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Or this

Take thou Authority to execute the Office of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed to thee by the Imposition of our hands. And be thou a faithful Dispenser of the Word of God, and of his holy Sacraments; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall deliver to every one of them kneeling, the Bible into his hand, saying,

Take thou Authority to preach the Word of God, and to minister the holy Sacraments in the Con-

Then shall the Bishop and the elders present lay their hands severally upon the head of every one that receiveth the order of elder, the receivers kneeling, and the Bishop saying:

The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an elder in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the authority of the Church through the imposition of our hands. And be thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God, and of his holy Sacraments; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop deliver to every one of them, kneeling, the Bible into his hands, saying:

Take thou authority as an elder in the Church to preach the Word of God, and to administer the holy

gregation, where thou shalt be lawfully appointed thereunto.

When this is done, the Nicene Creed shall be said, and the Bishop shall go on in the Service of the Communion, which all they who receive Orders shall take together, and remain in the same place where Hands were laid upon them, until such time as they have received the Communion.

The Communion being done, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect.

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon these thy servants thy heavenly blessing; that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy Word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also, that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

And if, on the same day, the Order of Deacons be given to some, and the Order of Priesthood to others; the Deacons shall be first presented, and then the Priests; and it shall suffice that the Litany be once said for both. The Epistle shall be Ephesians iv. 7 to 13, as before in this Office. Immediately after which, they that are to be made Deacons, shall be examined and Ordained, as is above prescribed. Then one of them having read the Gospel, (which shall be either Saint Matthew ix. 36 to 38, as before in this Office; or else

Sacraments in the congregation. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop pray:

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon *these* thy servants thy heavenly blessings, that *they* may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy Word spoken by *them* may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to receive what *they* shall deliver out of thy Word as the means of our salvation, and that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then may the Bishop say:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

If on the same day the order for deacon be given to some and that of elder to others, the deacons shall be first presented and then the elders. The Collect shall be said and the Epistle read, immediately after which they who are to be ordained deacons shall be examined and ordained as is above described. Then, the Gospel having been read, they who are to be ordained elders shall likewise be examined and ordained, as in this office before appointed.

Saint Luke xii. 35 to 38, as before in the Form for the Ordering of Deacons), they that are to be made Priests shall likewise be examined and Ordained, as is in this Office before appointed. The Collect shall be as followeth.

The Collect.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in thy Church; Mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the Office of Deacon and these thy servants now called to the Office of Priest; and so replenish them with the truth of thy Doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve thee in their Ministry, to the glory of thy Name, and the edification of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

Ordination or Consecration of a Bishop

EPISCOPAL

The Form of Ordaining or Consecrating a Bishop

When all things are duly prepared in the Church, and set in order the Presiding Bishop, or some other Bishop appointed by the Bishops present, shall begin the Communion Service, in which this shall be

The Collect.

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed thy flock; Give grace, we beseech thee, to all Bishops, the Pastors of thy Church, that they may diligently preach thy Word, and duly administer the godly Discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And another Bishop shall read the Epistle.

For the Epistle. Acts xx. 17.

METHODIST

¶ 1922. THE ORDER FOR THE CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS

When the time approved for the consecration of Bishops is come, the service shall begin with a hymn, after which the Collect shall be read:

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy holy apostles, elders, and evangelists many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed thy flock; give grace, we beseech thee, to all the ministers and pastors of thy Church, that they may diligently preach thy Word and duly administer the godly discipline thereof; and grant to the people that they may faithfully follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall one of the elders read the Epistle:

From Miletus Paul sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which

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are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Then another Bishop shall read the Gospel.

The Gospel. St. John xxi. 15.

Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Or this.

The Gospel. St. Matthew xxviii. 18.

Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Then shall follow the Nicene Creed, and after that the Sermon; which being ended, the Elected Bishop, vested with his Rochet, shall be presented by two Bishops of this Church unto the Presiding Bishop, or to the Bishop appointed, sitting in his chair, near the Holy Table; the Bishops who present him saying,

Reverend Father in God, we present unto you this godly and well-

Then shall another elder read the Gospel:

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus said unto him, Feed my sheep.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Then shall the elected person be presented by two elders unto the Bishop, the elders saying:

We present unto you this elder chosen to be consecrated a Bishop.

learned man, to be Ordained and Consecrated Bishop.

Then shall the Presiding Bishop demand Testimonials of the person presented for Consecration, and shall cause them to be read.

He shall then require of him the following Promise of Conformity to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In the Name of God, Amen. I N., chosen Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in N., do promise conformity and obedience to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

Then the Presiding Bishop shall move the Congregation present to pray, saying thus to them:

Brethren, it is written in the Gospel of Saint Luke, that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer, before he chose and sent forth his twelve Apostles. It is written also, that the holy Apostles prayed before they ordained Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve. Let us, therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ, and his Apostles, offer up our prayers to Almighty God, before we admit and send forth this person presented unto us, to the work whereunto we trust the Holy Ghost hath called him.

And then shall be said the Litany; save only, that after this place, That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, etc., the proper Suffrage shall be,

That it may please thee to bless this our Brother elected, and to send thy grace upon him, that he may duly execute the Office whereunto he is called, to the edifying of thy Church, and to the honour, praise, and glory of thy Name;

Answer. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

And NOTE, That in the discretion of the Presiding Bishop, instead of the Litany, may be said the Litany for Ordinations. Then shall be said this Prayer following.

Almighty God, giver of all good

Then shall the Bishop call upon the people present to pray, saying:

Dearly beloved, it is written in the Gospel of St. Luke that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent forth his twelve apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples who were at Antioch did fast and pray before they laid hands on Paul and Barnabas and sent them forth on their first mission to the Gentiles. Let us therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ and his apostles, give ourselves to prayer before we admit and send forth *this person* presented to us, to the work whereunto we trust the Holy Spirit hath called *him*.

Then shall the Bishop pray:

Almighty God, giver of all good

things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in thy Church; Mercifully behold this thy servant, now called to the Work and Ministry of a Bishop; and so replenish him with the truth of thy Doctrine, and adorn him with innocency of life, that, both by word and deed, he may faithfully serve thee in this Office, to the glory of thy Name, and the edifying and well-governing of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Then, the People being seated, the Presiding Bishop, sitting in his chair, shall say to him that is to be Consecrated,

Brother, forasmuch as the Holy Scripture and the ancient Canons command, that we should not be hasty in laying on hands, and admitting any person to Government in the Church of Christ, which he hath purchased with no less price than the effusion of his own blood; before we admit you to this Administration, we will examine you in certain Articles, to the end that the Congregation present may have a trial, and bear witness, how you are minded to behave yourself in the Church of God.

Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this Ministration, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the order of this Church?

Answer. I am so persuaded.

Bishop. Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same Holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge; and to teach or maintain nothing, as necessary to eternal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the same?

Answer. I am so persuaded, and determined, by God's grace.

Bishop. Will you then faithfully

things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers offices in thy Church; graciously behold *this thy servant* now called to the office and ministry of a Bishop. So replenish *him* with the truth of thy doctrine, and so adorn *him* with innocency of life, that by both word and deed *he* may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy name and the edifying and well governing of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop say to him that is to be consecrated:

Brother, forasmuch as the Holy Scriptures command that we should not be hasty in admitting any person to government in the Church of Christ, before you are admitted to this ministration, you will, in the fear of God, give answer to these questions:

Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this ministration, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ?

I am so persuaded.

Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all truth required for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same Holy Scriptures so to instruct the people committed to your charge that they may enter into eternal life?

I am so persuaded and determined, by God's grace.

Will you then faithfully ex-

exercise yourself in the Holy Scriptures, and call upon God by prayer for the true understanding of the same; so that you may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome Doctrine, and to withstand and convince the gain-sayers?

Answer. I will so do, by the help of God.

Bishop. Are you ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word; and both privately and openly to call upon and encourage others to the same?

Answer. I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; that you may show yourself in all things an example of good works unto others, that the adversary may be ashamed, having nothing to say against you?

Answer. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop. Will you show yourself gentle, and be merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people, and to all strangers destitute of help?

Answer. I will so show myself, by God's help.

Bishop. Will you maintain and set forward, as much as shall lie in you, quietness, love, and peace among all men; and diligently exercise such discipline as by the authority of God's Word, and by the order of this Church, is committed to you?

Answer. I will so do, by the help of God.

Bishop. Will you be faithful in Ordaining, sending, or laying hands upon others?

Answer. I will so be, by the help of God.

ercise *yourself* in the Holy Scriptures, and call upon God through study and prayer for the true understanding of the same?

I will so do, by the help of God.

Are you ready with all faithful diligence to seek and to promote the truth of Christ and to defend the Church against all doctrine contrary to God's Word?

I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

Will you live soberly, righteously, and devoutly in this present world, that you may show *yourself* in all things an example of good works unto others, to the honor and glory of God?

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Will you show *yourself* gentle, and be merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people, and to all strangers destitute of help?

I will, by the help of God.

Will you maintain and set forward, as much as lieth in you, quietness, love, and peace among all men; and faithfully exercise such discipline in the Church as shall be committed unto you?

I will so do, by the help of God.

Will you be faithful in ordaining and appointing others; and will you ever seek to deal justly and kindly with your brethren of the ministry over whom you are placed as chief pastor?

Then, all standing, the Presiding Bishop shall say,

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hath given you a good will to do all these things; Grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same; that, he accomplishing in you the good work which he hath begun, you may be found perfect and irreprehensible at the latter day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop elect put on the rest of the Episcopal habit, and shall kneel down; and the Veni, Creator Spiritus shall be sung or said over him; the Presiding Bishop shall begin, and the Bishops, and the others that are present, standing, shall answer by verses, as followeth.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,

Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One;
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

That ended, the Presiding Bishop shall say,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, and most merciful Father, who, of thine infinite goodness, hast given thy only and

I will so do, by the help of God.

Then shall the Bishop pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hath given you a good will to do all these things, grant also unto you wisdom and power to perform the same, that he may accomplish in you the good work which he hath begun, that you may be found blameless; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the people shall be requested to make their earnest supplications in silent prayer to God for those who are to be consecrated as Bishops, and silence shall be kept for a space; after which shall be said the Veni, Creator Spiritus, the Bishop beginning, and all others answering as followeth, both the Bishop and the people uniting in the final couplet.

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Amen.

Then shall the Bishop say:

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who of thine infinite goodness hast given thine only and

dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who, after that he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, poured down his gifts abundantly upon men, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Doctors, to the edifying and making perfect his Church; Grant, we beseech thee, to this thy servant, such grace, that he may evermore be ready to spread abroad thy Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with thee; and use the authority given him, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help: so that, as a wise and faithful servant, giving to thy family their portion in due season, he may at last be received into everlasting joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then the Presiding Bishop and Bishops present shall lay their hands upon the head of the Elected Bishop, kneeling before them, the Presiding Bishop saying,

Receive the Holy Ghost for the Office and Work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the Imposition of our hands; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.* And remember that thou stir up the grace of God, which is given thee by this Imposition of our hands; for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and soberness.

Then the Presiding Bishop shall deliver him the Bible, saying,

Give heed unto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all men; for by so doing thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf; feed them, devour them not. Hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring again the

dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer, and hast made some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to the edifying and making perfect of thy Church; grant, we beseech thee, to *this thy servant* such grace that *he* may evermore be ready to spread abroad thy gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with thee, and to use the authority given *him*, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help; so that as a wise and faithful *servant*, giving to all their portion in due season, *he* may at last be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then the Bishops and elders present shall lay their hands upon the head of the elected person kneeling before them, the consecrating Bishop saying:

The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the authority of the Church through the imposition of our hands, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And remember that thou stir up the grace of God which is in thee; for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop deliver to him the Bible, saying:

Give heed unto reading, exhortation, and teaching. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all men. Take heed unto thyself and to thy teaching; for by so doing thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd. Hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the

outcast, seek the lost. Be so merciful, that you be not too remiss; so minister discipline, that you forget not mercy; that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Presiding Bishop shall proceed in the Communion Service; with whom the newly consecrated Bishop, with others, shall also communicate.

And immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Prayer.

Most merciful Father, send down, we beseech thee, upon this thy servant thy heavenly blessing; and so endue him with thy Holy Spirit, that he, preaching thy Word, may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke, with all patience and doctrine; but also may be, to such as believe, a wholesome example in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in purity; that, faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day he may receive the crown of righteousness, laid up by the Lord Jesus, the righteous Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

broken, bring again the outcast, seek the lost; faithfully minister discipline, but forget not mercy; that the Kingdom of God may come upon the earth and, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, that you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop pray:

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down upon *this* thy servant thy heavenly blessing, and so endue *him* with thy Holy Spirit that *he*, preaching thy word, not only may be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke with all patience and doctrine, but also may be to such as believe a wholesome example in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in purity; that, faithfully fulfilling *his* course, at the latter day *he* may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord, the righteous judge, who liveth and reigneth, one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then may the Bishop say:

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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Baptism

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The Ministration of Holy Baptism

The Minister of every Parish shall often admonish the People, that they defer not the Baptism of their Children, and that it is most convenient that Baptism should be administered upon Sundays and other Holy Days. Nevertheless, if necessity so require, Baptism may be administered upon any other day. And also he shall warn them that, except for urgent cause, they seek not to have their Children baptized in their houses.

There shall be for every Male-child to be baptized, when they can be had, two Godfathers, and one Godmother; and for every Female, one Godfather and two Godmothers; and Parents shall be admitted as Sponsors, if it be desired.

When there are Children to be baptized, the Parents or Sponsors shall give knowledge thereof to the Minister. And then the Godfathers and Godmothers, and the People with the children, must be ready at the Font, either immediately after the Second Lesson at Morning or Evening Prayer, or at such other time as the Minister shall appoint.

When any such Persons as are of riper years are to be baptized, timely notice shall be given to the Minister; that so due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion; and that they may be exhorted to prepare themselves, with Prayers and Fasting, for the receiving of this holy Sacrament. And NOTE, That at the time of the Baptism of an Adult, there shall be present with him at the Font at least two Witnesses.

The Minister, having come to the Font, which is then to be filled with pure Water, shall say as followeth, the People all standing,

Hath this Child (Person) been already baptized, or no?

If they answer, No: then shall the Minister proceed as followeth.

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to *this Child (this Person)* that which by nature he cannot have; that he may be baptized with

THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Let every adult person, and the parents of every child to be baptized, have the choice of sprinkling, pouring, or immersion.

It is proper and desirable that this Sacrament should not only be accompanied by prayer, admonition, and the reading of Scripture, as herein provided, but that it should be administered in the presence of the people, and most suitably in the house of God.

(The Methodist Ritual has a separate service for the baptism of adults as well as a separate service for children and youth. The Book of Common Prayer inserts the modifications for the baptism of adults into the service for infants.)

THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are heirs of life eternal and subjects of the saving grace of the Holy Spirit; and that our Saviour Christ saith, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous goodness he will grant unto *this child*, now to be baptized, the continual replenishing of his grace that he become a worthy member of Christ's holy Church.

Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church and be made a living member of the same.

Then shall the Minister say,

Let us pray.

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for *this Child (this thy Servant)*, that *he*, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *this Child (this thy Servant)* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Minister shall say as followeth,

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Mark, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse.

They brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

(In the Book of Common Prayer here follow two further scripture lessons—John 3:1-8 and Matthew 28:18-20—more appropriate for the baptism of adults.)

Then shall the Minister say,

And now, being persuaded of the good will of our heavenly

Then shall the minister say:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech thee that of thine infinite goodness thou wilt look upon *this child* and grant that by the aid of thy Holy Spirit *he* may be steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, and that *he* may so live the life which now is, that *he* may enter triumphantly the life which is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

(In the Methodist Ritual, this lesson follows the examination of parents and sponsors. See below.)

Then shall the minister address the parents or sponsors as follows:

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as *this child* is now presented by you

Father toward *this Child* (*this Person*), declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say,

Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give thee humble thanks, That thou hast vouchsafed ^{Minister} to call us To the ^{and} ^{People.} knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, And confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *this Child* (*this thy Servant*), That *he* may be born again, And be made *an heir* of everlasting salvation; Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, Now and for ever. Amen.

When the Office is used for Children, the Minister shall speak unto the Godfathers and Godmothers on this wise.

Dearly beloved, ye have brought *this Child* here to be baptized; ye have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive *him*, to release *him* from sin, to sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost, to give *him* the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life.

Dost thou, therefore, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavor not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

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for Christian Baptism, and *is* thus consecrated to God and to his Church, it is your part and duty to see that *he* be taught, as soon as *he* shall be able to learn, the meaning and purpose of this holy Sacrament; that *he* be instructed in the principles of our holy faith and the nature of the Christian life; that *he* shall be trained to give reverent attendance upon the public and private worship of God and the teaching of the Holy Scripture; and that in every way, by precept and example, you shall seek to lead *him* into the love of God and the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you solemnly promise to fulfill these duties so far as in you lies, the Lord being your helper?

We do.

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Minister. Having now, in the name of this Child, made these promises, wilt thou also on thy part take heed that this Child learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Minister. Wilt thou take heed that this Child, so soon as sufficiently instructed, be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him?

Answer. I will, God being my helper.

Then shall the people stand, and the Minister shall say:

Hear the words of the Gospel written by St. Mark:

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Let the little children come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Then shall the Minister say,

O merciful God, grant that like as Christ died and rose again, so *this Child (this thy Servant)* may die to sin and rise to newness of life. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

Then the Minister shall say,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for that thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that *this Child (this thy Servant)*, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Then the Minister shall take the Child into his arms, and shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers,

Name this Child.

And then, naming the Child after them, he shall dip him in the Water discreetly, or shall pour Water upon him, saying,

N. I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

But NOTE, That if the Person to be baptized be an Adult, the Minister shall take him by the hand, and shall ask the Witnesses the Name; and then shall dip him in the Water, or pour Water upon him, using the same form of words.

Then the Minister shall say,

We receive this Child (Person) into the congregation of Christ's

Then shall the Minister, who may take the child in his arms, say to the parents or sponsors:

What name shall be given to this child?

And then, repeating the name, he shall baptize the child, saying:

N., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

O God, our heavenly Father, grant that *this child*, as he grows in years, may also grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that by the restrain-

him with the sign of flock; and do* sign the Cross, in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. Amen.

* Here the Minister shall make a Cross upon the Child's (or Person's) forehead.

Then shall the Minister say,

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this Child (this Person)* is regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *this Child (this Person)* may lead the rest of his life according to this beginning.

Then shall be said,

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say,

We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate *this Child (this thy Servant)* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive him for thine own Child, and to incorporate him into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that he, being dead unto sin, may live unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may also be partaker of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, he may be an inheritor of thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ing and renewing influence of thy Holy Spirit he may ever be a true child of God, serving thee faithfully all his days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, fount of all love and wisdom, source of all power; so guide and uphold the parents [or sponsors] of *this child* that, by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example, they may lead him into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Or the Minister may offer extempore prayer.

Then may the Minister and the people say:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then may be sung a hymn, such as:

406—"Friend of the home: as when in Galilee."
 407—"See Israel's gentle Shepherd stand."
 440—"I think when I read."

Then the Minister shall add,

The Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Grant you to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, ye may be filled with all the fulness of God. *Amen.*

In the Book of Common Prayer certain rubrics follow here concerning Private Baptism, the Receiving of One Privately Baptized, and Conditional Baptism.

Then may the Minister say:

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and evermore. AMEN.

Appendix to Baptism Comparison

For comparison, the corresponding sections containing questions and answers for the baptism of adults, are here appended.

When the Office is used for Adults, the Minister shall address them on this wise, the Persons to be baptized answering the questions for themselves.

Well-beloved, you have come hither desiring to receive holy Baptism. We have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you, to release you from sin, to sanctify you with the Holy Ghost, to give you the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life.

Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and by God's help, will endeavor not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister. Dost thou believe in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Dost thou accept him, and desire to follow him as thy Saviour and Lord?

Then shall the Minister say to the persons to be baptized:

Dearly beloved, who have come hither desiring to receive holy Baptism, the congregation gives thanks to God for your coming, and prays that the Holy Spirit may dwell within you, and that your faith may not fail. In the hearing of this congregation you should now make known your purpose to accept the obligations of this holy Sacrament.

Do you truly repent of your sins and accept and confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?

I do.

Will you earnestly endeavor to keep God's holy will and commandments?

I will.

Do you desire to be baptized in this faith?

I do.

Answer. I do.

Minister. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer. That is my desire.

Minister. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Marriage

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The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony

At the day and time appointed for Solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, or shall be ready in some proper house, with their friends and neighbours; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say,

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church: which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now

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At the time appointed, the persons to be married—having been qualified according to the law of the State and the standards of the Church—standing together facing the Minister, the Man at the Minister's left hand and the Woman at the right, the Minister shall say:

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which is an honorable estate, instituted of God, and signifying unto us the mystical union which exists between Christ and his Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence in Cana of Galilee. It is therefore not to be entered into unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons come now to be joined.

speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

And also speaking unto the Persons who are to be married, he shall say,

I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

The Minister, if he shall have reason to doubt of the lawfulness of the proposed Marriage, may demand sufficient surety for his indemnification: but if no impediment shall be alleged, or suspected, the Minister shall say to the Man,

N. Wilt thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The Man Shall answer,

I will.

Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,

N. Wilt thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman shall answer,

I will.

Then shall the Minister say,

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

Speaking to the persons to be married, the Minister shall say:

I require and charge you both, as you stand in the presence of God, to remember that love and loyalty alone will avail as the foundation of a happy and enduring home. No other human ties are more tender, no other vows more sacred than those you now assume. If these solemn vows be kept inviolate, and if steadfastly you endeavor to do the will of your heavenly Father, your life will be full of joy, and the home which you are establishing will abide in peace.

Then shall the Minister say to the Man, using his Christian name:

N., wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all other keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The Man shall answer:

I will.

Then shall the Minister say to the Woman, using her Christian name:

N., wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all other keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman shall answer:

I will.

Then may the Minister say:

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

The father of the Woman, or whoever giveth her in marriage, shall answer:

I do.

Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner. The Minister, receiving the Woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and say after him as followeth.

I N. take thee N. to my wedded Wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister,

I N. take thee N. to my wedded Husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Then shall they again loose their hands; and the Man shall give unto the Woman a Ring on this wise: the Minister taking the Ring shall deliver it unto the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, and taught by the Minister, shall say,

With this Ring I thee wed: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

And before delivering the Ring to the Man, the Minister may say as followeth.

Bless, O Lord, this Ring, that he who gives it and she who wears it may abide in thy peace, and continue in thy favour, unto their life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, the Man leaving the Ring upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, the Minister shall say,

Then the Minister (receiving the hand of the Woman from her father or other sponsor) shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and say after him:

I, N., take thee, N., to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, or worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman, with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall say after the Minister:

I, N., take thee, N., to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they again loose their hands; and the Man may give unto the Woman a Ring, on this wise: the Minister, taking the Ring, shall say:

This Ring is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, signifying unto all the uniting of this Man and this Woman in holy matrimony, through the Church of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then the Minister may say:

Let us pray.

Bless, O Lord, the giving of this Ring, that he who gives it and she who wears it may abide forever in thy peace, and continue in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The Minister shall then deliver the Ring to the Man to put upon the third finger of the Woman's left hand. The Man holding the Ring there, shall say after the Minister:

In token and pledge of the vow between us made, with this ring I thee wed; in the Name of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In case of a double-ring ceremony, the Minister shall deliver the other Ring to the Woman to put upon the third finger of the Man's left hand; and the Woman, holding the Ring there, shall say after the Minister:

In token and pledge of the vow between us made, with this ring I thee wed; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

Then shall the Minister and the People, still standing, say the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister add,

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy Name; that they, living faithfully together, may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister may add one or both of the following prayers:

O Almighty God, Creator of mankind, who only art the well-spring of life; Bestow upon these thy servants, if it be thy will, the gift and heritage of children; and grant that they may see their

(In the Methodist Ritual, the Lord's Prayer follows the joining of hands. See below.)

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

O eternal God, creator and preserver of all mankind, giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life; send thy blessing upon this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name; that they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws.

Look graciously upon them, that they may love, honor, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and a place of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

children brought up in thy faith and fear, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church; Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say,

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Then shall the Minister speak unto the company.

Forasmuch as N. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a Ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce that they are Man and Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together and with his hand on their united hands shall say:

Forasmuch as N. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have pledged their troth each to the other, and have declared the same by joining hands (and by giving and receiving a ring); I pronounce that they are husband and wife together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Those whom God had joined together, let not man put asunder. *AMEN.*

Then, the husband and wife kneeling, the Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

The man and wife kneeling, the Minister shall add this blessing.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister add this blessing:

God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord graciously with his favor look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and love that you may so live together in this life that in the world to come you may have life everlasting. *AMEN.*

Articles of Religion

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I. *Of Faith in the Holy Trinity.*

There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or passions; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the Maker, and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there be three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

II. *Of the Word or Son of God, which was made very Man.*

The Son, which is the Word of the Father, begotten from everlasting of the Father, the very and eternal God, and of one substance with the Father, took Man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin, of her substance: so that two whole and perfect Natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God, and very Man; who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.

III. *Of the going down of Christ into Hell.*

As Christ died for us, and was buried; so also is it to be believed, that he went down into Hell.

IV. *Of the Resurrection of Christ.*

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death, and took again his body, with flesh, bones, and all things appertaining to the perfection of Man's nature; wherewith he ascended into Heaven, and there sitteth, until he return to judge all Men at the last day.

V. *Of the Holy Ghost.*

The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory, with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

VI. *Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation.*

Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scripture we do understand those canonical Books of the Old and New Testament, of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church.

Of the Names and Number of the Canonical Books.

Genesis,
Exodus,
Leviticus,
Numbers,
Deuteronomy,
Joshua,
Judges,
Ruth,
The First Book of Samuel,
The Second Book of Samuel,
The First Book of Kings,
The Second Book of Kings,
The First Book of Chronicles,
The Second Book of Chronicles,
The First Book of Esdras,
The Second Book of Esdras,
The Book of Esther,
The Book of Job,
The Psalms,
The Proverbs,
Ecclesiastes or Preacher,
Cantica, or Songs of Solomon,
Four Prophets the greater,
Twelve Prophets the less.

And the other Books (as Hierome saith) the Church doth read for example of life and instruction of manners; but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine; such are these following:

The Third Book of Esdras,
The Fourth Book of Esdras,

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All the books of the New Testament, as they are commonly received, we do receive and account canonical.

The Book of Tobias,
 The Book of Judith,
 The rest of the Book of Esther,
 The Book of Wisdom,
 Jesus the Son of Sirach,
 Baruch the Prophet,
 The Song of the Three Children,
 The Story of Susanna,
 Of Bel and the Dragon,
 The Prayer of Manasses,
 The First Book of Maccabees,
 The Second Book of Maccabees.

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VII. *Of the Old Testament.*

The Old Testament is not contrary to the New; for both in the Old and New Testament everlasting life is offered to Mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and Man, being both God and Man. Wherefore they are not to be heard, which feign that the old Fathers did look only for transitory promises. Although the Law given from God by Moses, as touching Ceremonies and Rites, do not bind Christian men, nor the Civil precepts thereof ought of necessity to be received in any commonwealth; yet notwithstanding, no Christian man whatsoever is free from the obedience of the Commandments which are called Moral.

VIII. *Of the Creeds.*

The Nicene Creed, and that which is commonly called the Apostles' Creed, ought thoroughly to be received and believed: for they may be proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture.

IX. *Of Original or Birth-Sin.*

Original sin standeth not in the following of Adam, (as the Pelagians do vainly talk;) but it is the fault and corruption of the Nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam; whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and is of his own nature inclined to evil, so that the flesh lusteth always contrary to the Spirit; and therefore in every person born into this world, it

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deserveth God's wrath and damnation. And this infection of nature doth remain, yea in them that are regenerated; whereby the lust of the flesh, called in Greek, *ἐπιθυμία*, (which some do expound the wisdom, some sensuality, some the affection, some the desire, of the flesh,) is not subject to the Law of God. And although there is no condemnation for them that believe and are baptized; yet the Apostle doth confess, that concupiscence and lust hath of itself the nature of sin.

X. Of Free-Will.

The condition of Man after the fall of Adam is such, that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and good works, to faith, and calling upon God. Wherefore we have no power to do good works pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing us, that we may have a good will, and working with us, when we have that good will.

XI. Of the Justification of Man.

We are accounted righteous before God, only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by Faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by Faith only, is a most wholesome Doctrine, and very full of comfort, as more largely is expressed in the Homily of Justification.

XII. Of Good Works.

Albeit that Good Works, which are the fruits of Faith, and follow after Justification, cannot put away our sins, and endure the severity of God's judgment; yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and do spring out necessarily of a true and lively Faith; insomuch that by them a lively Faith may be as evidently known as a tree discerned by the fruit.

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Christ, and the Inspiration of his Spirit, are not pleasant to God, forasmuch as they spring not of faith in Jesus Christ; neither do they make men meet to receive grace, or (as the School-authors say) deserve grace of congruity: yea rather, for that they are not done as God hath willed and commanded them to be done, we doubt not but they have the nature of sin.

XIV. *Of Works of Supererogation.*

Voluntary Works besides, over and above, God's Commandments, which they call Works of Supererogation, cannot be taught without arrogancy and impiety: for by them men do declare, that they do not only render unto God as much as they are bound to do, but that they do more for his sake, than of bounden duty is required: whereas Christ saith plainly, When ye have done all that are commanded to you, say, We are unprofitable servants.

XV. *Of Christ alone without Sin.*

Christ in the truth of our nature was made like unto us in all things, sin only except, from which he was clearly void, both in his flesh, and in his spirit. He came to be the Lamb without spot, who, by sacrifice of himself once made, should take away the sins of the world; and sin (as Saint John saith) was not in him. But all we the rest, although baptized, and born again in Christ, yet offend in many things; and if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

XVI. *Of Sin after Baptism.*

Not every deadly sin willingly committed after Baptism is sin against the Holy Ghost, and unpardonable. Wherefore the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after Baptism. After we have received the Holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin, and by the grace of God we may arise again, and amend our lives. And

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XVII. *Of Predestination and Election.*

Predestination to Life is the everlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the foundations of the world were laid) he hath constantly decreed by his counsel secret to us, to deliver from curse and damnation those whom he hath chosen in Christ out of mankind, and to bring them by Christ to everlasting salvation, as vessels made to honour. Wherefore, they which be endued with so excellent a benefit of God, be called according to God's purpose by his Spirit working in due season: they through Grace obey the calling: they be justified freely: they be made sons of God by adoption: they be made like the image of his only-begotten Son Jesus Christ: they walk religiously in good works, and at length, by God's mercy, they attain to everlasting felicity.

As the godly consideration of Predestination, and our Election in Christ, is full of sweet, pleasant, and unspeakable comfort to godly persons, and such as feel in themselves the working of the Spirit of Christ, mortifying the works of the flesh, and their earthly members, and drawing up their mind to high and heavenly things, as well because it doth greatly establish and confirm their faith of eternal Salvation to be enjoyed through Christ, as because it doth fervently kindle their love towards God: So, for curious and carnal persons, lacking the Spirit of Christ, to have continually before their eyes the sentence of God's Predestination, is a most dangerous downfall, whereby the Devil doth thrust them either into desperation, or into wretchlessness of most unclean living, no less perilous than desperation.

Furthermore, we must receive God's promises in such wise, as

they be generally set forth to us in Holy Scripture: and, in our doings, that Will of God is to be followed, which we have expressly declared unto us in the Word of God.

XVIII. *Of obtaining eternal Salvation only by the Name of Christ.*

They also are to be had accursed that presume to say, That every man shall be saved by the Law or Sect which he professeth, so that he be diligent to frame his life according to that Law, and the light of Nature. For Holy Scripture doth set out unto us only the Name of Jesus Christ, whereby men must be saved.

XIX. *Of the Church.*

The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, in the which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duly ministered according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same.

As the Church of Jerusalem, Alexandria, and Antioch, have erred; so also the Church of Rome hath erred, not only in their living and manner of Ceremonies, but also in matters of Faith.

XX. *Of the Authority of the Church.*

The Church hath power to decree Rites or Ceremonies, and authority in Controversies of Faith: and yet it is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's Word written, neither may it so expound one place of Scripture, that it be repugnant to another. Wherefore, although the Church be a witness and a keeper of Holy Writ, yet, as it ought not to decree any thing against the same, so besides the same ought it not to enforce any thing to be believed for necessity of Salvation.

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The Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory, Pardons, Worshiping and Adoration, as well of Images as of Relics, and also Invocation of Saints, is a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God.

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XXIII. *Of Ministering in the Congregation.*

It is not lawful for any man to take upon him the office of public preaching, or ministering the Sacraments in the Congregation, before he be lawfully called, and sent to execute the same. And those we ought to judge lawfully called and sent, which be chosen and called to this work by men who have public authority given unto them in the Congregation, to call and send Ministers into the Lord's vineyard.

XXIV. *Of Speaking in the Congregation in such a Tongue as the people understandeth.*

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Sacraments ordained of Christ be not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they be certain sure witnesses, and effectual signs of grace, and God's good will towards us, by the which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our Faith in him.

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XXVI. *Of the Unworthiness of the Ministers, which hinders not the effect of the Sacraments.*

Although in the visible Church the evil be ever mingled with the good, and sometimes the evil have chief authority in the Ministration of the Word and Sacraments, yet forasmuch as they do not the same in their own name, but in Christ's, and do minister by his commission and authority, we may use their Ministry, both in hearing the Word of God, and in receiving the Sacraments. Neither is the effect of Christ's ordinance taken away by their wickedness, nor the grace of God's gifts diminished from such as by faith, and rightly, do receive the Sacraments ministered unto them; which be effectual, because of Christ's institution and promise, although they be ministered by evil men.

Nevertheless, it appertaineth to the discipline of the Church, that inquiry be made of evil Ministers, and that they be accused by those that have knowledge of their offences; and finally, being found guilty, by just judgment be deposed.

XXVII. *Of Baptism.*

Baptism is not only a sign of profession, and mark of difference, whereby Christian men are discerned from others that be not christened, but it is also a sign of Regeneration or New-Birth, whereby, as by an instrument, they that receive Baptism rightly are grafted into the Church; the promises of the forgiveness of sin, and of our adoption to be the sons of God by the Holy Ghost, are visibly signed and sealed; Faith is confirmed, and Grace increased by virtue of prayer unto God.

The Baptism of young Children is in any wise to be retained in the Church, as most agreeable with the institution of Christ.

XXVIII. *Of the Lord's Supper.*

The Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves one to another; but rather it is a Sacrament of our Redemption by Christ's death: insomuch that to such as rightly, worthily, and with faith, receive the same, the Bread which we break is a partaking of the Body of Christ; and likewise the Cup of Blessing is a partaking of the Blood of Christ.

Transubstantiation (or the change of the substance of Bread and Wine) in the Supper of the Lord, cannot be proved by Holy Writ; but is repugnant to the plain words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of a Sacrament, and hath given occasion to many superstitions.

The Body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten, in the Supper, only after an heavenly and spiritual manner. And the mean whereby the Body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper, is Faith.

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The Wicked, and such as be void of a lively faith, although they do carnally and visibly press with their teeth (as Saint Augustine saith) the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ; yet in no wise are they partakers of Christ: but rather, to their condemnation, do eat and drink the sign or Sacrament of so great a thing.

XXX. *Of both Kinds.*

The Cup of the Lord is not to be denied to the Lay-people: for both the parts of the Lord's Sacrament, by Christ's ordinance and commandment, ought to be ministered to all Christian men alike.

XXXI. *Of the one Oblation of
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The Offering of Christ once made is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction, for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin, but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifices of Masses, in the which it was commonly said, that the Priest did offer Christ for the quick and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, were blasphemous fables, and dangerous deceits.

XXXII. *Of the Marriage of
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Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, are not commanded by God's Law, either to vow the estate of single life, or to abstain from marriage: therefore it is lawful for them, as for all other Christian men, to marry at their own discretion, as shall judge the same to serve better to godliness.

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Church, and excommunicated, ought to be taken of the whole multitude of the faithful, as an Heathen and Publican, until he be openly reconciled by penance, and received into the Church by a Judge that hath authority thereunto.

XXXIV. Of the Traditions of the Church.

It is not necessary that Traditions and Ceremonies be in all places one, or utterly like; for at all times they have been divers, and may be changed according to the diversity of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's Word. Whosoever, through his private judgment, willingly and purposely, doth openly break the Traditions and Ceremonies of the Church, which be not repugnant to the Word of God, and be ordained and approved by common authority, ought to be rebuked openly, (that others may fear to do the like,) as he that offended against the common order of the Church, and hurteth the authority of the Magistrate, and woundeth the consciences of the weak brethren.

Every particular or national Church hath authority to ordain, change, and abolish, Ceremonies or Rites of the Church ordained only by man's authority, so that all things be done to edifying.

XXXV. Of the Homilies.

The Second Book of Homilies, the several titles whereof we have joined under this Article, doth contain a godly and wholesome Doctrine, and necessary for these times, as doth the former Book of Homilies, which were set forth in the time of Edward the Sixth; and therefore we judge them to be read in Churches by the Ministers, diligently and distinctly, that they may be understood of the people.

Of the Names of the Homilies.

- 1 Of the right Use of the Church.
- 2 Against Peril of Idolatry.
- 3 Of repairing and keeping clean of Churches.
- 4 Of good Works: first of Fasting.

XXII. Of the Rites and Ceremonies of Churches.

It is not necessary that rites and ceremonies should in all places be the same, or exactly alike; for they have been always different, and may be changed according to the diversity of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's Word. Whosoever, through his private judgment, willingly and purposely doth openly break the rites and ceremonies of the Church to which he belongeth, which are not repugnant to the Word of God, and are ordained and approved by common authority, ought to be rebuked openly (that others may fear to do the like), as one that offendeth against the common order of the church, and woundeth the consciences of weak brethren.

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- 5 Against Gluttony and Drunkenness.
- 6 Against Excesses of Apparel.
- 7 Of Prayer.
- 8 Of the Place and Time of Prayer.
- 9 That Common Prayers and Sacraments ought to be ministered in a known tongue.
- 10 Of the reverend Estimation of God's Word.
- 11 Of Alms-doing.
- 12 Of the Nativity of Christ.
- 13 Of the Passion of Christ.
- 14 Of the Resurrection of Christ.
- 15 Of the worthy receiving of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- 16 Of the Gifts of the Holy Ghost.
- 17 For the Rogation-days.
- 18 Of the State of Matrimony.
- 19 Of Repentance.
- 20 Against Idleness.
- 21 Against Rebellion.

[This Article is received in this Church, so far as it declares the Books of Homilies to be an explication of Christian doctrine, and instructive in piety and morals. But all references to the constitution and laws of England are considered as inapplicable to the circumstances of this Church; which also suspends the order for the reading of said Homilies in churches, until a revision of them may be conveniently made, for the clearing of them, as well from obsolete words and phrases, as from the local references.]

XXXVI. *Of Consecration of Bishops and Ministers.*

The Book of Consecration of Bishops, and Ordering of Priests and Deacons, as set forth by the General Convention of this Church in 1792, doth contain all things necessary to such Consecration and Ordering; neither hath it any thing that, of itself, is superstitious and ungodly. And, therefore, whosoever are consecrated or ordered according to said Form, we decree all such to be rightly, orderly, and lawfully consecrated and ordered.

XXXVII. *Of the Power of the Civil Magistrates.*

The Power of the Civil Magistrate extendeth to all men, as well Clergy as Laity, in all things temporal; but hath no authority in things purely spiritual. And we hold it to be the duty of all men who are professors of the Gospel, to pay respectful obedience to the Civil Authority, regularly and legitimately constituted.

XXIII. *Of the Rulers of the United States of America.*

The President, the Congress, the general assemblies, the governors, and the councils of state as the delegates of the people, are the rulers of the United States of America, according to the division of power made to them by the Constitution of the United States and by the constitutions of their respective States. And the said States are a sovereign and inde-

pendent nation, and ought not to be subject to any foreign jurisdiction.

XXXVIII. *Of Christian Men's Goods, which are not common.*

The Riches and Goods of Christians are not common, as touching the right, title, and possession of the same; as certain Anabaptists do falsely boast. Notwithstanding, every man ought, of such things as he possesseth, liberally to give alms to the poor, according to his ability.

XXXIX. *Of a Christian Man's Oath.*

As we confess that vain and rash Swearing is forbidden Christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ, and James his Apostle, so we judge, that Christian Religion doth not prohibit, but that a man may swear when the Magistrate requireth, in a cause of faith and charity, so it be done according to the Prophet's teaching, in justice, judgment, and truth.

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No. 4

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT ON CRUSADE FOR CHRIST FUNDS

Presented May 5, 1952. Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 604.

The 1948 General Conference authorized the continuance of the Budget Committee of the Crusade for Christ during the current quadrennium and gave them authority to distribute whatever surplus was received above the \$25,000,000 on requisition, to the purposes included in the original allocations and on the same percentage basis as the original allocations; this to be done as the agencies called for use of these funds.

In accordance with these instructions the Budget Committee has met at such times as necessary during the quadrennium and has given careful attention to the requisitions from the several agencies included in the original askings.

To the Budget Committee was given also the responsibility of distributing \$1,344,726.06 in the Crusade Contingent Fund. We give you herewith a statement of our stewardship. Distribution of these contingent funds has been made to the following causes:

**CRUSADE CONTINGENT FUND
THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 1952**

Regular Distribution	\$1,306,696.86
Allocated	
Contribution to Budget of Amsterdam Conference	16,957.21
Archbishop Damaskinos for relief in Greece	25,000.00
Reconstruction of Churches and Hospitals in Germany ...	45,702.01
Reconstruction of City Road Chapel, London, England ...	12,500.00
Clark College	25,000.00
Department of Chapel Affairs, Reconstruction, Manchester, England	100,000.00
Ecumenical Methodist Council	15,000.00
Gulfside Assembly	35,000.00
Hiroshima Japan Girls Schools	100,000.00
Hiwassee College Dormitory	10,000.00
Meharry Medical Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee	50,000.00
Orphans in Poland	25,000.00
Overseas Relief	50,000.00
Provisional Conference, Geneva Area	5,000.00
Repairs Methodist Church, Mexico City	20,000.00
Scarritt College for Dormitory	100,000.00
Paine College, Augusta, Georgia	25,000.00

Wesley Foundations		100,000.00
World Council of Churches		
Relief and Reconstruction	\$343,000.00	
Administration	203,537.64	546,537.64
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Total Disbursements		\$1,306,696.86

We call your attention to the complete financial statement of The Crusade for Christ as presented on pages 27, 28 and 37 of the report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance to the General Conference of 1952. The total receipts through February 29, 1952 amounted to \$27,796,-758.83.

Believing that the work of the Budget Committee should be brought to a close with this General Conference, your Committee asks approval of the following recommendations:

1. Of The Crusade for Christ funds, \$500,000 was allocated by the General Conference of 1944 to Gammon Theological Seminary at Atlanta, Georgia, for the purpose of making possible a first-class building in a new location. Conditions, however, have not seemed to make feasible the investment of this money in a new building up to this time, and plans for its development have not been agreed upon. Each year, \$15,000 of interest has been appropriated to Gammon Seminary for use in operating expenses, and the remaining interest has been added to the principal fund which now amounts to approximately \$550,000. Having given most careful consideration to the many factors involved, the Budget Committee believes it is desirable, in order that, if possible, the objectives for which this money was allocated may be achieved, that this capital fund should be held for a reasonable time until a definite program can be worked out.

Therefore, we recommend that it be directed by the General Conference that, as of May 31, 1952, all funds held by the General Commission on World Service and Finance as trustees of The Crusade for Christ for Gammon Theological Seminary be paid by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to the Treasurer of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church to be held by him and invested by the Finance and Investment Committee of said Board in proper trust securities. That the annual interest on these funds, up to the sum of \$15,000 per year, shall be paid to Gammon Seminary for use in operating expenses, any remainder of interest being added to the principal capital fund which shall be held intact for the development program of Gammon Seminary when said program has been approved by the Trustees of Gammon Seminary, the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, and the Council of Bishops.

Should Gammon Seminary be discontinued as a theological school, the capital funds above referred to may be used for other educational purposes of The Methodist Church upon recommendation of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education, with the concurrence of the Board of Education and the Council of Bishops.

2. "That the General Conference authorize the Budget Committee to release to the participating Agencies any unpaid balance credited to them in the Crusade Budget, and that these Agencies respectively be charged with the responsibility to see that the funds are used in accordance with the intent of the Crusade and of the donors; that whatever amount remains in the undistributed funds of the Crusade be divided among the participating agencies in the ratio of their participation in the Crusade budget."

We have faithfully carried forward the requests of the Crusade for Christ Committee. We believe we have completed our assignment and we now in accordance with the principles approved by the General Conference and The Crusade for Christ Committee respectfully request the General Conference to release the Budget Committee from further responsibility.

BISHOP PAUL B. KERN, *Chairman*;
CHARLES A. JONES (*), *Secretary*.

No. 5

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO STUDY
DEACONESS WORK

SEE REPORT NO. 7, COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS AND CHURCH
EXTENSION, PAGES 625-628. JOURNAL

Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 625.

By order of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1948, a Commission to Study Deaconess Work was authorized. The study was to be made "in the light of the total plan of enlistment and employment of women in the various Agencies of the Church" (P. 2014).

The members of the Commission included three Bishops, three ministers, two representatives from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, one representative from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, one representative from the Board of Education, one representative from the Board of Hospitals and Homes, one representative from the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, two deaconess members and the Executive Secretary of the Bureau of Deaconess Work.

To aid in the study there were innumerable personal and group conferences; more than 2300 questionnaires were distributed to Bishops, ministers, deaconesses, directors of Christian education, members of General Boards, officers of Jurisdiction and Conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service and others.

The Commission submits the following Report which is divided into two parts: first, a brief statement of basic principles; second, legislative suggestions looking toward the implementation of these principles.

The office of deaconess has a long and honorable history in our Church. Only those acquainted with that story can fully appreciate the debt we owe to these consecrated and devoted women. For over two generations they have served their Lord through the open doors of the Church's many institutions with singular fidelity and devotion.

Our society is increasingly welcoming women into its industrial and commercial life. We believe that likewise the Church should take ever wider cognizance of the capabilities of women and open every possible avenue for their service. To that end we recommend:

1. That women be given ample opportunity to serve every

Agency of the Church not requiring full clergy rights.

2. That the local church and Annual Conference emphasize the nature of this holy calling and by every means at their command seek to elevate the office to its appointed place.
3. That because of the breadth of the opportunities which face the Church and because of their urgency the entire Church through its several agencies should lend its efforts seriously and prayerfully to the task of enlistment for service in this office.
4. That ample opportunities for education and training be provided so that those who have pledged their lives in His service shall be provided with the best skills which our times afford and require.
5. That to these persons who have freely given their services to the Church we owe a more adequate compensation as well as a more nearly reasonable security for retirement.

In order that these basic principles may be kept before our people and that the office of deaconess may grow to the fullness of its stature we submit the following suggestions for legislative consideration:

LLOYD C. WICKE, *Chairman*;
MRS. FRED C. REYNOLDS (*), *Vice-Chairman*;
MISS MARY LOU BARNWELL (*), *Secretary*.

(Note: For full Report see Report No. 7 General Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension, pages 628 and 1314. Editor.)

No. 6

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE RELATION OF
THE EDITORIAL DIVISION OF THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION TO THE BOARD OF
PUBLICATION**

SEE REPORT NO. 5, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEE JOURNAL,
PAGES 508, 1200

*Amended—Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Pages 508,
1200.*

The Committee to Study the Relation of the Editorial Division of the Board of Publication was formed by the General Conference of 1948 in adopting Report No. 14 of the Committee on Education.

This Report is as follows:

"The Committee requests the General Conference to authorize the appointment of a Committee of sixteen, five from the Board of Education, five from the Board of Publication, and six others (one from each Jurisdiction appointed by the College of Bishops), to Study the Relation of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education to said Board and the Board of Publication, with a view to arriving at the soundest possible organization and administrative procedure, guaranteeing editorial freedom and consistently progressive educational policies. This Committee shall make a Report to each Board and a joint Report to the General Conference of 1952."

The members of the Committee are as follows: (See Paragraph 2173, the *Discipline* (1948))

Appointed by the College of Bishops: Rector W. Johnson (Minister) WJ, C. H. Dubra (Minister) CJ, Leroy A. Martin (Minister) NEJ, John C. Murphree (Layman) SCJ, C. E. Lundy (Minister) SEJ, C. A. McPheters (Minister) NCJ.

Appointed by the Board of Publication: (*The election of Marvin Franklin to the Episcopacy created a vacancy in the Board of Publication group which has been filled by the Board of Publication Chairman William H. Swiggart's appointment of J. A. Bays. Judge Swiggart also appointed an Alternate on this Committee, Arthur R. Howard.*) J. Lester Buford (Layman) NCJ, J. A. Bays (Minister) SEJ, Frank C. Probert (Layman) NEJ, Marshall T. Steel (Minister) SCJ, Rufus C. Baker (Minister) WJ, Arthur R. Howard (Minister) CJ.

Appointed by the Board of Education: Paul E. Martin (Bishop) SCJ, Leon M. Adkins (Minister) NEJ, C. M. Dannelly (Layman) SEJ, J. N. R. Score (Minister) SCJ, Frank D. Slutz (Layman) NCJ. (*Lud H. Estes was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of J. N. R. Score.*)

The Committee held two meetings during the quadrennium—the first in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 15, 1949; the second in Nashville, Tennessee, January 5, 1951.

The Committee organized with the following officers: Chairman, Bishop Paul E. Martin; Vice-Chairman, Marshall T. Steel; Secretary, Rector W. Johnson.

The convenor of the Committee, Bishop Paul E. Martin, brought to the first meeting a statement concerning the history of developments in Methodism which formed a background for the appointment of this Committee, certain developments in the Church regarding the concern for choosing and electing the Editor of Church School Publications, which led to a number of Memorials being presented to the Legislative Committee of the Board of Education, and finally to the General Conference of 1948. The convenor's statement included the statement above from the Education Committee Report No. 14, and a list of the members of the Committee as provided by Paragraph 2173, the *Discipline* 1948.

A statement concerning the plan and functioning of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education and the Board of Publication from unification to the year 1948 was made available by Dr. C. A. Bowen, Editor of Church School Publications, and the Publishing Agents, Dr. Roy L. Smith and Mr. Lovick Pierce. These men were asked to meet with our Committee to be available for information and resource data which might be required—the Committee to meet in executive session at any time it seemed necessary to the members.

Your Committee considered the reasons for its appointment, its duties and scope of its work, and the history, plan, work, and related functions of the Editorial Division and the Board of Publication. This covered some data previous to unification, and down to the present quadrennium.

The Committee considered the composition of and the work of the Curriculum Committee, the method of selecting the Editor of Church School publications, choosing of Editorial Assistants, and other personnel, and the problem of "time lag" in choosing Editorial Assistants in General Conference years. It sought to find answers to the following questions: Where does final authority rest in editorial policy? What are the distinct and separate functions and co-operative functions of the Editorial Division and the Board of Publication? Who nominates, and who elects the Editor of the Editorial Division and the Editorial Assistants? Is final authority with the Editor of the Editorial Division as to what shall be included in Church School publications, or

is it in the Board of Publication? What is the financial relation of these two?

In addition the Committee made a thorough study and analysis of all the Memorials concerning the relation of the Editorial Division to the Board of Publication which were submitted from across the Church to the General Conference in 1948.

Therefore, the members of your Committee, following a unanimous vote of all members present (three members absent) at Nashville, Tennessee, January 5, 1951, desire to submit the following Reports:

1. That Paragraph 1132, the *Discipline* 1948, which reads:

"The assistants to the Editor of Church School publications shall be elected annually by the Board of Publication upon nomination of the Editor of Church School Publications. The Board of Publication shall fix and pay the salaries of the Editor of Church School Publications and his Assistants and shall have full financial responsibility for all other expenses connected with the work of the Editor of Church School Publications."

be changed to read as follows:

"The Assistants to the Editor of Church School Publications shall be appointed by the Editor of Church School Publications. The Board of Publication shall fix and pay the salaries of the Editor of Church School Publications and his Assistants and shall have full financial responsibility for all other expenses connected with the work of the Editor of Church School Publications."

2. That there be added to Paragraph 1130, the *Discipline* 1948, the following:

"The Editor of Church School Publications shall be responsible to the Board of Education through its Editorial Division for editorial policies and content, and preparation of curriculum materials, including periodicals, undated materials and books authorized for use in the program of Christian education; and in matters related to the publication and financing thereof he shall be responsible to the Board of Publication."

3. That the first sentence of paragraph 1423, the *Discipline* 1948, which reads:

"The Assistants in the Editorial Division shall be elected annually by the Board of Publication upon nomination of the Editor of Church School Publications."

be changed to read:

"The Assistants to the Editor of Church School Publications shall be appointed by the Editor of Church School Publications."

the second half of paragraph 1423, the *Discipline* 1948, to remain as it is.

Paragraph 1425. After "responsible" in line 5 delete the

remainder of the sentence, and add the words "to the Board of Education through its Editorial Division for editorial policies and content, and preparation of curriculum materials, including periodicals, undated materials, and books authorized for use in the program of Christian education; and in matters related to the publication and financing thereof he shall be responsible to the Board of Publication."

Then add a sentence: "He shall also be responsible for the preparation of visual education materials relating to the curriculum."

The Paragraph shall then read as follows:—Through the Editorial Division, working in co-operation with the Curriculum Committee, the General Board of Education shall provide all curriculum materials necessary for carrying on its work. The Editor of Church School Publications shall be responsible **TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THROUGH ITS EDITORIAL DIVISION FOR EDITORIAL POLICIES AND CONTENT, AND PREPARATION OF CURRICULUM MATERIALS, INCLUDING PERIODICALS, UNDATED MATERIALS, AND BOOKS AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN THE PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION; AND IN MATTERS RELATED TO THE PUBLICATION AND FINANCING THEREOF TO THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION. HE SHALL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF VISUAL EDUCATION MATERIALS RELATING TO THE CURRICULUM.** The circulation of the literature prepared by this Division shall be a joint responsibility of the Board of Education and the Board of Publication.

By action of our Committee a copy of the foregoing recommendations were conveyed to Mr. Thomas A. Harwood of George Fry & Associates, Management Engineers, employed to make a research study of the administrative organization and procedures of The Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted

PAUL E. MARTIN, *Chairman*;
RECTOR W. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

No. 7

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
STUDY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH TO THE
1952 GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH**

**PERSONNEL OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STUDY
OF THE LOCAL CHURCH**

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STUDY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

To the 1952 General Conference,

The Methodist Church, San Francisco, California.

Pursuant to the action of the General Conference of 1948 continuing the Commission on the Study of the Local Church (which had been constituted by the General Conference of 1944), and directing the Commission to continue its "studies with a view to presenting in detail to the General Conference of 1952, a simplified, clarified, and effective pattern for the local church within the bonds of our world-wide Methodist fellowship" (Journal of 1948 General Conference, p. 630, *Daily Advocate*, p. 116), the Commission herewith presents its Report.

During the quadrennium the Commission has had four full membership meetings, each lasting for a period of three to four days. At these meetings proposed legislation drafted by Committees, previously named, was considered in detail by the Commission, amended and finally approved, and is now presented as ordered by the 1948 General Conference.

Your Commission has given careful study to every detail of the local church's life and work, and this Report is the result of its best thinking and planning. In conformity to the directive of the General Conference, "the Executive Secretaries of the General Boards and Commissions of the Church, and the Executive Secretaries of the main Divisions of the General Boards" have sat with the Commission and have made many valuable contributions.

The organization of The Methodist Church has proved its effectiveness. One element in its ability to achieve is its connectionalism. From the General Conference, the Council of Bishops, and our General Boards and Agencies the program of the Church is transmitted through our Jurisdictional, Annual Conference, and District organizations to the great body of our membership. Our Bishops, District Superintendents, pastors and laymen, as organized, are effective links in the chain. The words of a popular hymn are especially applicable to The Methodist Church, "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

It is apparent, however, that on the level of the local

church our closely knit organization loses much of its effectiveness. The legislation relating to the local church is in some places contradictory and confused. This is the result of our attempt to put together, at the time of unification, the procedures of the three constituent Churches. To this time no thoroughgoing attempt has been made to fit the parts into a definite and clear-cut pattern. Much of the legislation was apparently written with the large city church in view, and without clear provision for the small church in the city and in the open country—and this notwithstanding the fact that a considerable majority of our local churches have less than 300 members. The Commission has endeavored to correlate and simplify the legislation, and to present a plan sufficiently flexible to meet the requirements of local churches of every size and situation.

We have recognized that the local church is the fountain-head of the great organization which we call The Methodist Church. The test of any plan for organizing a local church is whether it provides a channel through which the creative energies of our loyal people may move to the enrichment and strengthening of the larger body. In every detail we have sought to open such a channel.

The Commission has attempted in all matters to follow the specific directive of the General Conference, as written in the Resolution of 1948 (*Daily Advocate*, 1948 General Conference, p. 116). The plan herein submitted adheres to the main line of our historical development, and proposes no radical change in our established pattern. The Commission is agreed that any attempt to re-organize the local church *de novo* would confuse our people, and would not serve the ends we have in view. It appears further that our long-established pattern, with certain revisions and simplifications, provides a plan that is most effective and workable.

The Commission has not been able to abbreviate the legislation as was originally hoped. The Methodist Church is made up of local churches of many varieties—in cities, towns, and open country—in America and in lands across the sea—small churches and large churches—the Mount Moriahs in the open country and the St. Johns on the Avenues. We have attempted to write legislation broad enough in its scope to cover the activities of the large church and at the same time simple enough to meet the requirements of a small congregation, whether in an American village or in the heart of the Congo.

We direct the attention of the Conference especially to certain proposed changes and adjustments with a brief statement of the reasons underlying them:

1. It appears to the Commission that there should be in

every church a permanently bound membership roll, with provision in the same volume for a permanent record of marriages and baptisms. Some churches keep such record, but it appears that many more rely on card index and loose-leaf records which are easily scattered and lost. A permanent record, kept year after year in a substantial book—commonly called in Methodist parlance “the chronological roll”—contributes to preserving a sense of continuity in the local church and is of lasting historical value. The proposed legislation requires that every local church shall keep such a roll as its basic and continuing membership record, and a card index or loose-leaf roll in alphabetical order.

2. In the proposed legislation, the Commission has eliminated the requirement that membership records be kept under two categories, *active* and *inactive*, and so reported to the Annual Conference. For this proposal there are several reasons. The legislation as now written in the *Discipline* is not clear, and in some particulars it appears contradictory (see 1948 *Discipline*, Pars. 116, 127, 138, 139, 140). The process of keeping two rolls and transferring names from one to the other is cumbersome, and it would be most confusing in a permanently bound record book. The terms “active” and “inactive” are not truly descriptive of the two categories of members. To count a person as “active” who lives in a distant place and does no more than send an occasional contribution to the home church is hardly justifiable. From limited investigation it appears that the present law is not generally observed; that the names of persons recommended for the inactive relationship are not usually brought to the Quarterly Conference for its action; that separate rolls are the exception rather than the rule; that most frequently the number of *inactive* members reported to the Annual Conference is the pastor’s estimate. The figures appearing in the statistical report under the categories of *active* and *inactive* members are therefore not reliable. No provision is made in the *Discipline* for restoring an “inactive” member to “active” status. Neither is provision made for the transfer of an “inactive” member.

As a substitute for the entire procedure, the Commission proposes a Commission on Membership and Evangelism in every church, whose duty shall be to search out and restore negligent members, leaving to the Commission, the pastor and the Quarterly Conference the disposition of the membership of persons who persist in disregarding their vows. (Pg. 120, 192-194) *

* Observe that “Pg.” whenever appearing, indicates a cross reference to a paragraph in this Report. “Par.” indicates a cross reference to the 1948 *Discipline*.

3. In the judgment of the Commission the Quarterly Conference is an indispensable link in connectional Methodism, and essential to the life and program of the local church. Through the instrumentality of the District Superintendent and the Quarterly Conference the program of the whole Church is transmitted to each local congregation. By means of the Quarterly Conference the local church is bound to the whole body of the Church, and thus is our connectionalism preserved.

In the proposed legislation the Commission has endeavored to make clear the functions of the Quarterly Conference as differentiated from the Official Board. We have made the Quarterly Conference, in line with our established custom and procedure, the basic body of control in the local church and Official Board the administrative body. In defining the duties and setting up the Committees of each we have adhered to this general line of demarcation.

4. The legislation as now written in the *Discipline* provides for alternate plans in the administration of the local church—the Official Board or the Board of Stewards. The two are rooted in the practices of the different branches of the Church prior to unification. The Commission is convinced that the time has arrived when the two should be merged. The Commission proposes that certain officials in the local church who hitherto, under one plan of organization, held membership on the Official Board, be made Stewards ex-officio, and that these with the elective Stewards and the Trustees compose the Board. By this plan the actual personnel of the Official Boards in every part of the church would remain practically unchanged, the term "Steward" would regain its historical standing and significance, and our nomenclature and procedures would be considerably simplified. (Pg. 181-184.)

5. Below the level of the Official Board the legislation as now in the *Discipline* is considerably confused. The Commission has endeavored to clear up the confusions, arrange the material in logical order so that it can be more easily understood, and to provide a plan of organization adaptable to large and small churches alike. In the proposed legislation we have lifted up four major concerns as essential to the life and ministry of every church—evangelism, education, missions, and finance. We propose that every local church be required to constitute four Commissions, auxiliary to the Official Board, to promote and administer these four interests respectively. The smallest church should neglect none of the four indispensables mentioned above; the largest should be free to expand its ministries as every situation might re-

quire. We propose as the basic administrative organization in the local church, the Official Board with four Commissions auxiliary to the Board. Beyond this minimum requirement the local church is free to expand its ministry without limitation, but always under the direction of the Official Board (Pg. 191). A section has been added on organizing a new church (Pg. 140). The Paragraph relating to the Pastoral Relations Committee has been recast. (Pg. 135-p2.)

6. When the Commission reviewed the legislation relating to the local church Trustees, property, and titles, the question of incorporating local churches presented itself. A Committee was appointed, and the whole matter received careful study. We had the benefit of competent legal counsel from different sections of the Church. We have attempted to write legislation in this sphere sufficiently flexible to be adaptable to a great variety of civil laws, and at the same time sufficiently definite to guide our local churches, whether incorporated or unincorporated, in safeguarding their property rights.

The members of the Commission are grateful to the General Conference for this opportunity to study the life and program of the local church. Amid the exacting and sometimes monotonous details of our work we have found continuing joy. Within the Commission we have experienced a "fellowship of kindred minds" which we recognize to be the fellowship we have with one another in Christ Jesus. We have sought to perform our duty with as small expense to the Church as was consistent with the efficient performance of our task. Our dominant desire has been to present to the General Conference a plan of organization that would enrich the life of the local church and strengthen it more effectively to serve the purposes of God and the need of mankind.

THE COMMISSION ON THE STUDY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Chairman*,
ALEXANDER K. SMITH, *Secretary*.

KEY TO PARAGRAPH REFERENCES

1. Paragraph reference with Par. (Par. 100)—Cross reference to Paragraph in 1948 *Discipline*.
2. Paragraph reference with Pg. (Pg. 100)—Cross reference to Paragraph in this study.
3. "p" before a figure (p6)—A paragraph subdivision.

(The Report was adopted as a whole May 3, 1952, see Journal, pages 490, 496, with the exception of Section 4 of Paragraph 182, which was later amended by the adoption of Report No. 14 of the General Standing Committee on

Temperance and Prohibition. See Journal, page 636. For Report No. 14 see page 1440.

All amendments, either accepted or adopted, appear in **BOLD FACE TYPE**.

For presentation of the Report of the Commission, see pages 256, 298. Editor)

PART II

Chapter I

THE PASTORAL CHARGE

Adopted April 28, 1952. See Journal, Pages 299-301.
Section I

101. The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same (Par. 73).

102. The *local church* is a connectional society of persons who have professed their faith in Christ, have been baptized, have assumed the vows of membership in The Methodist Church, and are associated in fellowship as a local Methodist Church in order that they may hear the Word of God, receive the Sacraments, and carry forward the work which Christ has committed to His Church. Such a society of believers, being within The Methodist Church and subject to its *Discipline*, is also an inherent part of the Church Universal, which is composed of all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and which in the Apostles' Creed we declare to be the holy catholic Church.

103. In order that each local church may be an effective connectional unit in The Methodist Church, it shall be the duty of all District Superintendents and pastors to organize and administer the charges and churches committed to their care in accordance with the plan hereinafter set forth.

104. A pastoral charge shall consist of one or more churches organized under, and subject to, the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church with a single pastoral charge Quarterly Conference, and to which a minister is or may be duly appointed or appointable as preacher in charge. A pastoral charge of two or more churches is a Circuit.

Chapter II

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Adopted April 28, 1952. See Journal, Page 302.

105. The membership of a local Methodist church shall consist of all persons who have been received into its fellow-

ship on profession of their faith (Pg. 107-109), by transfer from some other church (Pg. 110, 111), or by restoration (Pg. 119, 120, Par. 977), and whose membership has not been terminated by death, transfer (Pg. 116, 117), withdrawal (Pg. 118, 119), expulsion (Par. 974), or by action of the Quarterly Conference (Pg. 120). A member of a local Methodist church is a member of The Methodist Church.

Section I

ADMISSION INTO THE CHURCH

107. All persons seeking to be saved from their sins and sincerely desiring to be Christian in faith and practice are proper candidates for membership in The Methodist Church. When such persons offer themselves for membership, it shall be the duty of the pastor, or of proper persons appointed by him, to instruct them in the meaning of the Christian faith, the history, organization, and teaching of The Methodist Church, to explain to them the baptismal and membership vows (Par. 1912, 1914), and to lead them to commit themselves to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. When they shall have given proof of the genuineness of their faith in Christ and of their desire to assume the obligations and become faithful members of The Methodist Church, and after the rite of baptism has been administered to those who have not been previously baptized, he shall bring them before the congregation, administer the vows (Par. 1914, 1915) and shall receive them into the fellowship of the Church, and duly enroll them as members.

108. A duly authorized minister of The Methodist Church while serving as chaplain of any organization, institution or military unit, **or while otherwise present where a local church is not available** may receive a person into the membership of The Methodist Church when such person shall have given proof of the genuineness of his faith in Christ and of his desire to assume the obligations and become a faithful member of the Church. After the vows of membership have been administered (Par. 1914, 1915), **such minister** shall issue a statement of membership to the local church of the choice of the person concerned, and the pastor thereof on receiving such statement shall duly enroll him as a member.

109. Any candidate for church membership who for good reason is unable to appear before the congregation, may, at the discretion of the pastor and with the approval of the Official Board, be received elsewhere in accordance with the ritual of The Methodist Church (Par. 1914, 1915); *provided*, that in the event of a clear emergency the pastor may receive such person without the approval of the Board,

in which case he shall report his action to the Board at its next meeting.

110. A person who is a member of The Methodist Church may have his membership transferred from one local church to another by a proper certificate of transfer.

111. A member in good standing in any **Christian** denomination who **has been baptized and** desires to unite with The Methodist Church may be received into membership by a proper certificate of transfer from his former Church or by his own declaration of Christian faith, and upon affirming his willingness to be loyal to The Methodist Church, and after he and the members of the church have entered into solemn covenant with one another as provided in the Ritual. (Par. 1916.)

112. A member of The Methodist Church, residing for an extended period in a city or community at a distance from his home church, may on his request be enrolled as an *affiliate member* of a Methodist church located in the vicinity of his temporary residence (Par. 1916). His home pastor shall be notified of his affiliate membership. Such membership shall entitle him to the fellowship of that church, to its pastoral care and oversight, and to participation in its activities, including the holding of office, except as otherwise provided (Pg. 128), but he shall be counted and reported only as a member of his home church. A member of another denomination may under the same conditions become an *affiliate member* of a Methodist church, except as he may not hold any office that would carry with it membership in the Official Board or Quarterly Conference.

Section II

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Adopted April 28, 1952. See Journal, Pages 307, 308.

113. Membership in a local church may be terminated by transfer (Pg. 116, 117), withdrawal (Pg. 118, 119), expulsion (Par. 974), death, or by action of the Quarterly Conference (Pg. 120). It shall be the duty of the pastor of the charge or of the Membership Secretary to keep an accurate record of all terminations of membership and to report to each Quarterly Conference the names of all persons whose membership has been terminated since the Conference preceding, in each instance indicating the reason for such termination.

114. If a member of a Methodist church shall change his place of residence to another community, so far removed from his home church that he cannot participate regularly in its worship and activity, he shall be encouraged to transfer his membership to a Methodist church in the community

of his newly established residence. As soon as his pastor is reliably informed of his change of residence, actual or contemplated, it shall be the pastor's duty and obligation to assist him to establish himself in the fellowship of a church in the community of his future home, and to send to a Methodist pastor in such community, or to the District Superintendent, or if neither is known to the General Board of Evangelism, a letter of notification, giving the latest known address of the person (or persons) concerned and requesting local pastoral oversight. The above procedure is based on the recognition that absentee membership is not good for the individual or the Church, and it is essential that we recognize that the care of souls and the building up of the whole Church is more important than retaining membership in a particular congregation, whether for sentimental or other reasons.

115. When a pastor discovers a member of The Methodist Church residing in his community whose membership is in a church so far removed from his place of residence that he cannot participate regularly in its worship and activity, it shall be his duty and obligation to give pastoral oversight to such person, and to persuade him, if possible, to transfer his membership to a Methodist church in the community where he resides.

116. When a pastor shall receive from another pastor of a Methodist church or from the person concerned a request for Certificate of Transfer for a member of his church, he shall issue the same in the following form, and shall make proper entry on his church roll of the transfer of such person and his membership is thereby transferred:

This is to certify that A.B., who resides at _____, has been a member of the _____ Methodist Church in _____. On request his (her) membership is hereby transferred to the _____ Methodist Church in _____, and he (she) is affectionately commended to its care and fellowship. Notice of this Certificate of Transfer has been sent to the person above named.

Date _____, Pastor
Address _____

The original Certificate shall be accompanied by a blank for the acknowledgment of the same in the following form:

This Certificate of Transfer of the membership of A.B. from the _____ Methodist Church in _____ to the _____ Methodist Church is hereby acknowledged. He (she) has been duly received into our fellowship and recorded as a member in this church.

_____, Pastor

Date _____ Address _____

Notice shall be sent to the person whose membership is thus being transferred in the following form:

This day I have issued a certificate of transfer of your membership to the _____ Methodist Church in _____, commending you to its care and fellowship. In your new relationship we bid you Godspeed.

_____, Pastor
Date _____ Address _____

The Certificate of Transfer shall be sent directly to the pastor of the Methodist church to which the certificate is issued, or to the District Superintendent if there is no pastor. On receipt of such certificate of transfer, the pastor or the District Superintendent receiving the same shall record on the membership roll of the church the name of the person thus transferred, and he shall be a member thereof; whereupon the pastor or District Superintendent shall certify to the pastor issuing the certificate that the name appearing on said certificate has been duly entered on his membership roll.

117. A pastor upon receiving a request from a member of his church to transfer to a church of another denomination, or upon receiving such request from a pastor or duly authorized official of another denomination, shall issue a Certificate of Transfer, shall properly record the transfer of such person on the membership roll of the local church, and his membership is thereby terminated. **For the transfer of a member of The Methodist Church to a church of another denomination, forms similar to those described in Paragraph 116 of the Commission's Report shall be used, with the substitution of the name of the other denomination for the word "Methodist" used in those forms.**

118. If a pastor is informed that a member of his church has, without notice, united with a church of another denomination, he shall make diligent inquiry and if the report is confirmed, he shall enter "Withdrawn" after the person's name on the membership roll, and shall report the same to the next Quarterly Conference.

119. If a member proposes to withdraw from The Methodist Church, he shall communicate his purpose in writing to the pastor of the local church in which his membership is held. On receiving such notice of withdrawal, the pastor shall properly record the fact of withdrawal on the membership roll. If requested, the pastor shall give a statement of withdrawal to such member. Such person, on his written request, may be restored to membership on recommendation of the pastor and by vote of the Quarterly Conference.

120. If a member of a local church is for a period of two

years persistently negligent of his vows or without good and sufficient reason continuously absents himself for such period from the worship of the church, or has persistently refused for such period without just reason to support the church, or if his address has been unknown to the members of the congregation for two years, his name may be removed from the church membership roll by vote of the Quarterly Conference on recommendation of the pastor and of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. Before such action is taken, the pastor or the Commission shall visit or otherwise communicate with such person, if his address is known, and entreat him to become a faithful member. If he refuses to give heed to such entreaty, the Quarterly Conference may proceed as above indicated, and order to be entered on the membership roll after his name, the following: "Removed by order of the Quarterly Conference." The membership of such person is thereby terminated, and the record thereof shall be retained; *provided*, he may be restored to membership by vote of the Quarterly Conference on his request and on recommendation of the pastor. The Commission on Membership and Evangelism shall review annually the membership roll of the church, and shall make recommendations to the fourth Quarterly Conference according to the above provisions.

Section III

CHILDREN AND THE CHURCH

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, Page 321.

121. We hold that all children, by virtue of the unconditional benefits of the atonement, are members of the family of God, and are therefore graciously entitled to baptism. It shall be the duty of the pastor of every charge earnestly to exhort parents and guardians within his constituency to dedicate their children to the Lord in baptism, as early as practicable. Before baptism is administered, he shall instruct the parents or guardians concerning the meaning of this Sacrament and the vows which they assume, and he shall exhort them to be ever faithful therein (Par. 1910). After baptism has been administered, the name of the child (children) shall be entered on the permanent records of the church, recording date and place of birth, date of baptism, and the names of parents or guardians. The pastor shall deliver to the parents or guardians a Certificate of Baptism, in proper form.

122. The names of all baptized children within the local church shall be kept on the *Preparatory Membership Roll* (Pg. 126). When a Certificate of Transfer is issued for

parents of any baptized child who has not assumed the vows of full membership, a Preparatory Membership Transfer for such child shall be issued at the same time and to the same church, and proper record shall be made on the Preparatory Membership Roll. When children on the Preparatory Membership Roll shall have reached the age of sixteen without becoming members of any church, they shall be transferred to the *constituency roll* (Pg. 126).

123. It shall be the duty of the pastor, in co-operation with their parents and the officers and teachers of the Church School, to lead the children of the church to an understanding of the Christian faith, to an appreciation of the privileges and obligations of church membership, and to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The pastor or a person appointed by him shall, at least annually, organize the children who have arrived at the age of **decision** into classes of instruction for church membership. When they shall have given evidence of their understanding and of their sincerity of purpose, and shall have completed a course of study approved by The Methodist Church, they shall be brought before the congregation and admitted into the full membership of the Church (Par. 1915) and their names shall be duly recorded on the membership roll.

124. The pastor shall report to each Quarterly Conference the names of persons received into the membership of the church or churches of the pastoral charge since the Quarterly Conference preceding, and the names of persons whose membership in the church or churches of the pastoral charge has been terminated during the same period, indicating in the case of each how he was received or how his membership was terminated.

Section IV

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, Page 321.

125. The basic membership records in each local church shall consist of (1) a permanent church register, and (2) a card index or loose-leaf book.

1. The permanent church register shall be a bound volume of durable material, prepared by The Methodist Publishing House, at a **reasonable price**, in the form approved by the Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks (Par. 1139-1141). Space shall be provided for record of members, showing the full name of each, how each was admitted into the church, the date, by whom received, and how the membership of each is terminated, with the date. Space shall

also be provided for recording marriages, baptisms, deaths, pastoral terms, and such other matters as may be essential to a permanent record of the church's membership and ministry, as may be determined by the Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks. The names shall be recorded chronologically as each person is received into the fellowship of that church, and without reference to alphabetical order. Each name shall be numbered, in regular numerical order, and the number of each shall appear on the corresponding card or page in the card index or loose-leaf membership roll. This provision is for the purpose of insuring facility in locating any name on the permanent church register.

2. The card index or loose-leaf membership record shall be kept on a form approved by the Commission on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks (Par. 1139-1141), or on other forms that include the items approved by the said Commission. Space shall be provided for the name and address, how and when received, and such other information as may be determined by the Commission. This record of membership shall be filed in alphabetical order, and shall show the number appearing opposite each name on the permanent register so that such name may be promptly located. The pastor shall report annually to the Annual Conference the total membership of his charge as shown on his membership records.

126. The pastor or Membership Secretary shall also keep a *Constituency Roll*, containing the names and addresses of such persons as are not members of the church concerned, including unbaptized children, for whom the local church has pastoral responsibility, and a *Preparatory Membership Roll* containing the names of all baptized children in the church who have not been received into full membership (Pg. 121). Such other Membership Rolls, including *affiliate members* (Pg. 112), shall be maintained as may be judged necessary for proper pastoral care and the general work of the Church.

Chapter III

THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, Page 322.

PART I

THE WORK AND PROGRAM OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

127. Within the pastoral charge (Pg. 104) the Quarterly Conference is the basic body of control uniting it to connectional Methodism, and through the Quarterly Conference

the pastoral charge functions in its relationship thereto. The Quarterly Conference shall therefore be organized in every pastoral charge, as provided in the Constitution of the Church (Par. 31, 32). The membership thereof, and its authority, powers, duties, and responsibilities shall be as hereinafter set forth.

128. The following shall constitute the membership of the Quarterly Conference, insofar as the officers and relationships exist within the pastoral charge:

1. The pastor, the associate pastor or pastors; the retired and supernumerary preachers **residing in that place** who elect to hold membership therein, *provided* that each such person may be a member of one Quarterly Conference only; traveling preachers who, because they are assigned to special work, have been attached to the Quarterly Conference concerned by appointment of the Bishop (Par. 432);

2. The local preachers and exhorters holding their membership in the pastoral charge, and deaconesses appointed to labor therein;

3. The Stewards, elective and ex-officio (Pg. 183, 184) and the Trustees of the church, or churches, in the pastoral charge (Pg. 143); *provided*, however, that all lay members of the Quarterly Conference shall be members of a local church within the charge, and shall be not less than eighteen years of age, **provided, however, that limitation of age shall not apply to the President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, or the President of the Youth Council.**

129. The District Superintendent or an elder designated by him shall preside. The District Superintendent shall fix the time for the meeting of the Quarterly Conference, but the Conference may appoint the place; *provided*, that should necessity arise the District Superintendent and the pastor may change the place of meeting. A special session of the Quarterly Conference may be called by the District Superintendent or by the pastor with the written consent of the District Superintendent. Quarterly Conferences for two or more pastoral charges may be held at the same time and place, as the District Superintendent may determine.

130. There shall be held for each pastoral charge a first and a fourth Quarterly Conference. The second and third Quarterly Conference may be held at the discretion of the District Superintendent. A Recording Steward shall be elected annually, who shall keep an accurate and permanent record of the proceedings and shall be the custodian of all records and reports, and who with the presiding officer shall sign the minutes.

131. The Quarterly Conference, after a period of worship, shall transact the business committed to it by the *Discipline*,

following the order indicated on the form bearing the title "Minutes of The Quarterly Conference," approved by the **Committee on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks of the Council on World Service and Finance**, and published by The Methodist Publishing House. The District Superintendent is required insofar as possible to keep his record of each Quarterly Conference on this official form. It shall also be his duty to see that other Quarterly Conference and church records and reports are written on our approved forms.

If the observance of the order of business as provided in these forms seems likely to protract a session beyond a reasonable limit, the presiding officer may, with the approval of the Quarterly Conference, select the more important matters and bring them forward.

Section I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, Page 323.

132. To the Quarterly Conference is committed the following powers and duties: (1) To have general oversight of the Official Board(s), which is the administrative body of the Quarterly Conference; (2) To receive Reports from the pastor (Par. 352, p. 20), from church officers, and from the Commissions, Committees, and Societies of the church or churches of the pastoral charge as the Quarterly Conference may require; (3) To elect the officers of the church or churches, constituting a pastoral charge (Par. 32), unless otherwise provided, in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, and to constitute the required Commissions for each local church (Pg. 134) and such Committees as may be determined by the Quarterly Conference (Pg. 135); (4) in cases where the *Discipline* permits one or more courses of action in the administration and work of a pastoral charge, to determine what course shall be taken (Par. 31, 161, 167, 242); (5) to recommend proper persons for license to preach or in the event there is no District Conference to license the same, and to license exhorters (Pg. 136); (6) to fix the salary of the pastor or pastors (Pg. 139, p6; 190, p2); (7) to determine annually the amount accepted by the charge for World Service and Conference Benevolences (Pg. 137); (8) such other powers and duties as have been or may be duly committed to it.

Section II

ELECTIONS

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, Page 323.

133. The Quarterly Conference shall elect annually the

following officers for the pastoral charge, on nomination of the Committee on Nominations or on nomination of the pastor if there is no such Committee (Pg. 135, p1: 132, p3), unless otherwise provided in the *Discipline*; or it shall authorize the Annual Church Conference to elect such officers, in which case it shall issue a call for an Annual Church Conference for that purpose (Par. 32, Pg. 177-180); *provided*, that in no case shall nominations from the floor be denied: (1) The elective Stewards of the church or churches of the pastoral charge (Pg. 183-186); (2) The Charge Lay Leader of the Circuit (Pg. 222); (3) the District Steward and Reserve District Steward, *provided*, that the Committee on Nominations or the pastor shall confer with the District Superintendent before any nomination is made; (4) The Lay Member of the Annual Conference, annually or quadrennially, as the Annual Conference may direct, and one or more reserve members. If the charge's Lay representative to the Annual Conference shall cease to be a member of the charge or shall for any reason fail to serve, a Reserve Member in the order of his election shall serve in his place; (5) The General Superintendents of the Church Schools (Pg. 201, (1)); (6) Elective members of the District Conference, if any (Par. 667); (7) The Director of Christian education, on nomination of the pastor with the concurrence of the Commission on Christian Education (Pg. 206); (8) The Communion Steward, or Stewards, whose duty it shall be to provide the elements for Holy Communion, under the direction of the pastor, and properly to arrange the Communion Table; (9) Any other officer of the church, or churches, as directed by the General, Jurisdictional, Annual, or District Conferences, or as determined by the Quarterly Conference; *provided*, that all such are in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline*. Consult Paragraphs 142, 143 for the election of Trustees.

134. The Quarterly Conference shall elect annually from the membership of the church or churches in the charge, on nomination of the Committee on Nominations, or of the pastor if there is no such Committee, four Commissions: a Commission on Membership and Evangelism, a Commission on Education, a Commission on Missions, and a Commission on Finance; *provided*, that in pastoral charges of more than one church the four Commissions shall be nominated by the Official Board of each church respectively with the concurrence of the pastor (or, if the Board fails to make such nominations, they shall be made by the pastor). In every case the **elected** membership of each Commission shall not be less than three, and as many additional members as the Quarterly Conference may determine. Each Commission

shall work under the authority and direction of the Official Board, the duties of each being hereinafter defined and set forth (Pg. 192-215). Such Commissions shall be elected at the fourth Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge, and shall serve from the beginning of the ensuing Conference year. Should the Quarterly Conference fail to elect the above-named Commissions, the Official Board(s) shall elect them and report to the District Superintendent.

135. The Quarterly Conference shall select from the Committees designated hereunder such Committees as it determines to be necessary to the work of the Quarterly Conference, the same to be nominated by the Committee on Nominations, or by the pastor, if there is no such Committee, unless otherwise provided in the *Discipline*, and elected by the Quarterly Conference; or it may authorize the Annual Church Conference to elect the Commissions named above and such Committees as may be necessary to the efficiency of the Quarterly Conference, in which case it shall authorize a call for an Annual Church Conference for that purpose (Par. 32, Pg. 177-180); *provided*, that in no case shall nominations from the floor be denied.

1. *The Committee on Nominations*, of which the pastor shall be Chairman, which shall nominate to the Quarterly Conference or to the Annual Church Conference such officers and members of Quarterly Conference Commissions and Committees as the law of the Church requires or as the Quarterly Conference may determine as necessary to its work (Pg. 134); *provided*, that all the elective members of the Committee on Nominations shall be nominated from the floor.

2. *The Committee on Pastoral Relations*, which shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine persons, *provided*, that in a Circuit each church shall have not less than one representative on the Committee.

The primary function of the Pastoral Relations Committee is to aid the pastor in making his ministry most effective by being available for counsel, and keeping him advised concerning conditions within the congregation as they affect relations between pastor and people; and by keeping the people informed concerning the nature and function of the pastoral office.

When the pastor is to be absent, the Committee shall cooperate with him to secure suitable supply ministers for preaching and other pastoral service during his absence.

Since a responsibility of the Committee is to be at all times sensitive to the relationship between pastor and people, should it become evident to the Committee that the best interests of the charge and pastor will be served by a

change in pastoral relations, the Committee shall confer with the pastor and furnish him with this information. The Committee shall co-operate with the pastor, the District Superintendent and the Bishop in arranging for a change of pastors. The Committee shall be amenable to the Quarterly Conference and its relation to the District Superintendent and Bishop is advisory only.

3. *The Committee on Records and History*, which shall be responsible for assisting the pastor to see that all church and Quarterly Conference records are kept on the official record blanks as provided by The Methodist Publishing House, under the direction of the Committee on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks of the Council on World Service and Finance. This Committee shall examine the Quarterly Conference records annually after the fourth Quarterly Conference and shall report the results of its examination to the first Quarterly Conference of the ensuing year. The Committee, with the pastor, shall be responsible for preparing, where it does not already exist, and after the Quarterly Conference has approved such an undertaking, a history of the local church or churches from the time of organization, and provide for preserving the same in permanent form. At the close of each Conference year it may add to this record facts concerning important activities and achievements of the church and its organizations. The Committee shall see that any and all minute or record books no longer in current use are deposited with the Recording Steward. The Committee shall co-operate with the Recording Steward in providing a permanent place for the safekeeping of the Quarterly Conference records and all other historical material belonging to the church.

4. *The Committee on Co-operation*, which shall be responsible for co-operation with other churches and constructive agencies and groups in the community; *provided*, that in each instance such co-operation has been approved by the Quarterly Conference or the Official Board.

5. *The Committee on Policy*, which, after a careful survey of the work and needs of the pastoral charge, shall make recommendations concerning its improvement or extension; *provided*, that the pastor shall nominate this Committee and shall be its Chairman. On charges of more than one church, each church shall have at least one member on this Committee, and as far as practicable each of the local church Commissions shall be represented thereon.

6. *The Parsonage Committee*, which, with the approval of the Trustees, shall provide an adequate and comfortable residence for the pastor and maintain the proper upkeep and furnishing of the same; *provided*, on charges of only

one church this Committee shall be named by the Official Board, in which event it shall be responsible to the Board (Pg. 216, p7).

7. *The Farm and Home Committee*, composed of both men and women, which shall have the responsibility of assisting young couples to **become** established on the land and in small businesses inherent in the economy of the community, for the purpose of maintaining and strengthening the church community.

8. *The Committee on Wills and Legacies*, whose duty it shall be to keep before Methodist people and any others, by such means as the Committee may determine, the desirability of leaving bequests to the local church, or to other causes and institutions of The Methodist Church. The Committee shall seek legal counsel to the end that bequests may be made in proper legal form.

9. *The Committee on Apportionments* (if the pastoral charge is a Circuit) whose duty it shall be to recommend to the Quarterly Conference for its action and determination, a proper schedule of apportionments among the churches of the pastoral charge for salaries, benevolences and other items properly apportioned to the charge, or assumed by it. Each church in the pastoral charge shall have representation on this Committee.

10. Any other Committees which the Quarterly Conference may determine to be necessary to its work, *provided*, the same are in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

Section III

LICENSING PREACHERS AND EXHORTERS

Adopted April 29, 1952. See Journal, Page 325.

136. The Quarterly Conference shall recommend persons for license to preach, and shall license proper persons as exhorters, as follows:

1. It shall, on application of a proper person, whose membership is within the charge, for license to preach, recommend such person to the District Conference, if in its judgment his gifts, graces and potential usefulness warrant such action. In the event no District Conference is authorized by the Annual Conference (Par. 30, 666), the Quarterly Conference shall license such person to preach if in its judgment his gifts, graces, and potential usefulness warrant such action, *provided*, that the applicant has previously **conformed with the requirements of the Discipline**. (Par. 303, 675.) In either instance, the vote shall be taken by written,

secret ballot, and the recommendation or license shall be signed by the presiding officer.

2. It shall, on application of a proper person, whose membership is within the charge, license him to exhort if in its judgment his gifts, graces and potential usefulness warrant such action, *provided*, that the applicant has previously received the written approval of the Official Board of the church of which he is a member. The license shall be signed by the presiding officer of the Conference. The duties of an exhorter shall be to hold meetings for prayer and exhortation whenever opportunity is afforded, subject to the direction of the pastor; to attend all the sessions of the Quarterly Conferences; and to present annually a written Report to the same. The Quarterly Conference shall each year inquire into the gifts and labors of all exhorters on the charge, and examine their characters. If the Conference is satisfied as to an exhorter's usefulness and Christian character, it may renew his license for another year, such renewal to be signed by the presiding officer thereof.

3. It shall certify proper persons to serve as lay speakers, and inquire annually into the gifts, labors, and usefulness of lay speakers on the Circuit, station, or mission. Lay speakers shall be constituted by the Official Board of the church of which they are members and certified by the Quarterly Conference, the Certificate to be signed by the President of the Quarterly Conference. The duties of the lay speaker are to conduct services of worship, to hold meetings for prayer and exhortation whenever opportunity is afforded, subject to the direction of the pastor, to attend all the sessions of the District and Quarterly Conferences, and to present a written Report to the same. A lay speaker shall be subject to an annual examination of character in the Quarterly Conference, and a renewal of Certificate, to be signed by the President thereof.

Section IV

SUNDRY DUTIES

Adopted April 30, 1952. See Journal, Pages 336, 337.

137. The Quarterly Conference shall determine the amount accepted annually by the charge for World Service and Conference Benevolence by the following procedure: As soon as practicable after the session of the Annual Conference, each District Superintendent shall notify each pastoral charge in his District what amounts have been apportioned to it for World Service and Conference Benevolence (Par. 782-783). It shall be the responsibility of the pastor and the respective Church Lay Leaders to present to a meeting

of each local church in the pastoral charge a statement of the apportionments for World Service and Conference Benevolences, explaining the causes supported by each of these funds, and their place in the total program of the Church. Such presentation to each local church shall be made before the Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge shall set the amount of its acceptances. The first or second Quarterly Conference may accept, increase, or decrease the amount apportioned for World Service and Conference Benevolences (Pg. 132, p7). The amount voted by the Quarterly Conference shall be the amount assumed by the pastoral charge for this cause. Should the amount contributed during the year for World Service and Conference Benevolences exceed the charge's acceptance, the entire amount so contributed shall be remitted in regular order to the Conference Treasurer before the end of the Conference year. (Pg. 213, p6.) The District Superintendent shall also notify each pastoral charge of all other amounts properly apportioned to it.

The apportionments to the pastoral charge for the General Administration Fund, for the Episcopal Fund, for District Superintendents, for Conference Claimants, and for the Minimum Salary Fund are not subject to change or alteration by the Quarterly Conference or by the local church.

138. Annually at its fall meeting the pastor shall answer the following questions, and the answers thereto shall be transmitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, or, if there is no Executive Secretary, to the President thereof: (1) Who are the young people of this pastoral charge who are members of the senior class in high school? (2) Who are the young people of this pastoral charge who are members of the second year in junior college? (3) Has a list of their names been sent to the admissions officers of the Methodist colleges or colleges related to the Annual Conference for their information? (4) Who are the young people now in university, college, **schools of nursing**? What is being done by the local church to extend and maintain its ministry to them? Who of these are recruits for life service in a church vocation, and in what educational institutions are they enrolled? (5) What young people from this pastoral charge are now in theological schools, and in what school is each enrolled? (6) What young people from this pastoral charge are in the armed service, and what is being done to extend and maintain the church's ministry to them?

139. In addition to the duties and responsibilities herein-

before mentioned, the Quarterly Conference shall be charged with the following:

1. Through the Official Board as its administrative agent, supervise and promote the financial interests of the charge, including the support of the ministry, the payment of World Service and Conference Benevolences, and prompt discharge of financial obligations for the building, repair, and the general physical maintenance of the church houses and parsonage of the charge.

2. Promote all the spiritual as well as temporal interests of the church—evangelistic, educational, missionary and benevolent.

3. Each year at the first Quarterly Conference, the following questions shall be asked: (1) How many persons have been received into the fellowship of the Church on this pastoral charge during the past twelve months? (2) How many persons will this pastoral charge set as a minimum number to be received on profession of faith this Conference year and what means will it adopt to win them? (3) What program has been adopted for assimilating new members in the life of the Church, and training them in Christian living and activity?

4. Receive reports of the work of the pastor, **other officers** and of all the organizations of the church or churches of the pastoral charge, as the Quarterly Conference may determine.

5. Fix the place of the next session of the Quarterly Conference. (Pg. 130.)

6. Fix the salary and other remuneration of the pastor, or pastors, after the following procedure: At the session of the Quarterly Conference next preceding the regular annual session of the Annual Conference, on recommendation of the Official Board(s) and after consultation with the pastor, the Conference shall set the minimum salary of the pastor for the ensuing Conference year. In pastoral charges of more than one church, the amount apportioned to each church shall be recorded in the minutes of the Quarterly Conference. The pastor's salary thus agreed upon shall not include the traveling and moving expenses of a new appointee to the pastoral charge. These expenses, when provided for, shall be a separate and additional item.

7. Such duties and responsibilities as the General Conference may from time to time commit to it.

8. The District Superintendent shall secure the names and addresses of the Church School Superintendents on the charge and transmit them to the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education on blanks furnished by the General Board of Education,

Section V

ORGANIZING A LOCAL CHURCH

Adopted April 30, 1952. See Journal, Page 337.

140. 1. When a local church is to be organized, the District Superintendent, after consultation with the District Board of Church Location and Building (Par. 704-707), shall call the persons interested in the proposed church to meet at an appointed time and place, or he may by written authorization designate any pastor in his District to call such a meeting.

2. The District Superintendent, or the pastor holding authority from him, shall preside, and shall appoint a Secretary to keep a record of the meeting. Following a period of worship, opportunity shall be given those in attendance to present themselves for membership by proper Certificates of Transfer. Pastors issuing such Certificates to a church not yet organized shall describe therein the proposed new church to which it is issued—as, for instance, “the proposed new church on Boston Avenue.”

3. Opportunity shall also be given persons desiring to become members on profession of their faith in Christ to present themselves for membership. When the presiding minister is satisfied as to the genuineness of their faith and purpose (Pg. 107), they shall be received into the membership of the Church in accordance with our prescribed form (Par. 1914).

4. A list shall be made of all the persons received into the membership of the proposed church, by transfer and on profession. These persons, eighteen years of age and over, shall be members of the constituting Church Conference, and each shall be entitled to vote.

5. The constituting Church Conference shall then be called to order, and it shall proceed to choose the elective Stewards of the church (Pg. 133, p1), on nomination of a Committee on Nominations. Such Committee shall be appointed by the presiding minister or elected on nomination from the floor as the Conference may determine. In either case the presiding minister shall be Chairman. When the elective Stewards have been chosen in proper number (Pg. 183), the presiding minister shall declare the church properly constituted.

6. He shall then adjourn the Church Conference and call to order the Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge. The membership of said Quarterly Conference shall be the newly elected Stewards and any others entitled to membership under the provisions of the *Discipline* (Pg. 128). The Quarterly Conference shall then elect such officers of

the church as the *Discipline* requires, including Trustees of church property (Pg. 143) and shall set up Commissions and Committees as provided in the *Discipline* (Pg. 135). When such officers have been duly elected and the proper Commissions and Committees constituted, the church is duly organized, and from this point its work shall proceed as described in the *Discipline*; *provided*, that when a newly organized church is attached to a Circuit, the pastoral charge Quarterly Conference shall not be held until such time as representatives from all the churches of the charge can be properly assembled for that purpose.

7. The Quarterly Conference may take action, at its discretion, authorizing and directing the newly elected Trustees to incorporate the newly organized church in accordance with local laws and the provisions of the *Discipline*.

PART II

CHURCH PROPERTY

Adopted April 30, 1952. See Journal, Page 337.

141. In a pastoral charge (Pg. 104) consisting of one local church, the Quarterly Conference as constituted in Pg. 128 shall be vested with authority and power in matters relative to the real and personal property of the local church concerned as hereinafter set forth (Pg. 142-163). In a pastoral charge consisting of two or more local churches, a Local Church Quarterly Conference shall be organized in each local church therein, and such Local Church Quarterly Conference shall be vested with authority and power in matters relating to the real and personal property of the local church concerned, as hereinafter later set forth (Pg. 164-167).

Section I. A Pastoral Charge Consisting of One Local Church.

142. In a pastoral charge consisting of one local church, the Quarterly Conference, constituted as set forth in Pg. 128, shall be vested with power and authority as hereinafter set forth in connection with the property, both real and personal, of the said local church, viz.: (1) If it so elects, to direct the Board of Trustees to incorporate the local church expressly subject, however, to the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church (Pg. 161-163), and in accordance with the pertinent local laws, and in such manner as will fully protect and exempt from any and all legal liability the individual officials and members, jointly and severally, of the local church, and the Quarterly, Annual, Jurisdictional, and General Conferences and The Methodist Church, and each of

them, for and on account of the debts and other obligations, of every kind and description, of the local church; (2) To direct the Board of Trustees with respect to the purchase, sale, mortgage, incumbrance, construction, repairing, remodeling, and maintenance of any and all property of the local church; (3) To direct the Board of Trustees with respect to the acceptance or rejection of any and all conveyances, grants, gifts, donations, legacies, bequests, or devises absolute or in trust, for the use and benefit of the local church, and to require the administration of any such trust in accordance with the terms and provisions thereof and of the local laws appertaining thereto; (4) To elect the Trustees of the local church, unless otherwise provided (Par. 32), in harmony with provisions of the *Discipline*; (5) To do any and all things necessary to exercise such other powers and duties relating to the property, real and personal, of the local church concerned as may be committed to it by the *Discipline*.

1. LOCAL CHURCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

143. In each local church there shall be a Board of Trustees consisting of not less than 3 nor more than 9 persons, each of whom shall be not less than 21 years of age, and at least two-thirds of whom shall be members of The Methodist Church.

144. The members of the Board of Trustees shall be divided into three classes and each class shall, as nearly as possible, consist of an equal number of members. At the fourth or final meeting of the Quarterly Conference for the Annual Conference Year, upon nomination by the Committee on Nominations (Pg. 135, p1), of which the pastor shall be Chairman (or if the Committee fails to nominate, upon nomination of the pastor) it shall elect, to take office at the beginning of the ensuing Conference year, to serve for a term of three years or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, the required number of Trustees to succeed those of the class whose terms then expire, *provided*, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Trustee to succeed himself.

The Quarterly Conference may determine that the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the members of the local church who are not less than 18 years of age, at a meeting arranged and called for that purpose by the Quarterly Conference, *provided*, however, that at least 10 days' notice of such meeting and the purpose thereof shall be given from the pulpit of the local church or in its weekly bulletin (Par. 32).

145. Any vacancy in the Board of Trustees may be filled

until the next annual election, as hereinbefore provided, by the Quarterly Conference in any regular or special session upon nomination by the Committee on Nominations, or by the pastor; *provided* that nominations from the floor shall not be denied.

146. Within 30 days after the **beginning of the ensuing Conference year**, the Board of Trustees shall convene at a time and place designated by the President, or by the Vice-President in the event that the President is not re-elected a Trustee, or because of his absence or disability is unable to act, for the purpose of electing officers of the said Board for the ensuing year and transacting any other business properly brought before it.

The Board of Trustees shall elect from the membership thereof to hold office for a term of one year or until their successors shall be elected a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and if need requires, a Treasurer; *provided*, however, that the President and Vice-President shall not be members of the same class, and *provided further*, that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The duties of each officer shall be the same as are generally connected with the office held and which are usually and commonly discharged by the holder thereof.

Where necessity requires, as a result of the incorporation of a local church, the corporation directors, in addition to electing officers as provided in this Paragraph, shall, by appropriate action, ratify and confirm, and if necessary elect, as officers of the corporation the Treasurer or Treasurers, as the case may be, elected by the Official Board in accordance with the provisions of Pg. 187 and 214, whose duties and responsibilities shall be as therein set forth. If more than one account is maintained in the name of the corporation in any financial institution or institutions, each such account, and the Treasurer thereof, shall be appropriately designated.

147. The Board of Trustees shall meet at the call of the pastor or of its President, at such times and places as shall be designated in a notice which shall be mailed to each trustee at least five days prior to the appointed time of the meeting; **however, waiver of notice may be used as a means to validate meetings legally where the five (5) day notice is impracticable.**

The Quarterly Conference may, if it is necessary to conform to the local laws, substitute the designations "Chairman" and "Vice-Chairman" for and in place of "President" and "Vice-President."

148. The Board of Trustees shall have such authority, powers, duties, and responsibilities as shall be vested in it

by the provisions of the *Discipline*, and shall be subject to the directions of, and be responsible to the Quarterly Conference, and make a written Report to the fourth or last Quarterly Conference, in which shall be included the following: (1) The legal description and the reasonable valuation of each parcel of real estate owned by the Church; (2) The specific name of the grantee in each deed of conveyance of real estate to the local church; (3) An inventory and the reasonable valuation of all personal property owned by the local church; (4) The amount of income received from any income producing property and a detailed list of expenditures in connection therewith; (5) The amount received during the year for building, rebuilding, remodeling, and improving real estate, and an itemized statement of expenditures; (6) Outstanding capital debts and how contracted; (7) Detailed statement of the insurance carried on each parcel of real estate, indicating whether restricted by co-insurance or other limiting conditions, and whether adequate insurance is carried; (8) The name of the custodian of all legal papers of the local church, and where they are kept; (9) A detailed list of all trusts in which the local church is the beneficiary, specifying where and how the funds are invested and in what manner the income therefrom is expended or applied.

149. Subject to the direction of the Quarterly Conference as hereinbefore provided, the Board of Trustees shall receive and administer all bequests made to the local church; shall receive and administer all trusts; shall invest all trust funds of the local church in conformity with laws of the Country, State, or like political unit in which the local church is located; and shall have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church and of all property **and equipment** acquired directly by the local church and/or by any Society, Board, Class, Commission, or similar organization connected therewith; *provided however, it shall not violate the rights of any local church organization elsewhere granted by the Discipline (Par. 189) and provided further* that the Board of Trustees shall not prevent or interfere with the pastor in the use of any of the said property (Pg. 159), for religious services or other proper meetings or purposes recognized by the law, usages, and customs of The Methodist Church, **nor shall the Trustees permit the use of said property for religious, or other meetings, without the consent of the pastor, or in his absence the consent of the District Superintendent.**

150. (1) "Trustee," "Trustees," and "Board of Trustees," as used herein or elsewhere in the *Discipline*, shall be construed to be synonymous with "Director," "Directors," and

“Board of Directors.” (2) “Local laws” shall be construed to mean the laws of the Country, State, or other like political unit within the geographical bounds of which the church property is located.

151. All provisions of the *Discipline* relating to property, both real and personal, and relating to the formation and operation of any corporation, are conditioned upon their being in conformity with the local laws, and in the event of any conflict therewith, the local laws shall prevail, but effect shall be given, as far as possible, to the provisions of the *Discipline*, and the local laws shall be construed as far as possible in such manner as will give effect thereto.

2. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY—

UNINCORPORATED LOCAL CHURCHES

152. If the local laws do not prescribe that title to property, both real and personal, shall be otherwise taken and held, in which event the provisions thereof shall take precedence and shall be observed and the provisions hereof subordinated thereto, the title to all real property, now owned or hereafter acquired by an unincorporated local church and any organization, Board, Commission, society or similar body connected therewith, shall be held by and/or conveyed and transferred to its duly elected Trustees, who shall be named in the written instrument conveying or transferring title, and their successors in office and their assigns, as the Board of Trustees of such local church (naming it), in trust, nevertheless, for the use and benefit of such local church and of The Methodist Church. Every instrument of conveyance of real estate shall contain the appropriate Trust Clause, as hereinafter set forth in Pg. 159.

153. Prior to the purchase by the local church of any real estate a Resolution authorizing such action shall be passed at a meeting of the Quarterly Conference, by a majority vote of its members present and voting, at a regular meeting or a special meeting of the Quarterly Conference called for that purpose; *provided*, however, that not less than 10 days' notice of such meeting and the proposed action has been given from the pulpit or in the weekly bulletin of the church and *provided, further*, that the written consent to such action shall be given by the pastor and the District Superintendent.

3. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY—

INCORPORATED LOCAL CHURCHES

154. If the local laws do not prescribe that title to real property of an incorporated local church shall be other-

wise taken and held, in which event the provisions thereof shall take precedence and shall be observed, and the provisions hereof subordinated thereto, the title to all property, both real and personal, now owned or hereafter acquired by an incorporated local church and any organization, Board, Commission, society, or similar body connected therewith, shall be held by and/or conveyed to the corporate body in its corporate name, in trust, nevertheless, for the use and benefit of such local church and of The Methodist Church. Every instrument of conveyance of real estate shall contain the appropriate Trust Clause, as hereinafter set forth in Pg. 159.

155. Prior to the purchase by a local church corporation of any real estate, a Resolution authorizing such action shall be passed by the Quarterly Conference in corporate session, **or such other corporate body as the local laws may require**, with the members thereof acting in their capacity as members of the corporate body, by a majority vote of those present and voting, at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose; *provided*, that not less than ten (10) days' notice of such meeting and the proposed action shall be given from the pulpit or in the weekly bulletin of the local church; and *provided, further*, that the written consent to such action shall be given by the pastor and the District Superintendent, **and further provided that all such transactions shall have the approval of the Quarterly Conference.**

4. SALE, TRANSFER, AND MORTGAGE OF PROPERTY— UNINCORPORATED LOCAL CHURCHES

156. Any property, **real**, owned by or in which an unincorporated local church has any interest, may be sold, transferred, and/or mortgaged subject to the following procedure and conditions: (1) Notice of the proposed action and the date and time of the regular or special meeting of the Quarterly Conference, at which it is to be considered, shall be given at least **fourteen (14)** days prior thereto from the pulpit of the church or in its weekly bulletin; (2) A Resolution authorizing the proposed action shall be passed by a majority vote of the Quarterly Conference members present and voting at any regular or special meeting thereof called to consider such action **and by a majority vote of the members of said church present and voting at a special meeting called to consider such action**; (3) The written consent of the pastor of the local church and the District Superintendent to the proposed action, shall be necessary **and shall be affixed to the instrument of sale, transfer,**

and/or mortgage; (4) The Resolution authorizing such proposed action shall direct that any contract, deed, bill of sale, mortgage, or other necessary written instrument *be* executed by and on behalf of the local church by any two of the officers of its Board of Trustees, who, thereupon, shall be duly authorized to carry out the direction of the Quarterly Conference, and any written instrument so executed shall be binding and effective as the action of the local church (Pg. 158).

5. SALE, TRANSFER, AND MORTGAGE OF PROPERTY INCORPORATED LOCAL CHURCHES

157. Any **real** property owned by or in which an incorporated local church has any interest, may be sold, transferred, and/or mortgaged subject to the following procedure and conditions: (1) Notice of the proposed action and the date and time of the regular or special meeting of the members of the corporate body, i.e., members of the Quarterly Conference, at which it is to be considered, shall be given at least **fourteen (14)** days' notice prior thereto from the pulpit of the church or in its weekly bulletin; (2) A Resolution authorizing the proposed action shall be passed by a majority vote of the members of the corporate body present and voting at any regular or special meeting thereof called to consider such action; (3) The written consent of the pastor of the local church and the District Superintendent to the proposed action, shall be **necessary**, and shall be affixed to the instrument of sale, conveyance, transfer, and/or mortgage; (4) The Resolution authorizing such proposed action shall direct and authorize the corporation's Board of Directors to take all necessary steps to carry out the action so authorized, and to cause to be executed, as hereinafter provided, any necessary contract, deed, bill of sale, mortgage, or other written instrument; (5) The Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting shall take such action and adopt such Resolutions as may be necessary or required by the local laws; (6) Any required contract, deed, bill of sale, mortgage, or other written instrument necessary to carry out the action so authorized shall be executed in the name of the corporation by any two of its officers, and any written instrument so executed shall be binding and effective as the action of the corporation (Pg. 158).

6. LIMITATIONS ON USE OF PROCEEDS

158. No real property on which a church building or parsonage is located shall be mortgaged to provide for the current (or budget) expense of a local church, nor shall the

principal of the proceeds of a sale of any such property be so used. This provision shall apply alike to unincorporated and incorporated local churches.

7. TRUST CLAUSES AND RELEASE THEREFROM

159. (1) Except in conveyances from governmental agencies or subdivisions which require that the real property so conveyed shall revert to the grantor if and when its use as a place of divine worship has been terminated, all written instruments of conveyance by which premises are held or hereafter acquired, for use as a place of divine worship for members of The Methodist Church or for other church activities shall contain the following Trust Clause:

"In Trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, and maintained as a place of divine worship of the Methodist ministry and members of The Methodist Church; subject to the *Discipline*, usage and ministerial appointments of said Church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds said premises are situated. This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantee, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises."

(2) All written instruments by which premises are held or hereafter acquired as a parsonage for the use and occupancy of the ministers of The Methodist Church shall contain the following Trust Clause:

"In Trust, that such premises shall be held, kept, and maintained as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the ministers of The Methodist Church who may from time to time be entitled to occupy the same by appointment; subject to the *Discipline* and usage of said Church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantee, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises."

(3) However, the absence of the Trust Clause stipulated in Sec. 1 or Sec. 2 of this Paragraph, in deeds and conveyances previously executed, shall in no way exclude a local church from or relieve it of its Methodist connectional responsibilities. Neither shall it absolve a local congregation or Board of Trustees of its responsibility to The Methodist Church, provided that the intent and the desire of the founders and/or the later congregations and Boards of Trustees is shown by any or all of the following indications:

a. The conveyance of the property to the Trustees of a local Methodist church, or any of its predecessors.

b. The use of the name, customs and polity of The Meth-

odist Church in such a way as to be thus known to the community as a part of this denomination.

c. The acceptance of the pastorate of ministers appointed by a Bishop of The Methodist Church, or employed by the Superintendent of the District in which it is located.

160. Real property acquired by a conveyance containing either or both of the foregoing Trust Clauses may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church (Pg. 156-158) when its use as a church building or parsonage, as the case may be, has been or is intended to be terminated, and when such real estate is sold or mortgaged in accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, the written acknowledged consent of the proper District Superintendent representing The Methodist Church to the action taken shall constitute a release and discharge of the real property so sold and conveyed from either or both of the foregoing Trust Clauses, or, in the event of the execution of a mortgage, such consent of the District Superintendent shall constitute formal recognition of the priority of such mortgage lien and the subordination of the foregoing trust provisions thereof, and no bona fide purchases or mortgagee relying upon the foregoing record shall be charged with any responsibility with the respect to the disposition by such local church of the proceeds of any such sale or mortgage, but the Board of Trustees receiving such proceeds shall manage, control, disburse, and expend the same in conformity to the order and direction of the Quarterly Conference, subject to the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church with respect thereto.

8. INCORPORATION OF LOCAL CHURCHES

161. When so authorized and directed by its Quarterly Conference, the Board of Trustees of a local church shall immediately take and perform any and all necessary steps and actions to incorporate the local church under and in conformity with the laws of the Country, State or like political unit in which it is located. The necessary Articles to be filed with the proper Governmental officials to secure a Charter and any and all Amendments thereto that at any time may be contemplated shall be submitted to the District Superintendent having jurisdiction for his written approval as to the conformity of the same with the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, and shall contain the following provisions:

(1) The corporation shall support the Doctrine, and it, and all its property, both real and personal, shall be subject to the laws, usages, and ministerial appointments of The

Methodist Church as are now or shall from time to time established, made, and declared by the lawful authority of the said Church.

(2) That the Board of Directors of the corporation shall be the Board of Trustees of the local church, elected and organized as prescribed in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

(3) The corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, or otherwise, to both real and personal property, and to improve, incumber, sell, convey, and dispose of all such property in conformity with the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

(4) Subject to the provisions of the *Discipline*, the corporation shall have the power to erect and maintain buildings for the worship of God, for training in Christian faith and conduct, and for Christian social intercourse, and to acquire and/or build and maintain a residence(s) for the use and occupancy of its minister(s).

(5) The by-laws of the corporation shall include the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church as from time to time enacted, authorized, and declared by its General Conference, and no other by-law shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

(6) The members of the corporation shall be the members of the Quarterly Conference or **such other body of the local church as the local laws may permit or require.**

(7) If, for any reason, the corporation shall cease to exist as a legal entity and its charter shall expire or be terminated, the title to all its property, both real and personal, shall be vested in the Trustees of the Annual Conference, if unincorporated, in the same manner as it holds title to any other real estate, or in the Annual Conference, in its corporate name, if incorporated, and all such property shall be held in trust for the benefit of the local church.

(8) Such other provisions as may be required by the local laws.

162. The provisions of Pg. 143-151 hereof entitled "Boards of Trustees" shall be applicable to all corporations formed hereunder as fully and to the same extent as set forth and incorporated herein, *provided*, however, that "Trustee," "Trustees," and "Board of Trustees" shall be construed to be synonymous with "Director," "Directors," and "Boards of Directors," as applied to corporations.

163. In the event that the title to any property, both real and personal, of a local church shall vest in the Trustees of the Annual Conference or in its corporate body as a result of the corporation ceasing to exist, then, and in that event, the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference, if unin-

corporated, or the Board of Directors of its corporate body, shall be and are hereby authorized and directed at the request of the Quarterly Conference of the local church and without any action by the Annual Conference, to reconvey the title to the local church property in such manner as shall be requested by the Quarterly Conference with the approval of the District Superintendent.

Section II

A PASTORAL CHARGE OF TWO OR MORE LOCAL CHURCHES

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 358.

164. In a pastoral charge (Pg. 104) consisting of two or more local churches, a local church Quarterly Conference shall be organized in each local church therein, and such local church Quarterly Conference shall be vested with authority and power in matters relating to the real and personal property of the local church concerned, as hereinafter set forth.

165. The following shall constitute the membership of the local church Quarterly Conference, insofar as the offices and relationships exist within the local church, these members being the same persons who are members of the pastoral charge Quarterly Conference from the local church concerned: (1) The pastor; the associate pastor or pastors; the retired and supernumerary preachers **residing in that place who elect to hold membership therein**; ministers or traveling preachers, who, because they are assigned to special work, have been attached to the Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge, and who are affiliated with the said local church; (2) the local preachers and exhorters holding their membership in the local church, and deaconesses appointed to labor therein; (3) the Stewards of the local church, elective and ex-officio, and the Trustees of the local church; *provided*, however, all lay members of the local church Quarterly Conference shall be members of the said local church, and shall be not less than eighteen years of age.

166. The District Superintendent or an elder designated by him shall preside. The District Superintendent shall fix the time and place of meeting. The District Superintendent may at his discretion call the respective local church Quarterly Conferences to meet at the same time and place as the Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge to which the said local churches are attached; in which case he shall adjourn the Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge, and shall call to order the respective local church Quarterly

Conferences for the transaction of business specifically committed to them, in which event each local church Quarterly Conference shall sit as a separate and distinct entity. Or the District Superintendent may call a local church Quarterly Conference to meet at such other time and place as he may designate; *provided*, that at least 10 days' notice is given of such meeting. The actions of all local church Quarterly Conferences shall be recorded in spaces included in the "Minutes of the Quarterly Conference" (Pg. 131) of the pastoral charge. This is for the purpose of permanent record only, and the Quarterly Conference of the said pastoral charge shall have no voice in the decisions of any local church Quarterly Conference of any local church attached to it in matters specifically committed to the said local church Quarterly Conference, or Conferences.

167. A local church Quarterly Conference, constituted and organized under the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church as hereinbefore set forth, shall elect the Board of Trustees of such local church in number and manner described in Pg. 143-145, both inclusive, and the duties of such Trustees, duly elected, shall be the same as and identical with the duties described in Pg. 146 to 149, both inclusive. The duties, authority and power vested in the local church Quarterly Conference, insofar as they relate to the property, real and personal, of the local church concerned, are the same as and identical with the authority and power vested in the Quarterly Conference of a pastoral charge of one local church as set forth in Pg. 142 and 150-165 both inclusive, and the authority, power and limitations therein set forth shall be applicable to the local church Quarterly Conference as fully and to the same extent as if incorporated herein. The effect of the provisions for a local church Quarterly Conference is to give to each local church in a pastoral charge of two or more churches, rather than to the pastoral charge Quarterly Conference, supervision over and control of its own property, subject to the limitations hereinbefore prescribed by the *Discipline* with regard to local church property.

CIRCUIT AND JOINT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

168. In the event that a Circuit (Pg. 104) shall own or acquire a parsonage for the use of the pastor appointed to serve the local churches comprising such Circuit, or shall own or acquire any other real estate for any common use of its churches, the Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge may elect a Circuit Board of Trustees, to be composed of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members, all of whom shall be not less than 21 years of age;

provided, however, that each local church in the Circuit shall have at least one representative on the Board. The members of the Circuit Board of Trustees shall be divided into three classes, and each class shall, as nearly as possible, consist of an equal number of members. Nominations shall be made by the Quarterly Conference Committee on Nominations (or if the Committee fails to nominate, by the Pastor). At the first election under the provisions hereof, one class shall be elected for a term of one year, one class for a term of two years, and one class for a term of three years, and thereafter, at the fourth or final meeting of the Circuit Quarterly Conference for the Annual Conference Year it shall elect, to take office at the beginning of the ensuing Conference year to serve for a term of three years or until their successors have been elected and qualified, the required number of Trustees to succeed those of the class whose terms then expire; *provided*, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Trustee to succeed himself.

The provisions of Pg. 142 and 145-148, both inclusive, shall be applicable to the Circuit Board of Trustees to the same extent as if incorporated herein.

PART III

SUNDRY PROVISIONS

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 359.

Section I

MERGED OR CONSOLIDATED CHURCHES

169. When two or more local churches are united, merged, or consolidated, the Quarterly Conferences of the constituent churches shall respectively take action to legally effectuate the same, and direct the respective Boards of Trustees with respect to the transfer, or disposition of the property, real and personal, as the local laws and the *Discipline* may require.

Section II

DISCONTINUED OR ABANDONED CHURCHES

170. 1. With the consent of the presiding Bishop and of a majority of the District Superintendents and of the District Board of Church Location and Building (Par. 704-7) of the District in which the action is contemplated, the Annual Conference may declare any church within its bounds discontinued or abandoned. It shall be the duty of its Board of Trustees (Pg. 171, p3), to make such disposi-

tion of the property thereof as the Annual Conference shall direct, and if no such lawful Trustees remain or if for any reason said Trustees fail to make such disposition, then it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Annual Conference or sell or dispose of said property in accordance with the direction of the Annual Conference. In the event of loss, damage to or destruction of such local church property, the Trustees of the Annual Conference are authorized to collect and receipt for any insurance payable on account thereof, as the duly and legally authorized representative of such local church.

2. All the deeds, records, and other official and legal papers of a Methodist church that is so declared to be abandoned or otherwise discontinued shall be collected by the District Superintendent in whose District said church was located and shall be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Secretary of the Annual Conference.

3. Any gift, legacy, devise, annuity or other benefit to a pastoral charge or church that accrues or becomes available after said charge or church has been discontinued or abandoned shall become the property of the Trustees of the Annual Conference within whose jurisdiction the said discontinued or abandoned church was located.

4. When a church property has been abandoned by its membership and no abandonment action has been taken by the Annual Conference, and circumstances make immediate action necessary, the Annual Conference Trustees may take control of the property, with the consent of the Bishop of the Area and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the District in which the property is located. And in the event of the sale or lease of said property the Trustees of the Annual Conference shall recommend to the Annual Conference at its next session the disposition of the proceeds derived from such sale or lease.

Section III

DEEDING PROPERTY TO A FEDERATED CHURCH OR TO ANOTHER DENOMINATION

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 360.

171. 1. With the consent of the presiding Bishop, and of a majority of the District Superintendents, and of the District Board of Church Location and Building, and at the request of the Quarterly Conference, or of a meeting of the membership of the church, where required by civil law, and in accordance with the said law, the Annual Conference may instruct and direct the Board of Trustees of a local church to deed church property to a federated church.

2. With the consent of the presiding Bishop and of a majority of the District Superintendents and of the District Board of Church Location and Building, and at the request of the Quarterly Conference, or of a meeting of the membership of the church, where required by civil law, and in accordance with said law, the Annual Conference may instruct and direct the Board of Trustees of a local church to deed church property to another evangelical denomination under an allocation, exchange of property, or comity agreement; *provided*, that such agreement has been committed to writing and signed and approved by the duly qualified and authorized representatives of both parties concerned.

3. The Quarterly Conference and the Trustees or Board of Trustees of such local church shall fully comply with the instructions of the Annual Conference issued under the provisions of Pg. 170 and 171; and in the event of failure or refusal so to do, the Trustees of the Annual Conference shall be vested with full power and authority to convey such property, and to carry out the instructions of the Annual Conference with regard to the disposal of the proceeds thereof.

Section IV

PROPERTY ADJUSTMENT WHEN A PASTORAL CHARGE IS DIVIDED

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 361.

172. When two or more local churches comprise a single pastoral charge **having a parsonage** and one or more thereof is separated from such charge and established as a pastoral charge, or united with another pastoral charge which does not own a parsonage, each such local church shall be entitled to receive its just share of the then reasonable value of the parsonage, in which it has invested funds, and the amount of such value and just share shall be determined by a Committee of three persons, appointed by the District Superintendent, who shall be members of The Methodist Church but not of any of the interested local churches. Such Committee shall hear all interested parties, and shall take into account the investment of any church in any such property before arriving at a final determination. From any such determination there is reserved unto each of the interested churches the right of appeal to the next succeeding Annual Conference, the decision of which shall be final and binding. Any sum received as or from such share shall **not be applied to current expense or current budget.**

Section V

REMOVAL OF TRUSTEES FROM OFFICE

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 361.

173. Should a Trustee of a local church or a Director of an incorporated local church refuse to properly execute a legal instrument relating to any property of the church, when duly directed so to do by the Quarterly Conference, and when all legal requirements have been satisfied with reference to such execution, the said Quarterly Conference, may by majority vote declare his membership on the Board of Trustees or Board of Directors vacated, and elect his successor for the unexpired term. (See Paragraphs 164-167.)

Section VI

BUILDING OR REMODELING CHURCH PROPERTY

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 362.

174. Any local church planning to purchase, build, or remodel a church **property** shall first secure the District Superintendent's written consent thereto and the Quarterly Conference's authorization after not less than ten days' notice of such proposed action shall have been given from the pulpit or published in the church bulletin. Thereupon the Quarterly Conference shall appoint a Committee of not less than three members of such church, who shall make an estimate of the amount required to complete such understanding or enterprise; and such estimate, amount, and proposed undertaking shall be submitted for approval to the members of the church not less than eighteen years of age, at a meeting called for that purpose. The purchase price of the lot, or lots, on which such church is to be erected shall be paid in full, and before any such building is begun or contract is entered into for the construction thereof or for the purchase or remodeling of an already erected church, it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Conference to acquire a fee simple title to such premises by deed of conveyance executed in the form and manner as in this chapter provided (Pg. 152-155; 159); and to secure in cash and tangible assets at least one-half of said estimated cost, *provided, that before beginning or contracting for the building or remodeling of church property, the plans, specifications, and location of such building or remodeling, and the probable cost thereof shall be submitted to the Board of Church Building and Location of the District in which the property is located.* The purchase price paid for the lot or lots on which the church is to be erected may be credited as a tangible asset

secured. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any repairs or remodeling the cost of which will not exceed ten per cent of the value of the building affected. The procedure for purchasing, building, or remodeling an education building, parish house, parsonage, or other church unit shall be as set forth above for a church **property**. Trustees or other members of local church shall not be required to guarantee personally any loan made to the particular church by any Board created by or under authority of the General Conference.

The Quarterly Conference may commit to the Board of Trustees of the church concerned any building or remodeling program, or it may elect a Building Committee, as the Quarterly Conference may determine.

175. Upon acquisition or completion of any church building, parsonage or other church unit a service of consecration may be held (Par. 1930). Before any church building, parsonage, or other church unit is formally dedicated, all indebtedness against the same shall be discharged (Par. 1929).

Section VII

CENTRAL AND PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCES, PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Pages 364 and 381.

175-A. The provisions herein written concerning the organization and administration of the local church, including the procedure for acquiring, holding, and transferring property, both real and personal, shall not be mandatory in Central Conferences, Provisional Central Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences or Missions, and in such instances the legislation in Pars. 551 to 613 inclusive shall apply.

CHAPTER IV

THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Page 364.

176. There may be a Church Conference of any local church, composed of the members of such church who are eighteen years of age or over. The pastor shall call such Conference and shall be its Chairman. The Conference shall elect a Secretary whose minutes shall be reviewed by the Committee on Records and made a part of the Quarterly Conference records.

The Conference may review the work of the church and adopt plans for the promotion of various phases of the church's work, subject to the limitations of the *Discipline*.

177. The Quarterly Conference may authorize and constitute in any pastoral charge an *Annual Church Conference*, composed of members of the church or churches of the charge, in conjunction with the fourth Quarterly Conference. The District Superintendent shall preside, or in his absence the pastor with the written consent of the District Superintendent shall preside. The Recording Steward shall be the Secretary of the meeting, or in his absence a Secretary pro tem, may be elected. The minutes shall be recorded in the records of the Quarterly Conference.

178. The Quarterly Conference of a Circuit, with the consent of the District Superintendent, may authorize and constitute such an Annual Church Conference in any Church of the Circuit, subject to such additional qualifications as the District Superintendent may specify.

179. An Annual Church Conference thus authorized by the Quarterly Conference may review the work of the year, and receive the reports of the officers, Committees, and organizations of the charge as arranged in the order of business of the fourth Quarterly Conference. The Annual Church Conference may also, when such authority has been specifically granted it by the Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge, elect such officers of the charge as would otherwise be elected by the Quarterly Conference (Par. 32, Pg. 134).

180. If matters presented in the Annual Church Conference are restricted to the action of the Quarterly Conference, only members of the Quarterly Conference may vote thereon.

CHAPTER V

THE OFFICIAL BOARD

Adopted May 1, 1952. See Journal, Pages 365, 377.

181. In every church of every pastoral charge, there shall be an administrative body called the Official Board, hereinafter designated as the Board, and it shall be the duty of the pastor and District Superintendent to see that such organization is set up in every church as hereinafter set forth. The Board shall be responsible to the Quarterly Conference, and shall report to the Quarterly Conference in such detail as the Conference may request.

Section I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

182. The Board shall be constituted of the following persons:

1. The pastor of the local church and the duly appointed associate pastor or pastors.
2. The Stewards of the local church, duly elected (Pg. 183).
3. The ex-officio Stewards of the local church (Pg. 184).
4. The Trustees of the local church (Pg. 143), except such as may not be members of The Methodist Church.

All lay members of the Board shall be members of the local Methodist Church, and that in the nominating and electing persons to such membership the utmost care shall be taken that only morally disciplined persons shall be so nominated, and with special reference to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages.

183. The elective Stewards shall be not less than eighteen years of age and shall be elected annually by the Quarterly Conference at the regular session next preceding the regular session of the Annual Conference, on nomination of the Nominations Committee (Pg. 216, p. 3), or of the pastor if the Quarterly Conference does not constitute such Committee; or they may be elected by the members of the local church eighteen years of age and older, at a Church Conference called for that purpose as may be arranged by the Quarterly Conference (Pg. 179). Stewards elect shall take office at the beginning of the Conference year following their election; *provided*, that in cases where a Steward is elected to fill a vacancy in the Board, he shall take office immediately after election.

Each local church shall be entitled to not less than three or more than thirty-five Stewards, exclusive of ex-officio and honorary Stewards; *provided*, that in churches of more than five hundred members one Steward may be elected for each thirty additional members.

A Steward shall be a person of genuine Christian character who loves the Church and is competent to administer its affairs.

184. The following officers in the local church shall be ex-officio Stewards during their respective terms of office, and shall exercise all the rights and privileges which belong to a Steward in The Methodist Church; the Director of Christian Education or the Educational Assistant (Pg. 133, p. 7); the General Superintendent of the Church School (Pg. 133, p. 5); the Chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism; the Chairman of the Commission on Edu-

cation (Pg. 196); the Chairman of the Commission on Missions (Pg. 208); **the Chairman of the Commission on Finance**; the Lay Member of the Annual Conference if a member of the local church (Pg. 133, p. 4); the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service (Pg. 218, p. 5); the President of Methodist Men (Par. 1513, 1514); the Charge Lay Leader, if a Circuit and if such Lay Leader is a member of the local church (Pg. 222); the church Treasurer or Treasurers (Pg. 214); the President of the Young Adult Fellowship; and the President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship (Pg. 202, p. 4), or the President of the Youth Council if more than one fellowship is organized.

185. With the approval of the Quarterly Conference, any church or charge may provide for rotation in the office of elective Stewards. In the event such rotation in office is proposed, a Resolution shall be presented to the Quarterly Conference, for its action and determination, setting forth in detail the plan and the method proposed.

186. In each church the Quarterly Conference may make provision for the recognition of the faithful service of those Stewards on the Board who have reached the age of seventy-two, or who may have become physically incapacitated, by electing them honorary Stewards. An honorary Steward shall be entitled to all the privileges of a Steward, except the right to vote.

187. The Board shall be organized annually by the election of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer or Treasurers (Pg. 214) and a Church Lay Leader (Pg. 222). These officers shall be elected by the members of the Board on the nomination of a Nominations Committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

188. To the Board is committed the administration of the affairs of the local church both spiritual and temporal, as hereinafter set forth. It shall be responsible to the Quarterly Conference, and shall report regularly to the sessions of the Conference as its work and the occasion may require, and as the Conference may request. The Board shall meet monthly at a time determined by the Board. Special meetings may be ordered by the Board, or called by the Chairman or by the pastor or by a majority of the membership of the Board.

189. The Board shall not deny or take from any organization in the local church a right or power granted it by the *Discipline*.

190. It shall be the duty of the Board:

1. As the administrative agency of the Quarterly Conference, to promote and to have general administrative oversight of the work of the local church both spiritual and

temporal under the direction of the pastor, including the receiving of Reports from all the organizations of the church.

2. After consultation with the pastor, to recommend to the Quarterly Conference (Pg. 139, p. 6), at the session next preceding the Annual Conference the salary of the pastor, and of the associate pastor or pastors, if any. In recommending the salary, careful consideration shall be given to all matters pertaining to the efficiency of the minister. No pastor shall be entitled to any claims for unpaid salary against any church or pastoral charge he has served after his pastoral connections with the church or charge has ceased. The Board shall also make ample provision for other financial needs of the church (Pg. 210).

3. To promote through an educational program interest in all the benevolent causes authorized by the General, Jurisdictional, Annual and District Conferences, and to see that the fourth Sunday of each month is observed as *World Service Sunday*, for the purpose of supporting World Service and Conference Benevolences, co-ordinating the same with the observance in the Church School.

4. In co-operation with the pastor and the Lay Leader, to promote the program of lay activities (Par. 1508-1518), in harmony with the plan and program of the General Board of Lay Activities.

5. To arrange for a program of visitation of the entire constituency of the Church, particularly strangers in the community and members of the congregation who may be ill or in distress (Pg. 194, p. 7).

6. Under the direction of the pastor, to plan and approve the program and work of the local church; to promote the spiritual and temporal interests of the church; to discharge faithfully any and all duties and responsibilities committed to the Board by the Quarterly Conference or by the law of the Church; to take such action as it may determine to be for the well-being and progress of the Church; *provided*, all such actions shall be in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

Section II

COMMISSIONS

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Pages 381 and 411.

191. Four phases of activity are essential to the spiritual life and ministry of every local church: evangelism, education, missions and finance. No local church however small is adequately and effectively organized unless definite provision is made for continuous participation in these four major concerns of the Church Universal.

To the Official Board, in co-operation with the pastor, is especially committed the promotion and administration of these essentials of the church's life and ministry. It shall be the duty of the Board to give continuous leadership and oversight therein, through four Commissions, duly constituted, whose respective duties are hereinafter defined (Pg. 192-215): (1) the Commission on Membership and Evangelism; (2) the Commission on Education; (3) the Commission on Missions; (4) the Commission on Finance, *provided, that when desired, a Commission on Worship, and a Commission on Social and Recreational Activities may be constituted for the promotion and supervision of related functions of the Church.* Each Commission shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference, or by the Board if the Quarterly Conference fails to do so, and shall be auxiliary to the Board. **The Church Lay Leader shall be an *ex officio* member of each Commission.**

COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

192. In each local church there shall be a *Commission on Membership and Evangelism* (Pg. 134), which shall be auxiliary to the General Board of Evangelism and the Jurisdictional, Conference, and District Boards of Evangelism. It shall be the duty of this Commission to seek out the unsaved and the unchurched in the community, and to exercise all diligence that they may be led into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and into the fellowship of the Church. It shall also be the duty of the Commission to seek out the inactive and negligent members of the local church, and to use all laudable means to restore them to active participation in the church's life and fellowship.

193. The Commission on Membership and Evangelism shall be composed of not less than two laymen, two women, two young people, elected annually by the Quarterly Conference, and as many additional persons as the Conference may determine; *provided that all members of the Commission shall be members of The Methodist Church.* In addition the following shall be *ex officio* members: the pastor, the Secretary of Spiritual Life of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Chairman of the Commission on Missions, the Church School Superintendent, the President of Methodist Men, the Chairman of the Commission on Worship and Fellowship of the local Methodist Youth Fellowship, and such members of the District Board of Evangelism as have membership in the local church.

1. At the beginning of each Conference year the pastor shall call together the members of the Commission for organization. **The Commission shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-**

Chairman, a Secretary, and such other officers and Committees as may be determined.

2. The Commission shall meet monthly in order to review its work and receive Reports. The pastor of a Circuit may organize the several local church Commissions into a single Commission, in which case its work shall be projected on a charge-wide basis. The pastor shall be permanent Chairman.

194. To the Commission on Membership and Evangelism in co-operation with the pastor is committed the following specific duties:

1. To promote the total program of evangelism within the church and its community (Par. 1544).

2. To take, at appropriate intervals, an annual religious census of the community, in which the co-operation of other Churches in the community shall be sought, and to seek the co-operation of the Church School, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and other church organizations in making a list of persons, from these and other sources, who should be won to Christ and His Church.

3. To recommend to the Quarterly Conference a minimum goal of persons to be received during the year on profession of faith, and to work diligently toward the attainment of the same.

4. To promote the use of the recommended Special Days, weeks, and seasons for evangelistic purposes.

5. To use all laudable means to create an evangelistic spirit within the membership, and, under the leadership of the pastor, to assist in planning and promoting special evangelistic preaching services at least annually.

6. To promote attendance upon the public worship of God (Par. 97) and through friendly visitation, distribution of literature, and other means to lead indifferent members to active participation in the life and work of the Church.

7. To arrange for the visitation of strangers in the community and those members of the congregation who may be ill or in distress, and those who are negligent in attending worship or in participating in the church's life and work.

8. To organize and promote prayer groups.

9. To distribute evangelistic and devotional literature, and to use all means for acquainting the community with the church and its program.

10. To encourage private and family worship, to promote the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the use of *The Upper Room*, and other devotional literature.

11. To promote organized visitation evangelism during one or more periods each year, to secure new commitments to Christ, and the transfer of Methodists in the community whose memberships are elsewhere.

12. To encourage such groups as Fisherman's Club, Fellowship of Evangelism, The Twelve, or kindred organizations and to co-operate with them in their work.

13. To assist the pastor, when requested, in training classes for church membership.

14. To co-operate with the Commission on Education and the Commission on Missions, in organizing new churches.

15. To develop an adequate program for assimilating new members into the life and work of the church, and its organizations.

THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

195. In order that a local church may be so organized and administered as to provide effectively for the Christian education of its entire constituency, there shall be a Commission on Education in each local church (Pg. 134). In a small church the Commission on Education and the Workers' Conference (Pg. 203) may function as one body except in the election of the officers and teachers of the Church School. **The Commission on Education shall be auxiliary to the Division of the Local Church, of the General Board of Education, and to the Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Education.**

196. The following persons are, by virtue of their offices, members of the Commission on Education: The Pastor, Church School Superintendent, Division Superintendents, **Assistant Superintendent for Missionary Cultivation**, Director of Christian Education (or Educational Assistant) if any, and the Church School Secretary. The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Youth Fellowship shall elect one representative each to membership in the Commission on Education. In addition, members at large, the number to be determined by the Quarterly Conference, may be elected upon nomination of the Committee on Nomination or the pastor after consultation with the Church School Superintendent, **and the Chairman of the Commission on Education.** The Commission shall elect annually from its membership the following officers: a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and such other officers as it may determine.

197. The functions and duties of the Commission on Education shall be as follows:

1. It shall determine the policies for the Church School as a whole and in its parts, and shall give general direction to all the educational work of the church.

2. It shall study the educational needs of the church and shall provide for the organization, guidance, and supervision of the Church School and of its three Divisions.

3. It shall be responsible for counseling with officers and teachers regarding the literature used by the classes and departments of the Church School, shall see that the literature used is appropriate for each class and group, and that it is selected from the literature approved by the Curriculum Committee of the General Board of Education.

4. In order that the statistical records of Church Schools in The Methodist Church may be reliable and uniform, each Commission on Education shall follow the standards of membership, attendance, and maintenance of the roll which are established by the General Board of Education, and shall use the forms and record books prepared by the Board.

5. The Commission on Education and other official bodies in the local church shall encourage and maintain opportunities for initiative and expression on the part of youth as well as opportunity for adult counsel.

6. Other duties of the Commission on Education are as follows:

a. Enlisting and training the necessary officers, counselors, teachers and other leaders.

b. Electing certain officers and teachers as required by the *Discipline* (Pg. 201), filling vacancies in these positions, and upon the recommendation of the pastor or the Church School Superintendent, removing any officer or teacher for habitual neglect or improper conduct.

c. Planning the work of the Church School by holding regular meetings of the Commission and of all Church School workers together and by Divisions and Departments.

d. Providing for the proper observance of the Special Days and occasions in the church year, giving particular attention to the Special Days that are authorized by the General Conference for observance in the Church School (Pg. 205).

e. Providing study groups in marriage and Christian home-making for parents and young people.

f. Informing the Church School members concerning our Church-related institutions of higher learning, and Wesley Foundations and other student activities.

g. Planning the financial program of the Church School, budgeting all Church School funds and giving careful supervision to expenditures.

h. Allocating space for departments and classes and controlling the equipment provided for the use of the Church School.

198. In each local church there shall be a Church School for the purpose of discharging the church's responsibility for instructing and guiding its entire constituency in Christian faith and living. The Church School shall provide for

worship, fellowship, study and service, including social, recreational, evangelistic and missionary activities, and education in the Holy Scriptures, the Christian religion and the Christian church.

199. In a community where there is need of a Methodist Church School, one may be organized with the written consent of the District Superintendent. The Church School, when organized, shall be under direction of the Commission on Education of the church organizing it, or, if organized independent of a local church, it shall be under the direction and supervision of the District Superintendent.

200. The Church School shall include the following activities and organizations: Sunday School; extended sessions for children; Sunday evening and week-day meetings of children, youth, and adults; nursery and home roll; nursery schools and kindergartens; children, youth, and adult home members; vacation Church School; leadership education agencies; parent study groups; and the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship. Each local church shall have a Sunday School and such other activities of the Church School as the local church Commission on Education, in consideration of the needs of the church and community, may determine. When one has become a member of any one of these groups in the Church School, he thereby becomes a member of the Church School.

201. Great care should be exercised in the selection of the teachers, officers and other workers in the Church School. They shall be elected annually prior to the beginning of the Church School year in the following manner:

1. The Quarterly Conference shall elect: (a) the Church School Superintendent (Pg. 133, p. 5); (b) Assistant Superintendent for Membership Cultivation, and the three Divisional Superintendents, all to be nominated by the Church School Superintendent elect; (c) a Director of Christian education or Educational Assistant, if desired (Pg. 133, p. 7).

2. Each class or group concerned shall elect: (a) youth officers in the youth division; (b) officers in the adult division, and (c) the teachers of adult classes after consultation with the Church School Superintendent. Teachers of adult classes shall be subject to confirmation by the church Commission on Education.

3. The Commission on Education shall elect all teachers, officers and workers not otherwise provided for on nomination of the Church School Superintendent in consultation with the pastor, the Director of Christian education and the Divisional Superintendents.

4. Upon recommendations of the pastor, the Quarterly

Conference shall have power to remove from office for unsatisfactory service, habitual neglect, or improper conduct, officers elected or confirmed by it.

202. 1. The Church School shall be organized in three divisions: Children's Division, from birth through eleven years, inclusive; Youth Division (Methodist Youth Fellowship), from twelve through twenty-three years, inclusive; Adult Division, twenty-four years and over, *provided* that the General Board of Education may, at its discretion, modify these age provisions. In small churches each Division may be composed of one or more classes. In larger churches each Division may be divided into Departments with classes in each Department.

2. The Commission on Education shall follow the Manual issued by the **Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education**, describing the organization of schools of various sizes.

3. Classes, departments, and divisions shall develop their work in harmony with the disciplinary provisions and with the standards established by the Conference and General Boards of Education. Each Department and Division shall include in its total program Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and such other meetings and activities as may be determined by the Commission on Education for the Christian education of the children, youth, and adults of the church; *provided* that the results shall be a unified or correlated program of work.

4. The youth of The Methodist Church between the ages of twelve and twenty-three inclusive, including all organizational units, shall be known as the *Methodist Youth Fellowship*. When one becomes a member of the Youth Division in a local church, he is thereby a member of this Church-wide movement known as the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

5. Youth serving agencies shall be included in the Church School provided their program is a part of the program of the Church School and is under the direction of the Commission on Education and the pastor.

6. The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Commission on Education shall co-operate in the missionary education of children and youth.

7. The Secretaries of Children's Work and of Youth Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be members of the Division Council for the age groups concerned.

8. The Charge Lay Leader and the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and of Methodist Men, and the Chairman of the Commission on Missions and such other adult groups as the Commission on Educa-

tion may determine, shall be members of the Adult Division Council.

203. To provide opportunity for fellowship, study and discussion of educational work of the church, there shall be held quarterly a general meeting of all the officers, teachers, and leaders in the Church School to be known as the Workers' Conference. The Chairman shall be the Church School Superintendent, who, with the pastor, and the Director of Christian education, if any, shall be responsible for planning the program of the Workers' Conference. There may also be meetings of the officers and teachers of Departments in those Church Schools that are organized by Departments.

204. In the educational work of the church the following relationships shall be observed:

1. The local Church School shall be auxiliary to the **Annual Conference Board of Education and the Division of the Local Church of the General Conference Board of Education**. The Christian education program of the local Church School shall be the program set up and authorized by the **Annual Conference Board of Education and the Division of the Local Church of the General Conference Board of Education**.

2. In the program of work herein outlined, the pastor is, as elsewhere, in all the work of the pastoral charge, the preacher in charge, and is responsible for the total educational program of the church. Nothing in this plan is to be construed as interfering with his authority and responsibility.

3. The Church School Superintendent is the administrative officer of the Church School. It shall be his duty to co-operate with the pastor and with the Director of Christian education, if any, to stimulate, encourage, and help the other officers and teachers, to plan with them for the work of the school as a whole and in all its parts. He shall carry out the policies of the Commission on Education.

4. Under the direction of the Commission on Education the Church School shall engage in co-operative enterprises with other Methodist Church Schools in the same District, and with schools of other communions, looking toward community betterment and community service and other Christian activities.

5. The Christian education of Church School members calls for curricula which is graded and adapted to the needs of the pupils. The curricula shall be based on sound educational principles and the universal gospel of the living Christ. Methodist connectionalism requires curricula which contain and present Methodist traditions, purposes, programs, and movements. Each Church School shall provide and teach the

courses of study set out in the curricula approved by the Curriculum Committee of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

205. The following Special Days shall be observed in the Church School:

1. In order that the members of the Church School may be informed concerning the World-wide Service Program of Methodism and share in its support, the fourth Sunday in each month shall be observed in the Church School as World Service Sunday. An offering shall be taken in the School for World Service and Conference Benevolences. This offering shall be sent with other offerings of the local church for this cause to the Annual Conference Treasurer. The amount raised annually in the Church School for World Service and Conference Benevolences shall be reported by the pastor and recorded in a column so designated in the Statistical Reports of the Annual Conference.

2. Church School Rally Day shall be observed in each school for the purpose of emphasizing the importance of Christian education and for receiving an offering for the Annual Conference Board of Education for the program of its Local Church Division. The funds raised on this day shall be remitted as may be determined by the Annual Conference. These funds shall be recorded in a column in the pastor's Report to the Annual Conference, but shall not be charged to the share of the Conference Board of Education in the Conference Apportioned Benevolences. The fixing of the date of this observance shall be the responsibility of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education which may delegate this responsibility to the Conference Board of Education.

3. Race Relations Sunday shall be observed in every local church on the second Sunday in February of each year. This shall be an occasion for creating better relations among all races and particularly for informing our people concerning the needs of Negro schools. An offering shall be received for the benefit of Negro schools related to the General Board of Education, due recognition being given to the historic responsibility of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for aid to the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church (Par. 44).

4. Methodist Student Day shall be observed annually in every local church, preferably the second Sunday in June. If not that date, it shall be observed on some other Sunday designated by the Annual Conference or the Church Commission on Education. On this day emphasis shall be given to the work of higher education in Church-related institutions. An offering shall be received for the support of Na-

tional Methodist Scholarships and the Student Loan Fund for Methodist students in our Methodist colleges through the Wesley Foundations.

5. Each local church shall observe *National Family Week* from the first to the second Sunday of May. It shall be the purpose of this week to focus attention upon the importance of religious living. Ministers are urged to preach upon the importance of Christian teaching in the home and the need for close co-operation between the Church School and home and the use of religious literature in the home. Opportunity shall be given for parents to dedicate themselves to the teaching of religion in the home by precept and example. Because of the close relationship of the Church School and the home in the teaching of children, youth, and adults, the promotion of the observance of National Family Week shall be the responsibility of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education in co-operation with other Boards and Agencies of the Church.

The sole purpose of this observance shall be to strengthen family life in keeping with the Resolution of the General Conference concerning the Christian home (Par. 2021). Therefore a special offering should not be taken in connection with National Family Week.

The first Sunday of National Family Week, or some other day selected by the Annual Conference, may be designated as **Children's Day**, with the purpose of emphasizing the responsibility of the Church for our children, the same to be observed without a Church-wide offering. The program for such a day shall be the concern of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education and the Boards of Education of the various Annual Conferences of the Church.

206. On nomination of the pastor, with the concurrence of the Commission on Education, the Quarterly Conference may employ annually a Director of Christian education, who, in co-operation with the pastor and Church School Superintendent, shall direct the educational program of the local church in accordance with the standards of the General Board of Education. In the event the person so elected is not a duly certified Director of Christian education, he shall bear the title Educational Assistant. Two or more churches may join in the employment of such a Director.

207. The Commission on Education shall organize and administer the Church School in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline* and in accordance with standards and procedures as set forth in the Manuals for Church Schools of various types and sizes, which Manuals shall be prepared by the Division of the Local Church of the General Board

of Education under the authority of the General Conference.

THE COMMISSION ON MISSIONS

208. There shall be organized in each local church a *Commission on Missions* composed of not less than three persons, and as many more as the Quarterly Conference may determine (Pg. 134). It shall be auxiliary to the General Board of Missions and to the Jurisdictional and Conference Boards of Missions and shall co-operate with these Agencies in their plans and programs for missionary education and cultivation. The Commission shall organize by electing annually a Chairman, a Secretary, and such other officers as it may determine.

209. It shall be the duty of the Commission on Missions:

1. To provide for the diffusion of missionary information, the distribution of missionary literature, the circulation of the general missionary periodical, and the use of missionary visual education materials in the church.

2. To plan each year, under the leadership of the pastor with the co-operation of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Commission on Education, for a church-wide school of missions in order that the entire congregation, **adults, youth, and children** may be drawn into a period of intensive study, using the study book and other materials issued or recommended by the Division of Education and Cultivation.

3. To co-operate with other Agencies in the survey and study of the needs of the community and to recommend to the Quarterly Conference plans whereby the local church may undertake missionary projects for the purpose of Christianizing the total life of its own community.

4. To study the missionary program of the General Board of Missions and to recommend to the Quarterly Conference and the Official Board such special projects, both home and foreign, as should be supported by the local church.

5. To co-operate with the pastor, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Church School officers, and other organizations and Agencies in the local church in all plans for the development of the missionary life and spirit of the local church, especially in programs and offerings for missions on fourth Sundays, plans for raising funds for World Service and Conference Benevolences, and the support of missionary "specials" by individuals, organizations, and the whole Church.

6. To confer annually with the Local Church Commission on Finance and the Quarterly Conference to the end that in setting up the local budget adequate provision shall be made for the Benevolence Causes of the Church.

7. To co-operate with the pastor and the local church Commission on Finance in an effort to insure an effective every-member canvass each year, with emphasis on stewardship and missions.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE

210. It shall be the responsibility of the Official Board to make proper and adequate provision for the financial needs of the church, including ministerial support (the pastor, the District Superintendent, Conference Claimants, and Bishops), approved items of local expense, World Service and Conference Benevolences, and other items apportioned the church by the proper authority, and all obligations assumed by the local church.

211. There shall be in every local church, a Commission on Finance, which Commission shall under the authority and direction of the Official Board promote and administer the financial program of the church. The Commission shall be composed of not less than three elective members, and as many more as may be determined (Pg. 134). In addition the following shall be ex-officio members: the pastor, Church Lay Leader, Financial Secretary, Church Treasurer or Treasurers, and the Chairman of the Commission on Missions. The Commission shall elect annually a Chairman, a Secretary, and such other officers as it may determine.

212. The Commission on Finance in collaboration with the Financial Secretary or Treasurer, and with the pastor and other proper officials, shall each year set up a Budget for the local church, and shall submit the same to the Board for its action and determination. It is recommended that the local church expense and Benevolence Causes be set up separately, and that the people be given opportunity to subscribe to each respectively.

213. When the annual budget has been approved by the Board, the Commission on Finance shall, under the direction of the Board, proceed to insure an income sufficient to cover the same, and shall administer the funds received after the following plan with such adaptations and adjustments as the Board may determine:

1. There shall be an annual every-member canvass, by which all members of the local church shall be given an opportunity to make their individual pledges to the support of the church. Every member of a local church is obligated to support the entire program of the church. Pledges should be, as far as practicable, on a weekly basis, and in proportion to one's income,

2. Should the probable income appear insufficient to meet the Annual Budget, steps shall be taken at the beginning of the year to provide for the deficit.

3. All payments on pledges shall be credited to the donors, and a proper account shall be kept of each subscriber and contributor.

4. Funds received shall be deposited promptly in a bank approved by the Board, and the account therein shall be in the name of the local church.

5. Funds received shall be disbursed as the Board directs and to the objects for which they are contributed.

6. Contributions to specific causes and objects, and so designated, shall be promptly forwarded according to the intent of the donor, and shall not be used, even temporarily, for any other purpose. When the Budget of the local church has been approved, additional appropriations or items shall not be added thereto without the consent of the Official Board; and payments to no cause or item in the Budget shall exceed the Budget allowance except by order of the Board.

7. As far as practicable, and under the direction of the Commission, the Treasurer shall prorate the income received each month among the respective items and causes represented in the Budget, according to the proportional share of each; *provided, the pastor's salary shall be excepted and given priority claim.*

8. Report shall be made by the Treasurer or Treasurers to the Board each month, and to the Quarterly Conference when requested, of all receipts and disbursements, and of unpaid obligations against the Budget.

9. It shall be the continuing duty of the Commission to inform the congregation of the financial needs of the church.

214. The Treasurer of Treasurers, elected by the Board (Pg. 187), shall receive and disburse all money contributed to causes represented in the local church budget, and such other funds and contributions as the Board may determine; or it may elect a Treasurer to receive and disburse funds and contributions for local expense and a Benevolence Treasurer who shall receive and disburse funds and contributions for Benevolences and similar causes, in every case under the supervision and direction of the Board. The Treasurer shall remit each month to the Conference Treasurer all World Service and Conference Benevolence Funds then on hand.

215. The Commission on Finance shall make provision for an annual audit of the records of the Treasurers of the church and all its organizations, and shall report to the Quarterly Conference.

Section III

COMMITTEES

Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Pages 477 and 479.

216. For the promoting of other interests and activities in the local church the Official Board shall create from its own membership and from the membership of the local church such Committees as it may judge necessary. At least one member of each Committee shall be a member of the Board. Other members may be from the general membership of the church or from the Board, as the Board may determine. Except where the *Discipline* provides otherwise, each Committee shall elect its officers, *provided*, that the Chairman of each shall be a member of the Official Board.

The Official Board may create from the following such Committees as it may determine, and may add others, as may appear advisable for the proper prosecution of its work:

1. The *Committee on Church Rolls*, which shall assist the pastor in acquiring and keeping an accurate record of the church's membership and constituency (Pg. 125, 126).

2. The *Committee on Christian Stewardship* which shall correlate and promote stewardship in the local church, as planned and set forth by the General Board of Lay Activities (Par. 1515-1518).

3. The *Nominations Committee* elected by the Board on nomination from the floor, or by ballot without nomination, which Committee shall nominate to the Board the officers thereof, and the members of its respective Committees. The right of nomination from the floor for officers and Committee members shall in no case be denied. The pastor shall be Chairman of the Nominations Committee (Pg. 187).

4. The *Committee on Christian Vocations* which shall be composed of the pastor, a layman elected by the Quarterly Conference, a representative of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Superintendent of the Church School, and the Superintendent of the Youth Division. It shall co-operate with the Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to see that the philosophy of Christian vocation and the opportunities in Church vocations are regularly presented to the youth and adults of the church; to advise interested young people and adults of the necessary qualifications for all Church vocations; and to give encouragement and guidance to candidates for the pastoral ministry, and other Church-related vocations. The Committee shall report annually to the fall meeting of the Quarterly Conference, and to the Annual Con-

ference Commission on Christian Vocations (Pg. 138).

5. *The Committee on Temperance*, which shall promote temperance and kindred causes in co-operation with the General, Jurisdictional, and Conference Boards of Temperance (Par. 1460-1471). It shall promote a vigorous program of temperance education in the local church, with especial emphasis on the appeal that individuals pledge themselves to total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages. It shall also, in co-operation with the pastor, promote in the local church the observance of such special temperance days as the General Board of Temperance and other Church authorities may designate.

6. *The Music Committee*, which shall encourage the use of suitable music in the worship service of the church and with the approval of the Board make provision for proper musical leadership.

7. *The Parsonage Committee*, which shall take proper action in co-operation with the Board of Trustees (Pg. 148) to provide an adequate and suitable residence for the pastor (Pg. 135, p6).

8. *The Committee on Church Property*, unless otherwise provided by the Trustees, which shall have supervision of the maintenance and upkeep of the sanctuary and other church units.

9. *The Committee on World Peace*, which shall provide for the promotion of world peace, co-operating with the General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conference Commissions and Committees on World Peace (Par. 1576-1583).

10. *The Committee on Good Literature*, whose duty it shall be to call attention to the publication of new books of worth in forming and building the Christian life, arrange for exhibits of books and pamphlets relating to our work, promote the observance of Bible Sunday, secure subscriptions to the *Christian Advocate*, and Conference and Area publications, and promote the use of our publications in our Church Schools.

11. *The Committee on Social Life*, which shall provide in and through the church, social functions and forms of recreation unquestionably wholesome and compatible with the mind and teachings of Christ.

12. *The Committee on Hospitals and Homes*, whose duty it shall be to promote in co-operation with the General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes (Par. 1521-1531) the interests of hospitals and homes of The Methodist Church and the particular hospitals and homes for whose support they are respectively responsible. This Committee, upon request of the pastor, shall have charge annually of the Golden Cross enrollment and the

dissemination of literature to assist in relating the congregation not only to the greater philanthropy of the Church but to the social welfare organizations represented in the local parish and community.

13. *Committee on Men's Work*, which shall promote the training and active participation of men in the work of the local church, under the leadership of the General Board of Lay Activities.

14. Other Committees as the Board may determine.

All Committees shall be responsible to the Official Board, and shall report to the Board regularly, and to the Quarterly Conference as requested. **Care should be exercised that the Official Board Committees do not overlap or conflict with the Committees elected by the Quarterly Conference.**

Section IV

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 479.

217. In every local church there shall be a Woman's Society of Christian Service. The following is the authorized Constitution for such a society.

218. *Article 1, Name.* There shall be a Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local church, auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. A Wesleyan Service Guild, auxiliary to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, composed of gainfully employed women, may also be organized in a local church.

Article 2, Purpose. The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to unite all the women of the church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people, and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and the support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a world Christian community.

Article 3, Membership. A woman may become a member of this society by giving prayer, service, and an annual contribution of money to the total Budget through membership offerings, or dues, pledges, or gifts. She shall contribute to, educate for, and promote the total program of the women of Methodism.

Article 4, Funds. (1) All funds from whatsoever source secured by this Society belong to this organization and shall be disbursed only in accordance with its Constitution and by its order.

(2) The total Budget to be secured and administered by a Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local church shall include pledges to missions to be directed through the regular channels of finance of the Society and also funds for local church and community activities.

(3) All undesignated funds channeled to the Woman's Division shall be divided in the office of the Treasurer of the Woman's Division on a basis to be determined by the Division. There shall be no division of such funds by the local society.

(4) Funds for local church and community activities shall be secured and administered by the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local church.

(5) Each society in the local church shall make an annual pledge to the total Budget adopted by the Conference Society.

(6) Each society in the local church shall include in its Budget a definite amount for a cultivation fund.

Article 5, Officers and Elections. The officers of the society shall be a President, one or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Secretaries of Promotion, of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities, of Student Work, of Children's Work, of Spiritual Life, of Literature and Publications, of Supply Work, of the Status of Women, and such other officers in charge of lines of work as may be required. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society. Where a simpler form of organization is necessary in a small church, there shall be five officers or more, as determined by the local Society. These officers shall share the responsibility for promoting the work of the full quota of officers as listed in this Paragraph.

Article 6, Meetings. The Society shall hold one or more meetings during a month for the transaction of its business and for the study of the work.

Article 7, Amendments. Proposed amendments to this Constitution may be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at least forty days before the last annual meeting of the Division in the quadrennium. Proposed amendments may also be sent directly to the General Conference.

219. For a description of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and its subsidiary organizations see Pars. 1240-1258.

Section V

LAY ACTIVITIES IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Adopted May 3, 1952. See Journal, Page 479.

220. The Official Board, in co-operation with the pastor, shall be responsible for the program of lay activities in the local church as outlined under the direction of General, Jurisdictional, Annual Conference and District Boards of Lay Activities (Par. 1480-1501). In the program of lay activities the pastor is as in all the work of the pastoral charge the preacher in charge, and is responsible for the total program of the church. Nothing in this plan is to be construed as interfering with his general authority and responsibility.

221. The program of lay activities in the local church shall include the interests and causes that have been committed to the General Board of Lay Activities by the *Discipline* (Par. 1482).

222. There shall be a Lay Leader in each local church, elected by the Official Board **from its membership**, who shall promote, in co-operation with the pastor and the Board Chairman, the program of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church. If the Chairman of the Official Board is a Layman, he may also be elected the Church Lay Leader. In a pastoral charge of one church the Church Lay Leader is the Charge Lay Leader. In a Circuit charge there shall be a Charge Lay Leader elected by the pastoral charge Quarterly Conference.

223. The pastor of a Circuit with the consent of the Official Boards of the charge, shall organize the several Official Boards into a single Board of Lay Activities. The Charge Lay Leader shall be Chairman this Board of Lay Activities of the pastoral charge (Pg. 128).

This Board shall promote the program of lay activities on a charge-wide basis and encourage harmony and Christian fellowship among the churches of the Circuit, to the end that the charge may render a more effective service.

No. 8

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO STUDY
THE ADVISABILITY OF THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF A METHODIST CENTER OR
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, AND
SIMILAR JURISDICTIONAL
FACILITIES**

To the General Conference of The Methodist Church of 1952:

The General Conference of 1948 created a Commission to study the advisability of the establishment of a Methodist Center or general headquarters, and similar Jurisdictional facilities, the members of the same to be nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the Conference. Pursuant to said action, the following persons were elected to membership on the Commission:

Bishop Clare Purcell, Convener, Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Bishop Robert N. Brooks, S. M. Riley, H. L. Dickason, Owen J. Beadles, E. C. Harrah, Margaret Currie, B. F. Allgood, M. L. Sims, Charles Stuck, M. T. Freeman, Oscar Horton, Aubrey S. Moore, Howard C. Baldwin.

The Commission met for organization in Chicago, Illinois, December 16, 1948, at the call of Bishop Clare Purcell, Convener, and organized as follows: Chairman, Bishop Clare Purcell; vice-chairman, Bishop J. Ralph Magee; Secretary, Margaret Currie; Treasurer, Thomas B. Lugg, Treasurer of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

The Commission carried on its work as effectively as it was possible under the handicap of a limited budget and the lack of a generally accepted blueprint of the requirements involved.

A number of cities were contacted and studied as to: (1) Their location with respect of transportation and Methodist population of the United States; (2) Transportation facilities—rail, bus and air; (3) Parking areas; (4) Acreage available near city; (5) Present office and auditorium accommodations; (6) Hotel accommodations; (7) Meeting rooms for Boards and Committees; (8) Social aspects of the community.

In addition to the cities contacted and the studies made by four Committees, a questionnaire was sent to 344 church leaders, including the Bishops, Secretaries and one minister and one layman from each delegation to the last General

Conference. One hundred seventy-five replies were received and were carefully tabulated.

As an alternative to the establishment of a general headquarters, the Commission also studied the possibility of acquiring a hotel or entering into an agreement with an existing hotel for the accommodation of meetings of Boards, Commissions and other Church gatherings. After careful study it was the unanimous opinion of the Commission that neither suggestion was practical.

The Commission gave thorough consideration to the Reports of the Committees, as well as the replies to the questionnaire referred to above.

The following conclusions represent the consensus of opinion of the members of the Commission:

1. If the major advantages of a central headquarters for the Boards and Agencies are desired, we would recommend that serious consideration be given to the possibility of locating the General Agencies of the Church in the Middle West within an area which would make each Agency readily accessible to others by overnight travel.

2. The disadvantages of establishing a central headquarters in a single city seem to outweigh the advantages.

3. At present there is too much opposition to the idea among Church leaders to make it advisable.

The Commission would, therefore, recommend: That no immediate action be taken.

Very respectfully submitted,

CLARE PURCELL, *Chairman*;

MARGARET CURRIE (*), *Secretary*.

No. 9

A REPORT

Ordered by the General Conference of 1948

**"SUPPORT OF METHODIST THEOLOGICAL
SCHOOLS"**

Presented April 24, 1952. See Journal, Page 248.

TO Delegates of the 1952 General Conference

FROM the Committee to Study the Support of Methodist
Theological Schools

The General Conference of 1948 created a Committee on Theological Education charged with the following responsibilities.

1. To continue the study of our Methodist Theological Schools and review the entire question of their support.
2. Conduct a Church-wide campaign of information concerning the work and needs of these ten schools of theology.
3. Make a financial appeal to all the local churches of Methodism if in the judgment of the Committee such a plan seemed wise and practicable. (For a complete statement of these responsibilities, see the 1948 *Discipline*, paragraph 2013.)

The Needs

The needs of Methodism's ten schools of theology are determined by the numbers of young men Methodism expects our schools to train and the quality of training we desire them to receive.

What does Methodism need? In the first forty-seven years of this century Methodism doubled its membership and declined in the number of its ministers who were in full connection as members of an Annual Conference. During this forty-seven-year period the level of education among the people of our country lifted markedly, requiring a better-trained ministry if adequate moral and spiritual leadership was to be given. During this period the training offered to doctors, engineers, and educators was enriched and extended with material results evident to us all. The numbers of our ministers and the quality of training have not similarly kept pace; which is one of the causes of our present dilemma. More and more churches want a thoroughly trained



minister; hundreds of large churches want and need to add another minister to their staff; churches now on Circuits desire to become stations and need a thoroughly trained minister. We do not assume that a country doctor can be quite properly an untrained doctor nor should we assume this concerning a rural minister, for example.

Your Committee found a widespread awareness of this urgent need of more and better-trained ministers. Efforts to acquaint our youth with the strategic opportunity for serving Christ and our war-torn world through the Christian ministry has resulted in our finest youth hearing and answering God's call in gratifying numbers.

The bottleneck is our schools of theology. There are ten of them in number. They came into being through the vision and generosity of individuals and groups within the Church and almost grew like Topsy without encouragement or guidance from the Church at large. Inevitably they have been handicapped in their development and today they cannot perform the task we must assign them unless they receive prompt and generous financial aid from the Church at large.

In 1947 an able committee, headed by Dr. John L. Seaton, President Emeritus of Albion College, Examiner in the North Central Association of Colleges, and President of the University Senate of The Methodist Church, conducted a

survey of theological education in our denomination. Their survey constitutes the basis of our Committee's continued study. Dr. Seaton and his Survey Committee said that of the 200 theological seminaries in this country the work done in several of our Methodist theological schools was of such outstanding quality that these would have to be included in any listing of the first ten: high praise indeed. But the Seaton report continued: "It must be admitted, however reluctantly, that none (of our ten Methodist schools) would rank with the first two of the American theological schools." It seems to be the Survey Committee's judgment that our schools are good, but not good enough.

Too Few Faculty Members

One of the major reasons why they are not good enough lies in the large number of students for which each faculty member is responsible in our schools. How many students on the average should a teacher in a school of theology attempt to develop and train? Quoting Dr. Seaton's report, "For colleges, a ratio of one faculty member for every ten to twelve students is regarded as standard. Graduate work is everywhere understood as requiring more time both for instruction and supervision than undergraduate." Since the theological seminaries are all graduate in level, a ratio of at least one teacher to ten students would be a conservative and obligatory expectation. In the Indiana School of Medicine the ratio is one full-time faculty member for every five to seven students; and counting scores of part-time teachers, one full-time faculty member to each two or three students.

How do our schools of theology compare with the first two theological seminaries of which Dr. Seaton speaks, in the matter of ratio of faculty to students? The first had in 1950 219 students working for a B.D. degree and 24 full-time faculty plus ten part-time. That is one faculty member for each 10 students. The second of these schools mentioned by the Seaton report had 237 students working for a B.D. degree and 27 full-time faculty plus a large number of part-time faculty; that it, *more* than one faculty member for each 10 students.

A Comparison

Taking three of our own better schools of theology in 1950, number one had 296 candidates for a B.D. degree and 13 full-time faculty members; or, one faculty member for 22 students. A second had 350 students working for a B.D. degree and 18 full-time faculty, or just under 20 students for each faculty member. A third had 237 candidates for a B.D. degree and 15 full-time faculty, or approximately 15 stu-

dents for each faculty member. When one adds, in the case of each seminary, about one third more in numbers of other graduate students who look to this same faculty for guidance, and the increase in enrollment beyond the figures of 1950, it becomes evident that we are asking our schools of theology to do the impossible.

One of our Committee members read a term paper written by a young man in one of the so-called best two schools of theology in America. He was impressed by the quality of the material in the paper, but particularly impressed with the fact that this paper had been read with real care by the professor. It was evident by his comments written on the paper that the professor knew the mind, the habits, the strength and weaknesses of this young man and was taking the time to give personal guidance and inspiration. The Committee members were saddened when we realized that the numbers involved *made* this sort of guidance and inspiration practically impossible in most of our schools of theology today.

Such facts lead us to the conviction that Methodism's schools of theology need help, need it desperately, and need it now.

Financial Help Needed?

How much financial help do our schools of theology need in the quadrennium 1952-1956? Your Committee asked each of our ten schools to submit an estimate of its needs for the quadrennium, 1952-1956, in the following categories:

1. Salary increases of present faculty.
2. Increase in the numbers of faculty.
3. Increase in pensions.
4. Other personnel.
5. Operational requirements.

After studying the replies carefully and conferring with the Council of Bishops we arranged to supplement these estimates with an added survey of each of the schools by an objective, qualified person to ascertain the minimum amount these schools must have to accomplish the task assigned them. We were fortunate in securing Dr. John O. Gross, Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education who, with the assistance of an expert in institutional accounting, visited these schools and made a careful, on-the-spot analysis of their budgets, size of faculty and student body, and capacity of each school to increase its own income. This resulted in reducing the figure originally asked by the schools by more than \$100,000.

Dr. Gross gave your Committee as the minimum figure required by our schools of theology for effective operation

during the quadrennium 1952-1956 \$800,000 per year from the Church at large. Since our schools now receive \$300,000 from World Service, they would require \$500,000 in addition annually. The schools of theology would still have to raise on their own \$1,800,000 annually toward a total budget of \$2,600,000.

When your Committee made known its findings of \$800,000 annual support from the Church at large and the method used in coming to this conclusion to the Council of Bishops, The Committee of Nine, The Committee of Twenty-Eight, The General Commission of World Service and Finance, and The Council of Secretaries, there was wholehearted agreement that our churches could, and should, raise this amount and put into the hands of our schools of theology the tools with which to meet our Church's need for more and better-trained ministers.

How Raise These Funds?

Our Committee felt that the logical and ideal way to raise this \$800,000 was by apportionment to the churches of 11½ per cent on basis of the minister's salary. We believe that logically the enlistment and training, support in active years, and pension upon retirement of pastors, District Superintendents, and Bishops are all vital parts of one process and belong together in relation to an apportionment to the local church.

So much objection, however, arose from many quarters to adding any percentage by proration on the pastor's salary that your Committee asked The Committee of Twenty-Eight and The General Conference Commission on World Service and Finance to settle upon a method which in their judgment would be best for all the interests of the Church.

Their conclusion, involving the raising of \$800,000 annually for these schools, will be presented as a part of their Report to you and has our wholehearted endorsement.

The action of the Council of Secretaries in giving their unanimous endorsement to the proposed method, despite the fact that this coming quadrennium a large portion of these funds will come out of the current incomes of the General Boards and Agencies, was a demonstration of unselfish and wise statesmanship of which Methodism should be proud.

We recommend, further, that the General Conference of 1952 shall provide for the establishment of a Commission on Theological Education within the framework of the Board of Education, Division of Educational Institutions, composed as follows: six Bishops, six pastors, and six laymen, with the President of the Board of Education, the Chairman and Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institu-

tions, and the Executive Secretary of this said Commission as ex officio members.

The funds made available by the general Church will be paid to the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education and distributed by that body, under the supervision of the above-mentioned Commission. The legislation required to meet the needs outlined will come as a part of the report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance and the Board of Education.

Use of Funds

It is your Committee's conviction that no part of the \$800,000 should be used by the schools of theology for endowment, building, or scholarships, nor should any of it be used to reduce the amounts now contributed by the universities where a school may be a part of a given university.

It is your Committee's conviction further that the money thus made available by the general Church should be used to actually enrich and improve theological education and make available for the Methodist churches a larger number of carefully trained ministers. Further, while the \$800,000 will permit our schools of theology to use to the maximum efficiency the present facilities, even so our schools of theology will not be able to graduate during the coming quadrennium enough Methodist ministers to meet our needs; and we recommend that a further study should be made to ascertain what if any additional facilities may be needed.

Campaign of Information

The second responsibility with which your Committee was charged was to conduct a Church-wide campaign of information concerning the work and needs of our ten schools of theology. Through the Chairman of the Committee the work and needs of the schools of theology were presented to the Council of Bishops for their advice and counsel. Many valuable suggestions were received. Through its Executive Secretary the same procedure was followed with the Council of Secretaries. These officers also laid the total program before the General Commission on World Service and Finance at each of its annual meetings.

Practically every Annual Conference was visited by speakers from our schools of theology who not only addressed the Annual Conference sessions, but likewise in most instances held conferences with joint sessions of the Annual Conference Board of Education and of Ministerial Training; thus reaching essentially the entire leadership of our denomination.

Each of the Bishops presiding over an Annual Conference session was asked to share with the Conference his own convictions concerning the importance and the needs of our theological schools. We are most grateful to our leaders for the very valuable help given us in this and other aspects of our endeavor.

Various pamphlets and mimeographed materials were made available. Addresses were made in behalf of theological education at the quadrennial meeting of the District Superintendents and other significant gatherings of Methodist leaders.

The program of information has been widened and intensified through the cordial co-operation of other agencies. The Editor of the *Christian Education Magazine* gave most of the space in a special issue to the presentation of the work of the various schools and the total program of theological education. The Director of the Advance for Christ and His Church co-operated by making it possible to publish and distribute 50,000 copies of a graphic and richly illustrated pamphlet. This Agency also published and distributed widely a brochure in which several Bishops stressed the necessity for recruiting young men for the ministry, and thus aided our cause.

The Editor of *The Christian Advocate* has given wholehearted co-operation throughout the quadrennium. In February, 1952 a special issue was devoted largely to theological education with a two-page spread of photographs of the ten schools and two leading articles dealing with the schools and their needs.

Through the Council of Secretaries there was developed and distributed throughout the Church a motion picture entitled "Cross Roads." This body also made it possible for two issues of the *church bulletins*, of which a million or more copies each were distributed throughout the Church, to carry an emphasis upon theological education.

Finally the National Association of Schools and Colleges has recently issued a brochure in which the appeal to support theological education is given space along with that of the colleges, universities, and Wesley Foundations. We have sought to make use of already existing channels and thus have been able to do our work with a minimum of expense and a maximum of effectiveness.

We are grateful to find that the cause of theological education is on the minds of "the people called Methodists" as it has never been before. There is an increasing number of laymen and ministers who feel that the most urgent need of our Church is for an increased number of fully trained ministers.

Financial Appeal?

The third responsibility with which the Committee was charged was to make a financial appeal to all local churches of Methodism, if in the judgment of the Committee such a plan seemed wise and practicable. Your Committee came to the conclusion that the launching of a Church-wide financial campaign during the quadrennium was likely to prove disruptive to the plans of The Advance for Christ and His Church, and that the needs of the schools of theology could not be met adequately in this way. This judgment was confirmed by the Council of Bishops and other leaders of the Church whose advice was sought.

We Are Grateful

We desire to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Council of Bishops, the General Commission on World Service and Finance, the Council of Secretaries, those in charge of The Advance, for their counsel and co-operation; to the Presidents and Deans of our schools of theology, the Association of Methodist Theological Schools, and the Board of Education for underwriting our budget; to Dr. John O. Gross for personally visiting each of our schools and making a check-up study of their needs; and especially to our Executive Secretary, Dr. Corliss Hargraves, whose experience, wise counsel, and diligent efforts have been of inestimable value throughout the quadrennium.

This Report is placed on your desk the first day of the General Conference, as we were charged with the responsibility of making this Report not later than the second day of the 1952 General Conference; and is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

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No. 10

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO STUDY
THE MINISTRY**

See Journal, pages 250-254, 284, 537-541, 550-555, 773-781, 1268
1269, 1274-1277

**Authorized by the General Conference of 1948
TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF 1952**

PREFACE

The General Conference of 1948 took the following action: "There shall be a Commission to study the ministry of the Church in all of its orders and offices . . . To this Commission shall be referred all matters concerning the ministry of the Church, including the Non-concurrent matters from the Committee on Ministry in the General Conference of 1948, and the Commission shall report to the General Conference of 1952 . . ." The Commission to Study the Ministry herewith submits its Report.

The members of the Commission were: Bishops William C. Martin, Clare Purcell, and Gerald Kennedy. Bishop Martin was Chairman during the first three years, and Bishop Kennedy has served as Chairman during the last year of the quadrennium. President J. N. R. Score was Secretary until his death, and at that time, Dr. W. Kenneth Pope was appointed in his place and elected Secretary. The other members are W. T. Jones, Adrian Foote, J. S. Scott, Lester Rumble, George Roseberry, J. Richard Spann, Oscar T. Olson, Gerald O. McCulloch, and Nolan Harmon who has served as a consulting member.

While the first draft of the Report was the work of the Chairman, the whole Commission worked on it, modifying and amending so it can be said truly that it is the result of our composite efforts. We found ourselves in agreement to a surprising degree and where there was a difference of opinion, we decided to find a meeting place as satisfactory as possible, and then abide by the decision of the majority.

We have issued the Report in two sections. The first part is what follows and deals with the history and philosophy of the Methodist Ministry. The second part contains the Disciplinary legislation necessary to carry out the suggestions made by the Commission and, in addition, the editing and harmonizing of the sections in the *Discipline* having to do

with the Ministry. The first part is intended for each delegate to the 1952 General Conference, and the second part will be placed in the hands of each member of the Committee on Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

GERALD KENNEDY, *Chairman*
W. KENNETH POPE, *Secretary*

THE METHODIST MINISTRY

A vital, enthusiastic religious movement has neither the time nor the inclination to give much consideration to definition of its functions or to formulation of its philosophy. It is too busy expressing itself through evangelization to be concerned about the status of its ministry or the nature of its orders. But the time comes inevitably when such matters must be dealt with to consolidate what the Church has gained and to prevent a watering down of its essential nature. Such a task should not be considered a matter of congealing a Church's life in unchangeable patterns, but rather of making secure the base from which the next great advance is to be made. We ought not to cabin and confine the historical freedom of our ministry, but we ought not to assume that vagueness of attitude toward the meaning of our ministry is a virtue. We believe that it was in a spirit of adventure and not caution that the General Conference of 1948 appointed a Commission to Study the Ministry, and it is in that spirit that we submit our Report.

The Ministry and the Church

Methodism has always had a sense of belonging to the Church Universal. This heritage comes to us through the Church of England and while we in Methodism have never accepted the doctrine of "apostolic succession" through a tactual transmission, we have never doubted that our ministry was in the "endless line of splendor" which began with the Apostles. John Wesley as late as 1745 held to the three-fold orders of ministers as substantiated by the apostolic succession and the written word. He came to feel later, however, that elders and Bishops were of the same order. Acting upon this he designated an elder as General Superintendent or Bishop. We therefore retain the two orders as an historical link with the Apostolic Church.

Methodism has never shown itself willing to cut itself off from the historic Christian stream. We trace our heritage back to the New Testament and we claim our right to every gift which God has given to the Body of Christ, which is the Church Universal. Among those gifts is a ministry created by the bestowal of valid orders verified by experience

and history. We believe that the Reformation was not a departure from but a returning to the Church created by Christ. And we believe that Methodism was not a turning away from the main stream of the Christian Church, but the re-opening of springs which had been clogged by neglect. With all the emphasis on liberty which has characterized Methodism from the beginning, we have been profoundly zealous in maintaining a ministry validated by an ordination rooted in the Church of the Apostles.

There is a sense in which our ministry represents a middle ground between what may be called the sacerdotal and the evangelical concepts of orders. An order has carried historically the idea of a supernatural endowment bestowed on the candidate by the one who performs the ordination ceremony. Office, on the other hand, suggests an ecclesiastical status, granted to one who has demonstrated he has the spiritual gifts to perform a certain function in the Church. Do Methodists believe in orders or offices? The answer is that they believe in both and there is no possibility of a strict differentiation either in our attitudes or our practices. In the days ahead, when Church union will be increasingly a real option, it will be good that Methodism can be a middle ground where the two points of view can meet. This is not a mere expediency, but a simple recognition that there is so much truth and value in both concepts of orders and offices that we ought not to surrender either one.

We must not in any way despise or discount the divine meaning of ordination. The ministry cannot continue to be regarded as a holy calling if the ordinance which symbolizes its historical relationship to Jesus Christ and the Apostles, is degraded. We do not hold that ordination will automatically make a man a good minister. But we are committed to the belief that ordination must mean proper intellectual preparation and adequate spiritual discipline so that no ordained Methodist minister shall ever regard his vocation lightly. We believe that the test of valid orders is primarily the quality of the minister's work. But to give all ministers the same authority and function as those who have accepted the obligations of ordination, can only weaken the Church.

The Methodist belief that its ministry must be not only historically valid but also contemporaneously relevant is nowhere more clearly brought out than in its concept of the itineracy. Methodist ministers have inherited from John Wesley and the American frontier the idea that they are travelers. They are appointed for one year at a time with the assumption that they are ready and willing to move to another field of service whenever and wherever the need

is greatest. It is written deeply into our tradition that the ministry is to go to the people and be sensitive to the needs of the people. Methodist ministers are not supposed to "settle down" until they retire. It is significant that, when a minister terminates his membership in an Annual Conference, we say he has "located." Methodist ministers are influenced by the sense of being pilgrims without a permanent habitation on the earth, and their ministry assumes an unsettled life of traveling. Horace Bushnell once referred to the Methodists as "the Lord's light artillery," and he spoke of their mobile ability. Which is to say that, while we have our roots deep in the Christian tradition, we have our faces toward the new day. It is a hope that this concept of an itinerant ministry may help to save a large, wealthy, and respectable institution from becoming a victim of extreme caution and visionless reaction.

The Ministry and the Conference

The Methodist Annual Conference is something unique in Church organization, though many Methodist ministers who have grown up in it are now unaware of its uniqueness. It is noteworthy, for example, that through the years, American Methodism has tended to make Admission on Trial and Acceptance into full Membership in the Conference more important than ordination. Local preachers, including women, can be ordained, but that does not automatically admit them into Conference membership. When a man is admitted into Conference membership, he enters one of the greatest fraternities in the world. He has submitted to the discipline of the Church and he has agreed to go to whatever service the Bishop and his Cabinet may appoint him. While in effective relationship he is assured an appointment. He has become a part of a connectional Church which means he has an obligation to the whole Church and not only to his local field of work.

No one would claim that our itinerant system is perfect, but we believe it to be the best way so far devised of dealing fairly with both minister and church. There are times when a minister does not receive the appointment he prefers and there are times when a church is not pleased. But on the whole, we believe that both men and churches reach their maximum efficiency under the appointive system. Pastoral Relations Committees as representatives of the congregations are playing an increasingly influential part in the appointment of the minister. Bishops and District Superintendents increasingly take ministers into their confidence and deal with their personal wishes and problems democratically. There is probably no Church where the individual

minister has a greater sense of belonging to, and being responsible to, the whole Church than in Methodism. A good Methodist minister cannot be other than a world Christian.

Our ministry does not live unto itself, for there is a constant stimulation through the very genius and organization of The Methodist Church. Beginning with the General Conference, the program of the whole Church comes to each local congregation through its minister. Now and then a man may question these demands of the greater program and prefer to confine himself to his local situation only. Intentionally or unintentionally such a minister forces his brethren to carry his share of the burden and thus he becomes a ministerial parasite. In Methodism, every minister must be concerned for all and loyal to all, for he may expect the support and loyalty of the whole brotherhood.

Methodism is a movement. It is not to be thought of essentially as an ecclesiastical institution or a theological system though it is expressed in institutional life and declared in ordered theology. It was born out of a deep sense of urgency that scriptural holiness must be spread throughout the land, and that meant a crusade willing to go out from church buildings into the fields and the mines. The men who responded to the call were men who put service above status and were bound together in a discipline that put the whole cause before everything else. There was no place for the prima donna temperament or the isolationist spirit. They were expected to go where they were needed and undertake the task which most needed doing. They were not to think of a comfortable living first nor bargain for some preferential appointment. They believed that the Christian Gospel has power to change men and societies.

The Methodist ministry must never be willing to exchange this heritage for some less heroic ideal. The great word is still, "Here am I; send me." The greatest example is still the gifted man who is willing to serve where the need is greatest. The secret of our strength is always the strong helping to bear the burdens of the weak. And the hope for continued advance lies in every Methodist minister finding his freedom in complete devotion to the program of his Conference and the whole Church.

The Ministry and the Congregation

The minister in all his offices is the servant of the Church. Preaching is an act of the Church, and hence a service participated in by both minister and congregation. No man can consider himself a good minister of Jesus Christ if he fails to build up the Body of Christ on earth, and there is no place for the egotist who considers the Church as a back-

ground for the spectacular exhibition of his own brilliance.

On the other hand, the congregation must not be unmindful of its responsibilities to the ministry. Many a preacher would have been great if he had found a great congregation, and many an outstanding minister owes his success to the love and loyalty of his laymen. Because Methodism attempts to fulfil the obligation of providing every minister with a church and every church with a minister, our churches sometimes minimize their obligations to the minister. Even though they treat him shabbily, they are sure to get another pastor next Conference, while in some denominations they would be unable to find a man who would accept their call. The minister is a man called of God and ordained to challenge every Christian layman to his service for Christ. He has not yet been made perfect, but as long as he is the minister of the Church, he deserves the sympathy, the prayers and the loyalty of his people.

The Methodist minister is the leader of his people. Ours is a layman's movement and Methodist laymen have entered more and more into the life of the Church. They have accepted places of leadership and responsibility. They hold a place of honor and authority in the Conferences of the Church. Their minister, however, has been trained to give leadership to the whole Church program. He is a man who sees the whole enterprise across the world and he is able to interpret the aims and goals of the Methodist movement. It is a wise church which respects this leadership and gives it careful consideration and prayerful co-operation.

Every Methodist church has at least three ministers. Besides the pastor in charge who resides in the parsonage and is on call twenty-four hours a day, there is the District Superintendent who also is on call and visits each congregation. He is the man who stands ready to consult with the minister about any problems or question. Any layman may call on him in regard to the program and welfare of the church. Finally, there is the Bishop of the area who is a pastor to the preachers, a counselor to the churches, and the leader who has oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church at large.

All of this means that both minister and congregation have recourse to a more or less objective point of view in regard to plans and problems. The congregation is not forced to continue with a ministerial leadership that has lost its effectiveness simply because there seems to be no way to make a change. The minister is not at the mercy of a small segment of the congregation which does not truly represent the church. It may be that the ease with which ministers may be moved can become a weakness in our polity.

There are times when a minister ought to deal with his problems instead of running away from them. There are times when a congregation needs the word of a prophet even though it makes them uncomfortable and ill at ease. Bishops and District Superintendents need to be aware of this danger and be on their guard lest their chief aim be peace rather than Christian growth.

The freest platform in the whole world is a Methodist pulpit. It is free because of our heritage and tradition. It is free because Methodists think and let think. It is free because congregations on the whole demand that a preacher shall speak according to his conscience. It is free because our appointive system gives every Methodist preacher protection against the small, vocal, narrow, intolerant minorities which are certain to appear from time to time. A Methodist minister represents the whole Church, and when he does not abuse the privileges of this status, the whole Church stands behind him. This, we believe, is one of the most precious gifts of the Methodist ministry and should be preserved at all costs.

Ordination and the Sacraments

One of the live issues before the General Conference of 1948 was the question of unordained men administering the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adopted legislation at its General Conference in 1926, permitting unordained Supply Pastors to administer the sacrament within the bounds of their own parishes. At the Uniting Conference in 1939 this policy of the Southern Branch of the Church was adopted by The Methodist Church. But the General Conference of 1948 reaffirmed the historic position of Methodism and made it unlawful for unordained ministers to administer the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. However, the resident Bishop may give an unordained pastor serving a church in his area, permission to administer the sacrament of baptism and perform marriages within his parish where the law of the State allows it.

This has brought the whole question of Ordination and the Sacraments before us afresh, and considerable discussion has been going on concerning this important matter. In some sections of the Church, there has been agitation in favor of rescinding the action of the last General Conference. Certainly no Commission assigned to study our ministry could fulfil its instructions without studying carefully all the implications of this significant subject, and setting forth its conclusions as plainly as possible.

Historically, the matter is clear enough, and we ought not to deal with a matter affecting so profoundly the life and nature of the Church, without finding the long perspective. The witness of history is clear—the Church from the beginning has set aside its ministers by a public act of ordination and it has not allowed men who have not received this sign of its approval to administer the central act of Christian worship, which is the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This is not to say that the ordination ceremony has been always the same. It has grown more elaborate and complex as the Church spread geographically and increased in numbers. By necessity it became less spontaneous and direct. But the central significance of this act by which the Church announces its conviction that God has called certain men into the ministry has never been diminished.

Nor did the Reformation minimize the meaning of Ordination. It took no supernatural view of the rite of Ordination itself, and it definitely rejected the Catholic belief that an ordained priest ceased to be a man and became possessed of powers to turn wine into blood and bread into flesh. The Reformers believed in the priesthood of all believers and they did not recognize priests or pastors as infallible. But they never ceased to regard Ordination as having a central place in the life of the Church. No unordained pastor was allowed to administer the Holy Communion. This was true in the congregational polity so prominent in Switzerland, France, Holland, and Scotland. It was true also of the Lutheranism of Germany and Scandinavia as well as the Anglicanism of Britain.

This has been the faith and practice of Methodism. We cannot read our history without being aware of John Wesley's willingness to adjust his ideas to fit practical situations. With the need of men to hear the Gospel as his ruling passion, he would preach in the fields if necessary, even if he felt he had become vile in so doing. As someone said, Wesley was like an oarsman on the Thames with his eye on St. Paul's Cathedral, but drawing farther away from it with every stroke. Yet—and this becomes of astounding significance when observed within the framework of Wesley's free spirit—he never suggested that the Sacrament of Holy Communion could be administered by any but a duly ordained elder of the Church.

John Wesley could hear Thomas Maxfield preach, and though reluctant to have unordained men preaching, say, "It is of the Lord; let him do what seemeth to him good." He could say, "When we renounce everything but faith and get into Christ, then, and not until then, have we any reason to believe that we are Christians." He renounced the

sacerdotal element in both Ordination and the Sacraments, but he was so constant in both administering and receiving the Sacrament, that most modern Methodist preachers and laymen would consider him extreme in this practice. He never deviated from the historic Christian tradition in his attitude toward Ordination and the Sacraments. Perhaps one of our deepest needs today is for effective measures which will increase the significance of the Holy Communion in the thought and practice of ministers and laymen in The Methodist Church.

So far as Methodism is concerned, we have never considered our ministers to be initiated into a private cult. They are ordained ministers of the holy catholic Church. In a letter written on September 10, 1784, to "Our Brethren in America," Mr. Wesley defended his setting apart "Dr. Coke and Mr. Francis Asbury to be Joint Superintendents over our brethren in North America . . ." and said later in the same letter, "Lord King's 'Account of the Primitive Church' convinced me many years ago that Bishops and presbyters are the same order and have the same right to ordain." It is little wonder that this letter has been called "The Magna Charta of American Methodism." In a letter to his brother Charles written on August 19, 1785, John Wesley said, "I firmly believe that I am a scriptural 'episkopos' as much as any man in England or Europe; for the uninterrupted succession I know to be a fable, which no man ever did, or can, prove." From the beginning, therefore, we have had two orders, deacon and elder, and we have regarded the Episcopacy not as a third order but as a special office. Which is to say that Methodism is Episcopal in polity but not in doctrine. And the right to administer the central act of worship has been from the beginning reserved for those who have received Ordination as an elder in The Methodist Church.

The whole matter of unordained men being allowed to administer the Holy Communion was not seriously discussed until recent years. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, it was not an issue. That a man must bear witness to his faith, and in a sense preach the Gospel, is an obligation upon minister and layman alike. Even the Roman Church recognizes that under unusual circumstances, an unordained man may baptize. But the whole weight of Christian tradition is against unordained men administering the Sacrament of the Holy Communion.

There are those among us, however, who will say that we ought not to be too much influenced by tradition. They would suggest that if the present day has created special situations, we ought to face them in the spirit of service

rather than in the spirit of tradition. Because of this not inconsiderable outcry some have assumed that the denial of the right to administer the Sacrament by unordained men is working a real hardship in the Church. It has been said, for example, that large numbers of our people are being denied the Sacrament, and we ought to lower the standard of ministerial requirements in the name of expediency.

The Commission, after careful study of the situation, is of the opinion that the difficulty has been greatly exaggerated. We do not mean to deny that in Conferences where there are large numbers of unordained Supply Pastors serving the churches, the problem is real. But where the matter has been faced carefully, the Sacrament has been provided for every congregation a proper number of times each year. Some Supply Ministers who were in the habit of administering the Communion have been offended by the General Conference's action in making it necessary for them to do the work for Ordination. We sympathize with these men, but many of us remember the joy which came to us after we had done what was necessary to receive our elder's orders. It is hard for us to see how Ordination can retain any real meaning if unordained men without putting forth any effort or following any discipline, have all the rights and privileges of Ordination, even if they should promise to fulfill the requirements for Ordination at a later date.

But even more important than this, is the picture set before us by our Commission on Ministerial Training. The Church will be interested in knowing what effect the 1948 legislation has had on our Supply Pastors. In 1947, forty-two (42) Supply Pastors passed Courses of Study for Ordination as deacon and elder. In 1951, there were about one thousand (1,000) Approved Supply Pastors taking work in pastor's schools in preparation of becoming ordained men. In other words, under the stimulus of the regulation making it necessary for a man to become an elder before he can administer the Holy Communion, a vastly greater number of our Supplies are preparing themselves for Ordination. Any man who deals with Methodist ministers knows how difficult is the study problem for many of us. Whatever stimulates study and discipline of mind, needs to be maintained.

In 1950, sixty per cent of our regular Approved Supply Pastors were ordained deacons and forty per cent of them were ordained elders. Since about thirteen per cent of our Supplies are retired members of Conferences, and about forty per cent are students who are preparing for Ordina-

tion, the actual proportion of Approved Supplies who are unordained, is relatively small. And by far the greater number of this small group can be ordained if they will put their minds and wills to it.

However, in order to ease the problem for these men who may find some difficulty in finishing the Course for elder's Ordination, *the Commission recommends that after receiving deacon's Ordination, the candidate may receive elder's orders upon the satisfactory completion of one further year of study.* This takes one year off the Ordination study period, and makes it possible, almost without exception, for our Supply Pastors to become fully ordained, if they have a sincere desire for it.

The whole problem of unordained men serving our churches is a diminishing one. There were 6,400 Approved Supplies in 1947 and 5,422 in 1950. There is reason to believe that this trend will not only continue but accelerate in the next years ahead. In 1951, there were 8,397 Methodist theological students in our seminaries and other accredited schools. In 1950, 90 per cent of all men received on trial were seminary graduates or students in schools of theology, while 80 per cent of all men received into full membership had received B.D. degrees, or were students in theological seminaries. The program of enlistment being carried on by The Methodist Church promises to provide ordained ministers for nearly every pulpit. It would seem to the Commission, therefore, that it would be the height of folly to change our wise legislation in regard to Ordination and the Sacraments, in an attempt to deal expediently with a situation which is losing its urgency with every passing year.

Methodism is a Church and not a sect. To deny the significance of Ordination is to withdraw from the historic fellowship of the Christian Church. In a time when the Churches are drawing closer together within the fellowship of the ecumenical spirit, we dare not become a hindrance to that movement. Because of heritage and polity, we are a bridge-Church, and we may provide a meeting place between congregational and episcopal polities. If we have any responsibility to the ecumenical Church, we must not deny our own tradition in regard to ministerial orders and the sacrament. It may be that God has called us to fill a central role in the great drama of a growing unity of the Churches of Christ. The General Conference of 1948 had a profound insight into the past and a clear vision of the future when it recovered the significance of Ordination and restored the Sacrament of the Holy Communion to the central place.

The Minister's Personal Habits

Unlike our Roman Catholic brethren, we do not believe that Ordination works its miracle apart from personal response and co-operation. We test a man before he is ordained, and the quality of his life afterward is the proof of our wisdom or lack of it in believing that God had called this man to His special service. We put great stress on the minister as a leader and an example. No Methodist minister can have an influence beyond the personal quality of his own life. He must expect to go farther than other men in disciplining himself mentally, spiritually, and physically. We expect him to be the kind of man that any mother or father in the community may point to as an attractive and noble example to their sons. We cannot escape the certainty that every Christian, and especially the minister, must be an incarnation of his message, if the message is to be more than sounding brass.

This does not mean that we believe life ought to be bound by legalisms. Our whole tradition of freedom in the pew and in the pulpit, would place Methodists on the side of the Gospel rather than the Law. The negative approach which makes Christianity a matter of not doing this and abstaining from that, is not our approach. We are convinced that Christianity means fulness of life and joy unspeakable. When men follow Christ with their whole hearts, they are so filled with the excitement of the adventure that they escape many of the temptations which plague their half-committed brethren. This is the faith and spirit of Methodism.

In the American church, however, there has been one exception to this general attitude in regard to the use of tobacco by our ministers. Candidates for our ministry have been required to file with the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in duplicate, satisfactory answers to several questions among them being, "Will you abstain from the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure your influence?" This has been much discussed during the past years for several reasons. It seems to single out one indulgence and leave unmentioned any number of weightier matters. It raises to central importance, an indulgence which does not merit such a place of honor. It has made hypocrites or liars out of some men who may sincerely believe they were coerced. It is an open secret that in some parts of the Church the rule is broken so flagrantly as to make it a derision and thus it weakens the whole meaning of our *Discipline*.

Yet there are many Methodists who feel strongly about this matter and believe that smoking among our ministers

ought never to be encouraged. They feel that at best, the use of tobacco is a habit which tends to enslave its victim until strictly speaking, he is no longer a free man. They feel that in a time when there is a general moral laxness in the world, it would be unwise to lower our standards of personal cleanliness and health, especially as they affect the ministry. Without any exception, the members of this Commission agree with this point of view and we are not in favor of doing anything to encourage the use of tobacco on the part of Methodist preachers.

Therefore, we are recommending that we hold our standards of personal discipline as high as always, but that we place this matter on a higher level than the legal. We recommend that no man be required to sign a promise that he will not smoke. But in Paragraph 321, we would insert the following section just before the part dealing with the written question: "Before a license to preach is granted to any applicant, the Committee shall call upon him to make a complete dedication of himself to the highest ideals of the Christian Ministry.

"The Committee shall insist that the applicant recognize the great importance of living an exemplary life free from all harmful practices which would discount his ministry such as the use of intoxicants, narcotics, and tobacco, and urge that he consecrate himself to purity of life in body, mind and spirit."

As a substitute for question 4 in this same Paragraph, we recommend a question in harmony with the above.

Supply Pastors

Methodism will never be able to pay its debt to the Supply Pastors who have served it in such large numbers from the beginning. John Wesley could never have accomplished his task without the devoted help given to him by lay preachers and unordained ministers. It has been one of Methodism's glories that she has discovered the ministry of laymen and used that ministry in her rapid expansion across this nation and around the world. We rejoice in the continuing service of our Approved Supply Ministers and we believe that these men should have a permanent place of honor within our polity.

There has been an increasing concern shown for the status of our Approved Supply Pastors. Many Conferences have taken steps toward providing a more adequate retirement for these men, and there is a continuing effort to provide a higher minimum salary scale. We commend and we urge the continuance of such efforts. In sections of the Church which have not yet shown this concern, we urge the appoint-

ment of a Commission to bring practical suggestions before the Annual Conferences as to how the status of the Approved Supply Pastor may be raised and his support increased.

There have been some voices raised urging that we give any Supply Pastor full Conference membership after serving a certain number of years. Some have suggested that every Supply Pastor giving full-time service be given the right to vote in the Annual Conference. We sympathize with the spirit back of these suggestions, but we believe that they are misguided. It will not serve the Church to lower the standards of Conference membership any more than to lower the standards for Ordination or administration of the Holy Communion. The problem will not be solved by assuming that Methodism can be strengthened by weakening the requirements for full membership in the Annual Conferences.

The matter ought to be approached from the other end. Any Approved Supply Pastor who has served long enough to have his work completely tested, and who is willing to pay the price for Admission into an Annual Conference, should be given every encouragement and assistance to attain that goal. We ought not to assume that there is only one possible road into our ministry. We shall expect the vast majority of our ministers to make their choices early enough so that they may attend college and take three years of graduate study in one of our approved seminaries. But now and again there will be a man who ought to be a full member of the Annual Conference and yet circumstances have made it impossible for him to follow this prescribed course. We commend our Commission on Ministerial Training for the outstanding work it has done in providing Pastor's Schools for our Supply men, and we hope it will be able to continue and even extend this important part of its task. Thus the Approved Supply Pastor who is willing to do the equivalent work, may be able to complete the Course of Study which will make him eligible for Conference membership.

It is not easy to become a Methodist minister. We do not believe it ever ought to be easy. We have inherited a tradition which regards the ministry as the highest calling of God. In a day when every profession is raising its standards, it would be madness for us to move in the other direction. Through the years we have been lifting our requirements faster than some have thought practical. But the number of our young men who have heeded God's call to our ministry, would indicate that they have not been seeking something easy and cheap. But whenever a man knocks at our

door who has proved that he has the mental, physical and spiritual gifts necessary to be an effective minister of Christ, we should be able to open the door wide enough to welcome him inside. And always we shall keep close to our hearts and central in our concern, the men who may never enter into full Conference membership, but who continue to serve Christ and The Methodist Church with their best devotion.

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FOREWORD

The Commission on Ministerial Training, in co-operation with the Methodist theological schools, is given the responsibility by ¶ 1389 of the 1948 *Discipline*, to "continue study on the ministry, and report on the subject to each General Conference."

We have asked Dr. Murray H. Leiffer, director of the Bureau of Social and Religious Research, Garrett Biblical Institute, to make this study for us, as he did in the two previous quadrennia.

This information, concerning the ministry of The Methodist Church, is revealing, encouraging and challenging.

The impact of the Church upon today's secularism and paganism is measured by the number of its consecrated and adequately trained ministers.

The Commission on Christian Vocations has been operating only three and a half years. But the wisdom and effectiveness of its work is manifested in this study.

Thoughtful readers will want to compare the data given here with that in our 1948 report.

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THE METHODIST MINISTRY IN 1952 AND THE RECRUITMENT NEEDS OF THE CHURCH



I. REPORT: PROGRESS

Everyone recognizes the importance of the ministry for the life and growth of the Church. The annual accession of consecrated, competent men to the profession is of major importance not only to the Commission on Ministerial Training and the theological schools, but also to the General Conference and the whole Church.

In 1944 when the first Quadrennial Report on Retirement and Recruitment in the Methodist Ministry was presented to the General Conference the picture was far from encouraging. Although most were then unaware of it, an unfortunate condition had been permitted to develop. The number of men in the ministry of The Methodist Church

(or its three predecessors) had dropped to its lowest point since 1900, in spite of the increase in both total population and Church membership. A decline in recruitment caused a rise in the average age of the ministers; by 1944 half of all those in the effective relation had passed their forty-ninth birthday. This median age for Methodist ministers (49.0 years) was higher than that of any other professional group except the veterinarians (50.1 year).^{*} The study in 1943-44 of the age distribution of Methodist ministers made it plain that retirement and death rates would rise in the ten years immediately ahead and that, unless a drastic change occurred in recruitment, the Church would face far greater leadership problems than it had yet known.

The report on *The Methodist Ministry in 1948* showed that a significant beginning had been made in stemming the downward recruitment trend which had existed for twenty-five years. Now, in 1952, there is clear evidence that these long-term adverse trends have been reversed. Thanks to the recruitment efforts of the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, of Conference Committees and of individual ministers and laymen, more young men and women than ever before in the history of the Church are now in training for its work.

The full result of the reversal of trends cannot be felt for at least another eight years. The number of men retiring by virtue of age has, as was predicted in 1944, risen steadily to 1949-50. The rate will continue high, at from 450 to 500 per year, for several years, because of the relatively large number of ministers who are now past fifty-five years of age. And recruitment efforts take from three to eight years before they are reflected in the statistics of full membership in Annual Conferences.

While the outlook is now encouraging for the first time since the formation of The Methodist Church the task of recruitment is not and will never be completed. It is like the Preaching of the Word, which must be continued week after week and year after year. The Church can never afford to become complacent. Each year and each generation must bring its own ample supply of new recruits for the ministry of the Church.

II. MEMBERS, MINISTERS, AND POPULATION CHANGE

The membership of The Methodist Church, like the population of the United States, has shown a long-continued

^{*} The median age for physicians and surgeons was 44.1 years; for lawyers and judges, 42.0; and for chemists and metallurgists, 33.6. Ordinarily the more dynamic a profession, the larger the number of young men in it and the lower the median age.

and healthy rate of growth, as indicated in the figures in Table 1. In fact, it has increased more rapidly than the total population, which is now double what it was in 1900. The most recent membership statistics indicate an accession of 1.5 per cent per year for the past quadrennium. The rise

TABLE 1

UNITED STATES POPULATION, METHODIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP,
AND EFFECTIVE AND "ON TRIAL" MINISTERS

1900-1951

	<i>United States population</i>	<i>Methodist Church members</i>	<i>Per cent of membership growth per annum dur- ing preced- ing period</i>	<i>Ministers under episcopal appoint- ment</i>
1900	75,994,575	4,294,396		19,750
1910	91,972,266	5,218,882	2.2%	23,069
1920	105,710,620	6,293,343	2.1	21,865
1930	122,775,046	7,414,886	1.8	21,293
1940	131,669,275	7,611,005	0.3	18,375
1947	144,129,000	8,567,772	1.8	18,164
1951	153,377,000*	9,065,727	1.5	18,767

in the active membership, however, has been at a slower pace, 1.0 per cent per year, 7,388,739 active members being reported in 1951. The growing proportion of inactive, non-resident members is due in part to the increasing mobility of the American people which itself constitutes a mounting challenge to ministerial and lay leadership.

In 1951, for the first time since unification, the number of ministers ("effective" and "on trial" members of Annual Conferences) is larger than it was in 1939. The long decline, resulting from low recruitment and rising retirement rates, ended in 1948, when there were 18,077 men. The substantial upturn which began in 1949 has continued through 1951 and it is to be hoped that the climb out of the trough will be steady and persistent. The Church may be grateful that it has more than regained all ground lost since the time of union.

III. PASTORAL CHARGES AND MINISTERS

Ministers, in The Methodist Church, perform many different functions. In 1951, 38 were on active duty as Bishops, 572 as District Superintendents, 1,173 under appointment "to attend school," and 1,942 under "special appointment" as missionaries, teachers in our colleges and seminaries, Secretaries of Board, or in some other capacity. By far the

* Estimate, July 1, 1951, by the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 2
PASTORAL CHARGES AND MINISTERS
1941-1951

<i>Years</i>	<i>Total number of charges</i>	<i>Charges filled by episcopal appointment</i>	<i>"Charges supplied or to be supplied"</i>	<i>Accepted supply pastors</i>
1941	21,227	16,498	4,729	3,586
1942	21,031	15,942	5,089	3,761
1943*	20,993	15,642	5,518	4,024
1944	21,104	15,287	5,817	3,759
1945	21,270	15,001	6,269	3,999
1946	21,480	15,147	6,333	4,264
1947	21,603	14,941	6,662	4,751
1948*	21,826	14,730	7,202	5,423
1949*	21,979	14,513	7,567	5,910
1950	22,210	14,661	7,549	5,616
1951	22,471	15,035	7,436	5,584

* The figures for "charges supplied or to be supplied" plus those for "charges filled by episcopal appointment" should equal "total number of charges." In the three indicated years the official figures do not. The discrepancy probably is under "charges supplied or to be supplied."

largest number of ministers, 15,035 of them, were under appointment as pastors of local churches—the primary function of the ministry. The fact that 7,436 churches were listed as "supplied or to be supplied" is an indication that a serious shortage of effective members of Conferences still exists. In spite of the fact that the need for qualified ministers remains large progress has been made, as evidenced by the statistics in Table 2.

The growth of the Church is reflected not simply in the increase in membership (Table 1) but in the steady expansion in the total number of charges* from 1943 to the present. Since the number of ministers under episcopal appointment decreased from the time of union until 1948, it is not surprising that there was a corresponding increase both in the number of "charges supplied or to be supplied" and in the number of Accepted Supply Pastors to fill the gap. Since 1949, however, the figures for each of these last two items have turned downward. Although there were in 1951 approximately 500 more charges than in 1949, fewer were left to be supplied and fewer Accepted Supply Pastors were needed. This reversal of the long-time trend signifies a better state of health for the denomination and is traceable to the vigorous recruitment efforts which were begun in 1944.

* "A pastoral charge consists of one or more churches organized under the *Discipline*, with a single Quarterly Conference and to which a minister has been duly appointed as preacher in charge or pastor." (*Discipline*, 1948, ¶ 104.)

IV. ACCESSIONS TO THE EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

According to the Methodist statistical office, the number of men in the "effective" ministry (that is, members in full connection in Annual Conferences under episcopal appointment) dropped from 16,908 in 1947 to 16,413** in 1951. All Jurisdictions except the Western registered a net loss in the quadrennium, ranging from 76 in the Southeastern to 192 in the Northeastern. This decline is due to the continued aging of the men in the effective ministry and the fact that accessions to full membership during the quadrennium were fewer than the losses by withdrawal, death, and retirement (see Table 8).

Nevertheless, the number of men subject to episcopal appointment actually increased, as indicated in Table 1. The sole reason for this contrast is the sharp rise in the number of men received On Trial in each of the past two years but not as yet received into Full Connection. Column one of the table below reveals the amazing improvement in this respect from 1946 to the present, the number of men received on trial in 1951 being almost three times that of 1946. The Discipline requires that a man remain on trial two years before being received into full membership, and a longer interval may elapse. Consequently, the number of men currently on trial in any given year includes not only those "received on trial this year," but also those received in the preceding year and some from a year or two before that. This accounts for the variations in rate of growth between those received on trial and the total number on trial.

TABLE 3
ACCESSIONS TO MINISTERIAL MEMBERSHIP IN ANNUAL CONFERENCES
1941-1951

Year	Received on trial this year	Total number on trial	Admitted to full membership	Appointed to attend school
1941	487	1,222	545	444
1942	628	1,188	554	448
1943	608	1,299	466	453
1944	541	1,447	547	440
1945	526	1,441	602	576
1946	430	1,331	741	499
1947	546	1,256	755	554
1948	603	1,370	693	431
1949	716	1,588	833	485
1950	922	1,980	1,023	499
1951	1,110	2,354	1,173	647

The large majority of those who are received on trial are continuing their educational work in college or, more commonly, in theological schools. Some of the latter are able

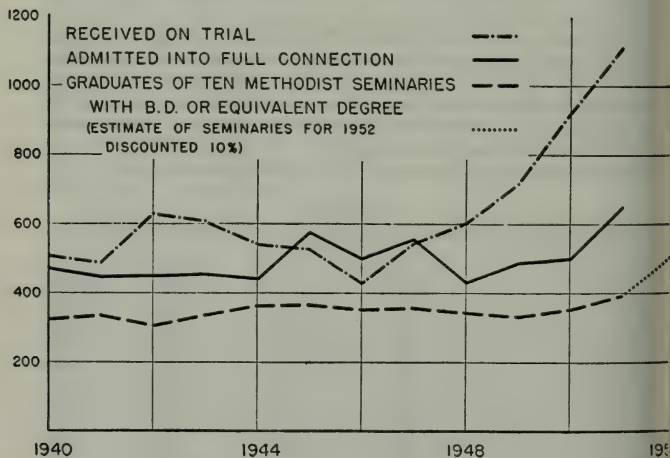
** Totals shown by the records of the Chicago office of the Board of Pensions for the Jurisdictions under its supervision are somewhat higher than those of the Statistical Office.

to serve as part-time pastors in their own Conferences and are listed in Conference records as "pastors under episcopal appointment." Others are attending college or seminary at some distance from the home Conference, and are "appointed to attend school"; many of these are serving as Supply Pastors in other Conferences. The growing number appointed to attend school is reflected in the expansion of enrollments in our Methodist schools of theology (Table 4).

The first marked increase of men entering into Full Conference membership occurred in 1951. All of these were received on trial in 1949 or earlier. In the large majority of cases, the men made their decision to enter the ministry sometime between 1944 and 1948.

Chart 1

NUMBER OF ACCESSIONS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND GRADUATES OF METHODIST SEMINARIES—1940-1952



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These data illustrate the fact that the program of recruitment initiated in the quadrennium from 1944 to 1948 (and carried forward since 1948 under the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations) has only now begun

to show results in terms of accessions into the full ministry of the Church. Similarly the improvements in methods of recruitment and training developed during the quadrennium just closed will not bear much fruit for another three or four years. **Although the number of men in the effective ministry actually declined in the past quadrennium by more than 500, the ministerial potential of the Church has been greatly strengthened.**

V. GRADUATES OF METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

The ten graduate schools of theology of The Methodist Church do not train all who enter the Methodist ministry, but by far the larger proportion of these men have degrees from one of them. A study made by Dr. A. C. Hoover, the Official Statistician of the Church, based on questionnaires sent to all persons received into full Annual Conference membership in 1949 and 1950, testifies to this fact. Replies were received from 1,074 men. Of these, 1,044 were college graduates and 896 (83.4 per cent of all respondents) had graduated from both college and seminary. And of those having seminary training, 627 or 70.0 per cent were graduated from one of the ten Methodist seminaries.

According to figures supplied by Dr. J. Richard Spann, Educational Director of the Commission on Ministerial Training, there has been a steady increase during the quadrennium in the total number enrolled in our Methodist seminaries. This is the logical result of the recruitment program begun by the Church in 1944 and carried forward by more and more Conferences. Presumably the trend will continue upward for some years. Part of the increase in the enrollment is accounted for by the number of young women seeking training as directors of religious education and other men and women preparing to be missionaries or teachers (working for the Master of Arts or the Doctor of Philosophy degrees). Yet most seminary students are planning to enter the regular pastoral ministry, following the three-year professional course leading to the Bachelor of Divinity degree or its equivalent (Bachelor of Sacred Theology or Master of Theology).

TABLE 4

ENROLLMENT IN TEN METHODIST SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY	
1947	1,505
1948	1,661
1949	1,935
1950	2,337
1951	2,700

The men who enrolled in the seminaries in 1948 and were graduated in 1951 made up the large proportion of those received into Full Connection in Methodist Annual Conferences in the latter year. The rise in enrollment reported in Table 4 promises a much larger number of seminary-trained candidates for Conference membership in the years immediately ahead. This begins to show up in the number of graduates in 1951 and even more in the anticipated number for 1952. The seminaries, according to their estimates for 1952 (and even allowing for a shrinkage of 10 per cent) will this June record the greatest number of graduates in their history. (See Chart 1.)

TABLE 5
NUMBER OF PERSONS GRADUATING
WITH THE BACHELOR OF DIVINITY OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE
FROM THE TEN METHODIST SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY*

1940	323	1948	343
1944	362	1949	331
1945	366	1950	355
1946	351	1951	393
1947	357	1952 (anticipated)	553

* Data furnished by the Deans or Presidents of the seminaries.

VI. EFFECTIVE MINISTERS: AGE DISTRIBUTION

Persons who have been admitted into Full Membership in an Annual Conference and are serving under episcopal appointment either as pastors or in detached service are termed "effective" ministers. A minister is automatically retired from the effective relationship at the first Annual Conference after reaching his seventy-second birthday, although he may retire at his own option any time after reaching sixty-five, or earlier for reasons of health and by Conference action. The effective relationship may also be broken by voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the Conference or by taking the "supernumerary" relationship.

Few candidates are received into Full Connection before the age of twenty-three, but most are by the time they are thirty-five. As a matter of fact, the majority of Conferences have a maximum age limit (at 35, 40 or 45 years) beyond which a man may not become a member, although even these Conferences occasionally set aside their rule for a "special case." Assuming that there is continuous recruitment at a pace which will replace men as they retire or drop out, there should always be a larger percentage of the ministry in the five-year age span 38-42 than in any other five-year period. In each successive five-year age group, after the 38-42, the proportion would be somewhat less, because death and withdrawal remove more than are added.

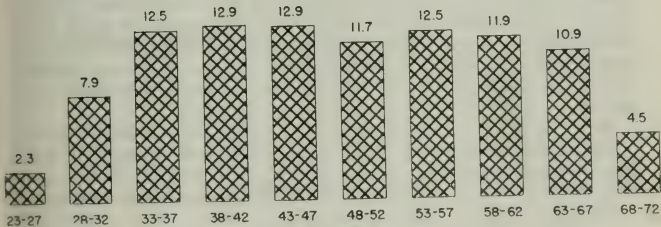
On the bottom line of Table 6 is printed the approximate age distribution which should obtain if the total number of ministers is to remain constant over a generation and the accession rate is the same year after year. If, on the other hand, the number of effective ministers is to be increased, the proportion in the younger ages must be higher than that which is shown and in the later years correspondingly lower.

Chart 2

AGE DISTRIBUTION EFFECTIVE METHODIST MINISTERS* IN THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 1, 1952

(BY PERCENT)



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TABLE 6

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF EFFECTIVE METHODIST MINISTERS 1943 AND 1952

COMPARED WITH SPREAD REQUIRED FOR NORMAL REPLACEMENT BY PER CENT

Ages	23-27	28-32	33-37	38-42	43-47	48-52	53-57	58-62	63-67	68-72
Jan. 1, 1943	.08	7.3	10.8	11.6	12.0	12.4	14.6	13.5	11.1	5.9
Jan. 1, 1952	2.3	7.9	12.5	12.9	12.9	11.7	12.5	11.9	10.9	4.5

Distribution for normal replacement	2.4	8.6	13.0	13.5	13.3	13.0	12.6	11.6	8.6	3.4
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In 1943 the age distribution of effective ministers varied widely from the "distribution for normal replacement"

* Information was secured on the birth years of 14,313 ministers in the effective relationship. This may be considered an adequate and representative sample (87.4 per cent) of the 16,375 effective ministers reported by the Statistician of The Methodist Church for 1951. The 38 active bishops are not included in this total.) Age data (96.8 per cent complete) for the Central, North Central, Northeastern, and Western Jurisdictions were secured from the Chicago office of the Board of Pensions. In the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions, age data were secured through the good offices of the Bishops and Secretaries of the Annual Conferences. Coverage of 74.3 per cent was obtained from the South Central Jurisdiction and of 72.3 per cent from the Southeastern. In each of the six Jurisdictions the coverage was more complete than four years ago. The percentages shown in Chart 2 are based on the assumption that the age distribution of those for whom information was available in each Jurisdiction was representative of the age distribution for the entire body of effective ministers in that particular Jurisdiction.

shown in Table 6. The peak of the 1943 distribution occurred in the 53-57 year group; the next largest number was in 58-62 range. From the standpoint of the Church the age distribution at present is more satisfactory than it was a decade earlier. The majority of the men past 55 years of age, who constituted the topheavy part of the age spread in 1943, have already retired, and recruitment is increasing the proportion at the younger end of the scale. It should be pointed out that the figures for 1952 do not include the young men received on trial in 1950 and 1951.

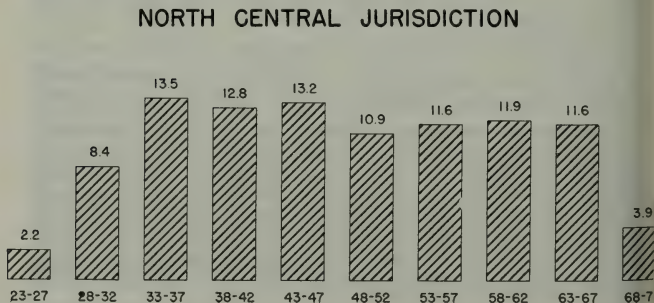
Jurisdictional Age Distributions

History and traditions, recruitment practices, requirements for Admission to the Annual Conference unite to produce appreciable differences in the age distributions of effective ministers within the six Jurisdictions of The Methodist Church. Indeed, Conference differs from Conference. In order to give a more detailed picture of the distance each Jurisdiction has to go before achieving a "normal distribution" in the ages of ministers, charts have been prepared showing the percentage of effective ministers in each five-year age group.

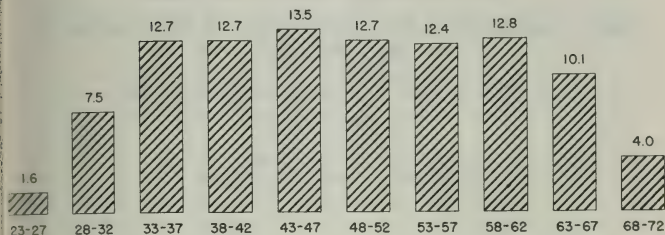
Since 1948 three of the six Jurisdictions have lowered their average (median) age even before the full impact of the recruitment program has been felt. This median is the age which divides the younger half of the men in the ministry

Chart 3 **AGE DISTRIBUTION EFFECTIVE METHODIST** **MINISTERS** **(North Central and Northeastern Jurisdictions)**

JANUARY 1, 1952



NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION



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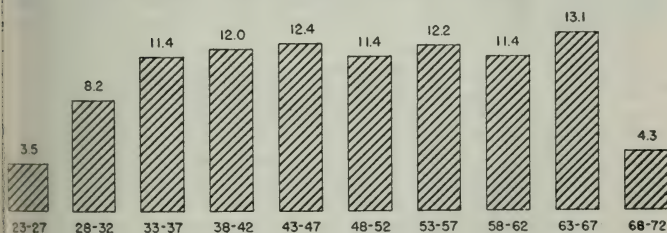
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AGE DISTRIBUTION EFFECTIVE METHODIST MINISTERS

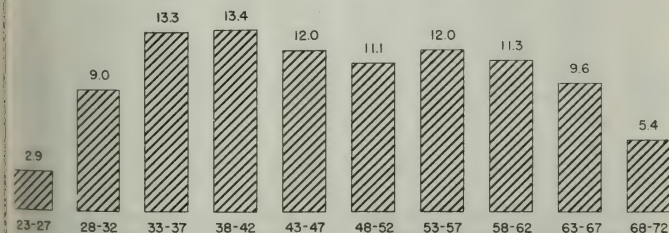
(South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions)

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SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION



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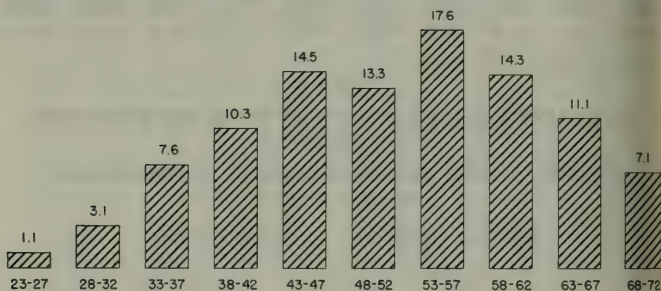
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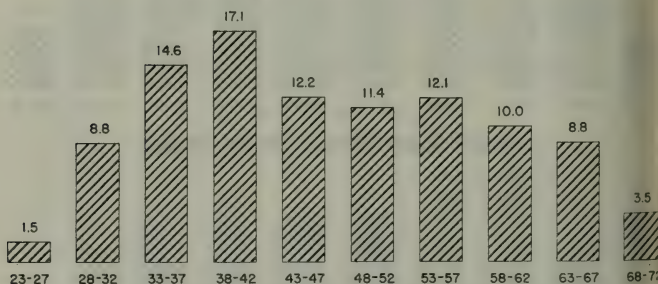
(Central and Western Jurisdictions)

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CENTRAL JURISDICTION



WESTERN JURISDICTION



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from the older half ; the lower the median, the larger the proportion of young men in the Jurisdiction. Table 7 shows the median age for each Jurisdiction as of the beginning of the

present year and also for four years earlier. The sharpest decrease in median age was achieved by the South Central Jurisdiction. This was due even more to the abnormally heavy retirements of older men than to the recruitment of young men. In fact, there was a net decline of 117 in the total number of effective ministers from 1947 to 1951. This decline, which was forecast in both 1944 and 1948, would have been much steeper had not the Jurisdiction conducted what was perhaps the most effective recruitment program of any of the Jurisdictions. Median ages were also lowered in the North Central and Western Jurisdictions.

The Northeastern Jurisdiction showed the greatest loss in the number of effectives, due to the combination of an abnormally high retirement rate with a low recruitment rate, the total number of ministers declining in the quadrennium from 3,566 to 3,374 (5.4 per cent in four years). It is not surprising, therefore, that the median age of ministers rose from 48.2 to 48.8 years.

The Central Jurisdiction showed, proportionately, an even greater net loss, with the number of effective ministers dropping from 1,349 to 1,244 (7.8 per cent in four years). While no unit within The Methodist Church has room for complacency, the Central Jurisdiction is faced with the most serious problem. Of the 1,139 men in that Jurisdiction for whom age data were secured (91.6 per cent of all effectives) only 146 are under thirty-eight years of age. If the program of The Methodist Church for Negro people is to be an expanding, rather than a contracting one, there should be approximately twice as many ministers in this age range as we now have. The situation is probably due to a number of factors which should be of concern to the entire Church. Few young Negroes who have completed college training are interested in preparing for the ministry. This is in part due to the low salary which even seminary-trained young Negroes must expect (much less than that received by men with comparable training in the other Jurisdictions). Further, the ministry no longer has the same status that it once had among Negroes, particularly in urban areas and in the North. The 1948 study on the Methodist ministry showed that the proportion of college- and seminary-trained men in the Central Jurisdiction was less than half that found in other Jurisdictions. A poorly trained ministry is less able to interest college students and graduates in the pastorate as a lifework. The relative poverty, isolation, and sensitivity of the Negro group, all of which are involved in this problem, can be removed only through thoughtful planning and co-operation among both Negroes and whites.

TABLE 7

MEDIAN AGES OF MINISTERS IN THE EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIP
1948 AND 1952

BY JURISDICTIONS

	Central	North Central	North- eastern	South Central	South- eastern	Western	Total
Jan. 1, 1948 . . .	51.7yrs.	49.3yrs.	48.2yrs.	52.3yrs.	47.8yrs.	47.0yrs.	49.2yrs.
Jan. 1, 1952 . . .	53.0yrs.	48.0yrs.	48.8yrs.	49.1yrs.	47.9yrs.	46.2yrs.	48.6yrs.
Per cent of all effectives un- der 48 years of age	36.6%	50.1%	48.0%	47.5%	50.6%	54.2%	48.5%

Table 7, which supplements the Charts on the several Jurisdictions, has two significant summary figures for 1952. The first, the median age, has been discussed above. The other is the percentage of all effective ministers who are under 48 years of age, i.e., within the first half of the possible maximum period of service for a minister. Approximately 51 per cent of all effective ministers should be under 48 years of age if a "normal" distribution is to be maintained and the number of ministers is to remain stable, year after year. Since the Church is growing and aims to reach still more people, the percentage of ministers under 48 years of age should be proportionately higher. In other words, the **"plus factor" above the minimum of 51 per cent needed to maintain a continuing program is an index of the growth potential.** It will be noted that, although the median age in three Jurisdictions has declined in the last quadrennium, only one Jurisdiction has more than 51 per cent of its ministers in the youngest half of the service years: the Western with 54.2 per cent. The smallest proportion of young men is in the Central Jurisdiction, only 36.6 per cent of whose members are under 48 years of age. The average for the Church as a whole is 48.5 per cent, compared with 47.0 per cent at the beginning of 1948. The quadrennium ahead should see a pronounced increase in the number of younger men in the effective relation, with a corresponding rise in the proportion under 48 years of age.

VII. EFFECTIVE MINISTERS: RETIREMENT AND OTHER LOSSES

The dangerous lack of balance which has existed for more than a decade within The Methodist Church between recruitment and retirement (or, to speak more exactly, between accessions to the effective ministry and losses from it) is well illustrated in the figures which follow, showing the difference between the number admitted in Full Connection and the number lost from the effective relationship for

various reasons. The serious net losses of 1949 and 1950 (similar to those of the preceding decade) would cause the greatest concern were it not for the fact that we know remedial influences, in the form of improved recruitment and increased Admissions on Trial, are already at work. The encouraging decrease in the rate of loss in 1951 is the first evidence of this improvement, in so far as the effective ministry is concerned. **The current year will witness a change from a net loss to a net gain of between 100 and 200 men.**

TABLE 8,

ADMISSIONS TO AND LOSSES FROM THE EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIP
1949-1951

	<i>Admitted in full connection</i>	<i>Located, withdrawn, discontinued</i>	<i>Retired this year</i>	<i>Died while in effective relationship *</i>	<i>Net loss</i>
1949	485	131	476	114	236
1950	499	141	474	118	234
1951	647	169	449	124	95

*Estimated on the basis of the number of deaths while in effective service during 1950-1951 in four Jurisdictions, ratios being applied to all six Jurisdictions and the three years.

VIII. SUPPLY PASTORS: TYPES AND AGES

Supply Pastors perform an important function in The Methodist Church, serving as pastors of local churches which otherwise would have no pastor because the number of ministers under episcopal appointment is inadequate. These men and women are placed in charge of a church by a District Superintendent during the Conference year, to serve as the pastor. Many of them are well educated; some have not gone beyond grammar school; they range in age from young to old. If one is to understand the changes which occur in the Supply Pastorate it is necessary to recognize the different categories of persons within it. Even though the total number of these pastors may remain constant, the composition of the group may be greatly altered.

A thorough study of the Supply Pastorate, made in 1947, was reported to the General Conference in 1948. To discover what changes have taken place since then a follow-up study was undertaken during 1951. A simple questionnaire was mailed out (with a return business-reply envelope) to every Supply Pastor or to the person in charge of any church which was reported "left to be supplied" in five Jurisdictions (North Central, Northeastern, South Central, Southeastern, and Western). * Usable schedules were returned by 5,075 **

*The Central Jurisdiction was not included in this study, since an investigation of the Supply Pastorate in that Jurisdiction had been initiated independently. The data from the latter study (which was not parallel with the present one) have not been received and therefore cannot be included.

** The total number of schedules returned was 5,359—an excellent response of 76.5

Supply Pastors. Their distribution by types is shown in Table 9.

Student pastors are persons who are continuing their educational training and who at the same time are serving as the pastor of a church. Nearly all of these expect to enter the Methodist ministry and join a Conference.

Retired ministers are members of an Annual Conference who are not eligible for regular appointment but who wish to continue to preach the gospel and are still able to serve as the pastor of a church. Since these men are still members of the Annual Conference, they have a somewhat different status than other types of Supply Pastors.

TABLE 9
SUPPLY PASTORS BY TYPES
BASED ON RESPONSES OF 5,075 SUPPLY PASTORS
IN FIVE JURISDICTIONS
1951

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Pastors Student</i>	<i>Retired members of conference</i>	<i>Members of another Meth. A. C.</i>	<i>Ministers in other denom.</i>	<i>Part-time supply pastors</i>	<i>Full-time supply pastors</i>	<i>Total</i>
North							
Central	496	215	22	90	159	395	1,377
North- eastern	462	132	15	121	130	330	1,190
South							
Central	372	169	15	71	111	314	1,052
South- eastern	499	140	9	7	131	363	1,149
Western	63	67	9	40	31	97	307
Total	1,892	723	70	329	562	1,499	5,075

Conference members who are serving in a Conference other than their own are Methodist ministers who, usually for reasons of health, find it desirable to hold a church in some other section of the country. They generally are in a supernumerary relation with, or on leave of absence from, the home Conference. (Students who are members of a Conference but studying in a different section of the country are classified in this study as student pastors, and not under the present heading.)

Ministers in other denominations may be serving in federated churches on an agreement that the two or more denominations involved shall take turns in furnishing the minister,

per cent to the 7,006 letters which were delivered. Of these returns, 39 either arrived too late to be included or were unusable, and 245 others were sent in by men who were in fact members On Trial or in Full Connection with the Annual Conference where they were serving. On the assumption that these latter men replied in the same proportion as the others, one must conclude that not fewer than 320 of the charges which were reported as "supplied or to be supplied" were actually filled by episcopal appointment between the time of the Annual Conference session and when the questionnaire was sent out—in most cases this interval was not more than a month or six weeks.

or they may have elected to preach to a Methodist congregation rather than to one of their own communion.

Part-time Supply Pastors are persons who serve a church while earning the major portion of their living in some other occupation. This may be farming, teaching, factory work, or business.

Full-time Supply Pastors (not including retired ministers or members of other Conferences or denominations) have been regarded as constituting the core of the Supply Pastorate. For many of them this is their lifework. Some are taking the regular Conference Course of Study and will in time qualify for Conference membership. Others, particularly those past 55 years of age, will remain in this status until retirement. The majority, however, remain as Supply Pastors for a relatively short span of time. Half of the 1,499 full-time Supply Pastors have served fewer than eight years.

It will be noted that the two largest groups of Supply Pastors are the student pastors and the full-time Supply Pastors. These together constitute two thirds of the entire number.

The period from 1947 to 1951 has brought a surprising change in the composition of the Supply Pastorate, as the percentages shown in Table 10 make clear. The greatest change is the sharp decrease in the number of full-time Supply Pastors. For this there are several reasons: Many who were Supply Pastors in 1947 have been stimulated to meet the educational requirements and have qualified for Conference membership. Some, because of the relatively poor salary on the charge and the availability of other jobs, have become "part-time" Supply Pastors (the major factor in accounting for the increase in the latter group). Still others have retired. Fewer have joined the ranks of full-time Supply Pastors than have dropped out. Instead, candidates have enrolled as student pastors, which of course is to the advantage both of themselves and of the Church. The increase in the percentage of student pastors is encouraging. It is a direct result of the recruitment program which has been influencing the Methodist ministry in so many respects and forecasts a larger number of effective ministers in the years ahead.

TABLE 10
CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLY PASTORS AMONG TYPES
(FIVE JURISDICTIONS)
1947-1951, BY PER CENT

	Student pastors	Retired members of conference	Members of other conf. or denom.	Part-time supply pastors	Full-time supply pastors	Total
1947	34.8%	11.2%	7.9%	8.4%	37.7%	100.0%
1951	37.3	14.2	7.9	11.1	29.5	100.0
Increase	2.5%	3.0%	..	2.7%	8.2%	....
Decrease .....	..	..	..	..	..	....

The increase in the number of retired members of Conferences who are serving as supply pastors reflects the larger number of men who are now in the retired relationship and also the rising cost of living, which has made it advantageous if not necessary for many of them to supplement their pension with the salary which may be secured by serving a small charge.

In brief, these changes since 1947 are related to the improved recruitment program of the Church and the national economic situation which has raised living costs and also increased the availability of well-paid jobs in all sections of the country.

The following table compares the age distribution of the student pastors and the full-time Supply Pastors, as shown both in the 1947 study and the current one. Here again the effect of the recruitment program of the past several years is shown in the sharp increase in the percentage of student pastors who are under 23 years of age. The war, which delayed millions of young men and women in their educational program, probably accounted for the disproportionate number in 1947 who were past 32. The present distribution by age is surely a more satisfactory one.

TABLE 11
COMPARISON OF AGE DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT SUPPLY PASTORS AND
"FULL-TIME" SUPPLY PASTORS
(FIVE JURISDICTIONS)
1947 AND 1951 BY PER CENT

<i>Age groups</i>	<i>Student pastors</i>		<i>Full-time supply pastors *</i>	
	1947	1951	1947	1951
Under 23	16.1%	23.2%	0.7%	1.9%
23-32	58.5	26.7	8.9	9.4
33-42	22.8	17.2	21.5	20.8
43-52	2.3	2.4	26.2	27.1
53-62	0.3	0.5	24.7	24.6
63-72 . . . . .	...	...	15.7	14.9
Over 72 . . . . .	...	...	2.3	1.3

There has been less change in the age distribution of the full-time Supply Pastors. It is probable that a majority of those now under 42 years of age will attempt to qualify themselves for full Conference membership. They are in

*These figures are for the "career" supply pastors and do not include retired ministers or members of other conferences or denominations.

the age range where this is still possible and therefore they can be encouraged to seek the necessary training.

IX. SUPPLY PASTORS: ORDINATION AND TRAINING

The General Conference of 1948, returning to the older pattern in Methodism, restricted to persons who are ordained elder the authority to administer the communion service. An unordained pastor serving as an Accepted Supply may, on the recommendation of his District Superintendent and with the written consent of the Bishop in charge, administer the Sacrament of Baptism and also perform the marriage ceremony (if the laws of the State permit) within the bounds of his charge. However, in order to have a communion service for his people if he is not ordained elder, he must arrange to have an ordained minister in charge. This provision has created some misunderstanding and considerable debate. Consequently in the 1951 study of the Supply Pastorate it was thought desirable to gather information as to how many were ordained deacon and elder.

It was evident at the start that all retired ministers, nearly all members of other Annual Conferences, and most ministers from other denominations have full Ordination and therefore are able to administer the Lord's Supper. Few students who are in college have either deacon's or elder's orders; in contrast, a substantial proportion (one in three) of seminary students who are now serving charges have deacon's orders, but only a few (11 per cent) have received elder's orders.

Part-time Supply Pastors have shown little interest in qualifying themselves to secure Ordination, and although half of these persons have been serving churches for at least four years, only 24.8 per cent of them have deacon's orders and 16.6 per cent have elder's orders.

Of chief interest in the discussion has been the ability of the full-time or "career" Supply Pastor to conduct the Sacraments. The table below shows the per cent of such men in each of the five Jurisdictions who have deacon's orders and the per cent with elder's orders. Also shown are similar percentage figures for all classes of Supply Pastors.

Over half of the full-time Supply Pastors now have deacon's orders and approximately two out of five have elder's orders. There has been a decided increase of interest on the part of Supply Pastors in securing Ordination because of the restrictive legislation of the 1948 General Conference. Many noted on their returned questionnaires that they would

TABLE 12
SUPPLY PASTORS AND ORDINATION
(FIVE JURISDICTIONS)
BY PER CENT 1951

Jurisdiction	Full-time Supply Pastors *		All Supply Pastors **	
	With Deacon's Orders	With Elder's Orders	With Deacon's Orders	With Elder's Orders
North Central	58.3%	45.5%	44.6%	36.8%
Northeastern	63.9	46.1	52.1	38.2
South Central	57.3	37.6	45.4	35.1
Southeastern ***	42.6	28.2	34.3	26.1
Western	53.2	39.4	59.6	51.0
Total	55.2%	39.5%	45.2%	35.3%

be receiving elder's orders at the next session of the Annual Conference.* With continued encouragement on the part of the Commission on Ministerial Training and the members of the Annual Conferences, it may be expected that the number with deacon's orders and also elder's orders will continue to rise. The Commission on Ministerial Training has established nine Supply Pastors' Schools where most of the Supply Pastors who qualify for ordination take their courses of study. These schools are three to five weeks in length.

A further indication of the desire of "career" Supply Pastors to equip themselves to serve more effectively is the extent to which they participate in Pastors' Schools. All Supply Pastors were asked, "Did you attend a session of the Pastors' School in one of the past three years?" Approximately one fourth of the part-time Supply Pastors answered, "Yes." In contrast, almost two thirds of the full-time Supply Pastors had attended at least one school.

Out of the 1,446 full-time Supply Pastors who furnished information on the subject, 532 (36.8 per cent) stated that they had already completed the Course of Study and 588 (40.7 per cent) more are currently enrolled in it. This means that 326 have not begun this method of equipping themselves for pastoral service. A comparison with the 1947 study is illuminating. In 1947, 35.5 per cent of the full-time Supply Pastors reported that they had completed the prescribed Course of Study and 37.2 per cent were currently enrolled in it.

* These figures are for the "career" supply pastors and do not include retired ministers or members of other Conferences or denominations.

** All retired ministers and nearly all members of other Methodist Annual Conferences and ministers in other denominations have both deacon's and elder's orders. In contrast, the large majority of students do not.

*** The smaller percentages of ordained Supply Pastors in the Southeastern Jurisdiction may be due either to less vigorous encouragement of these pastors to qualify for ordination or to greater readiness on the part of Annual Conferences to admit to membership men who have qualified for ordination as elder.

* Since this study was initiated in the early part of 1951, most of these men would by now have received ordination. It is reasonable to assume that currently a larger proportion of Supply Pastors are ordained than is indicated in the table.

X. RECRUITMENT NEEDS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

The preceding sections of the Report offer much encouragement. Nevertheless, it is evident that, because of anticipated retirements and other losses, as well as earlier inadequate recruiting, The Methodist Church will continue to operate with too few ministers until the great groundswell of new recruits replenishes the profession. Recognizing that the neglect of the decades cannot be fully remedied even with earnest efforts over a few years, what are the current recruitment needs of the Church?

Obviously it is impossible to arrive at an exact figure since the Church is so large, its records are not always accurately kept, and the factors involved may change with alterations in organizational policies as well as in social and economic conditions. Nevertheless, it is possible to secure a reasonably reliable estimate of the number of men who should be recruited to meet the growing needs of the Church.

First it is necessary to determine what the probable losses will be. The figures presented in Table 8 show, for the years 1949 to 1951, the number of persons lost to the effective relationship by location, withdrawal, retirement, and death while in the effective relationship. The statistics indicate an average loss of 732 men for each of the three indicated years. (No comparable data are available for earlier years.)

Another method of computation is possible: By deducting from the reported number of effective ministers in 1951 the total number admitted to Full Membership during the preceding quadrennium, one obtains the number of persons who were in the effective relationship in 1947 and were still in it in 1951. Deducting the latter number from the number of effective ministers in 1947 gives the total loss in the quadrennium. By this method the net loss in the quadrennium is shown to be 649. The higher of the two estimates of losses, 732, is employed in Table 13 in determining the minimum ministerial needs.*

Further, because of the growth of the total population of the United States, the rapid development of suburban areas around most metropolitan centers, and the unprecedented movement of population to sections of the south and far west, The Methodist Church has been steadily establishing

* It is not feasible to employ the technique used in the 1948 report to estimate recruitment needs by showing the anticipated losses by five-year age groups. There is ample evidence that a large number of men have been received into membership during the past quadrennium who were past fifty years of age, and some almost sixty. This large addition of older men makes it impossible to determine the percentage of loss by five-year brackets unless one has available the record for each man in each Conference, for 1947 and for 1951. Therefore, the alternative methods noted above are more satisfactory.

new congregations. In 1951 there were 991 more pastoral charges than five years earlier, or 198 per year. Each charge calls for one more minister. If financial conditions are favorable and additional ministers are available, churches on a number of Circuits would unquestionably like to become full-time charges, each with its own minister. Conversely, if the nation should be faced with a depression, especially in farmers' income, many charges would be recombined into Circuits. Therefore, in Table 13, where the minimum ministerial recruitment needs are estimated, the number 200 opposite "Personnel needs for new charges" should be adequate. While more than 200 new churches are established each year, others are being closed. The net gain is what the Church must take account of, and 200 is slightly above the average for 1947-1951, a period of unusual "prosperity."

In addition, there has been within the past five years an increase in the number of men serving under "special appointment." In the past year alone, 1950-1951, there was an increase of 103, largely due to the expansion of the armed forces and the consequent demand for more military Chaplains. The likelihood is that more, rather than fewer, Chaplains will be needed. Consequently, by conservative estimate fifty additional men will be placed under special appointment each year for some time to come. (If the world scene should suddenly be altered and the armed forces be decreased in size, the growing missionary program of the Church which would then be possible would more than absorb under special appointment any men who were released from the Chaplaincy.)

Finally, there is the problem of the Supply Pastorate. There has been a decrease in the number of charges "supplied or to be supplied" (Table 2), but the number is still too high. Methodism would be stronger if the present total of 7,436 were eventually cut by at least 1,500. This cannot and should not be done suddenly. But part-time, non-student Supply Pastors can be replaced to advantage and, as "career" Supply Pastors drop out or reach retirement, it would be well if in many cases their work could be taken over by full-time, trained and ordained members of an Annual Conference. To this end, it may be urged that a desirable recruitment program should provide for the replacement of at least 125 Supply Pastors per annum for the next ten years.

On the basis of the preceding estimates it is now possible to state the number of ministers who should be received into *full membership* in the Annual Conferences of the United States for each of the next five years.

TABLE 13

MINIMUM MINISTERIAL RECRUITMENT NEEDS
FOR METHODIST ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES
1952-1956

Replacements to fill vacancies occasioned by retirement, death, location, and withdrawal (maximum estimate)	732
Personnel needs for new charges	200
Increased number under special appointment	50
Replacement of retiring supply pastors and others	125
Total	1,107

From 1940 to 1949 inclusive, 5,591 men were received On Trial. From 1942 through 1951 inclusive (allowing the two years which is the minimum time required on trial) 5,032 men were received into Full Connection, exactly 90 per cent of the number received On Trial two years earlier. If this 10 per cent loss rate between "On Trial" and "Full Connection" is typical and if 1,107 are to be received into Full Connection year by year, the Annual Conferences together should aim to receive On Trial approximately 1,200 men each year.

It is highly encouraging to note that the number received On Trial last year was 1,110—almost the number desired. If the rate continues to rise, this number may readily be provided during the present calendar year.

Equally encouraging is the safe prediction that in 1952 over 800, and in 1953 probably 1,000, will be Admitted into Full Conference Connection. This latter number is more than two times the average annual accession rate from unification through 1950.

The Methodist Church, faced with serious decline in the numbers of its ministry in 1944, has through wise and determined efforts reversed the trend. The future is one of bright promise—provided complacency is not allowed to return.

Thus far the emphasis in recruitment has necessarily been on securing an adequate number of candidates for the ministry. Now that the primary numerical requirements are on the way to being met increasing attention may well be directed to the *selection and training* of the men who are to become the pastors of our churches in the tomorrow.

No. 12

**REPORT OF THE QUADRENNIAL COMMITTEE
TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Pages 590-592.

Jesus Christ is Lord. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. In Him, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Through him God has spoken. In His name we are commissioned to preach the Gospel to every creature, in the certainty that He is with us always, and in the knowledge that if He be lifted up, He will draw all men unto Himself.

Under his leadership, the people called Methodists united in a Crusade for Christ and an Advance for Christ and His Church. These movements have spiritually blessed and strengthened the Church.

Under his guidance, we plan for a new quadrennium in which the spiritual life may be deepened, the local church strengthened, the missionary and educational enterprise of the Church extended, and evangelism made central in our endeavor. The spiritual values and the financial benefits derived from The Crusade for Christ and The Advance for Christ and His Church should be conserved and extended. Our people should be summoned to a deepening of their spiritual life and of their social consciousness. Our Boards and Commissions should intensify their work in the areas of service assigned them by the General Conference.

To these ends, we believe it wise to release the creative powers of the Areas, the Conferences, and the churches. Therefore, instead of following the pattern of the last two quadrenniums, in which the General Conference outlined a Quadrennial Program with particular emphases and united action, we recommend that the local church, the Annual Conference and the Area consider their primary needs and opportunities and upon their own initiative take such steps as are necessary to meet these needs and to capitalize the Church should co-operate in these creative endeavors upon these opportunities. The Boards and Commissions of and make their resources available to Area and Conference Programs.

One of the primary needs is that of Church Extension. The Area and Conferences should determine their programs, call upon the Board of Missions and Church Extension for co-operation, and set aside a reasonable percentage of their funds for Church Extension in sections less favored economically.

The World-wide yearnings of the people for peace should be brought to the Areas at such times as the Areas may determine, and the people should be educated in the principles of peace, the program for peace, and the support of the United Nations.

Similarly, such great emphases as stewardship, evangelism, our healing ministry, and social service, may become the endeavors of the Areas, as the Areas may determine.

Thousands of Methodist youth in our colleges and universities to whom the Church must turn for leadership tomorrow, summon the Areas to provide adequate support for our educational institutions and Wesley foundations, thereby insuring close relationship of Church and school, and with its youth in all institutions of learning.

We believe that significant contributions may be made to the Church at large when the thinking of the local church, the District, and the Conference is thus focused upon immediate and compelling problems. In such a procedure we believe the Church will benefit by experimentation and the Church-wide thought of its creative leadership. It is not too much to hope that the achievements of The Crusade for Christ and of The Advance for Christ and His Church may be matched and even surpassed in the coming quadrennium.

The response of our people to The Crusade for Christ and to The Advance for Christ and His Church during the past two quadrenniums is proof abundant that the spirit of militant Methodism has not departed from us.

By tradition and by conviction we are a crusading and advancing Church. When the Crusade challenged the Church, near the end of World War II, to contribute \$25,000,000 toward rebuilding the institutions destroyed by the madness of war and to undergird our expanding ministry at home and abroad, we answered with \$27,000,000. Four years later, The Advance was inaugurated. The Church was asked to contribute on a purely voluntary basis to the missionary program of the Church over and beyond regular World Service giving, as each local church might determine.

The General Conference expressed the hope that the benevolent giving for 1948-1952 would be at least equal the total for the quadrennium preceding. Again we have exceeded the goal that the General Conference set before us. During the quadrennium now ending The Advance has brought into the treasury of the Church for the support of our world-wide missionary enterprise approximately \$14,000,000, not including Conference initiated Specials administered on the Conference level. During the two quadrenniums, 1944-1952, the General Treasury of the Church

received, through The Crusade and The Advance, over and above all World Service contributions, a sum in excess of \$41,000,000. This represents but a fraction of the financial ability of our people, but let it be said with emphasis that in each instance they have done what the Church asked of them—and more!

The world's need of Christ is no less urgent than four years ago. The commission of our risen Lord still rings in our ears: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We believe that our people desire and expect that we shall keep the channels open through which they may continue to support the Church's expanding program at home and abroad.

Our recommendations to the General Conference follow.

I.

Section I, "Section III Promotion and Cultivation," and "Section IV The Advance Committee" of the Report of the Quadrennial Committee were amended and adopted by the adoption of Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, which was adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, pages 570-584.

The Introductory Statement, pages 1690-1692, and Section II, page 1699 were adopted, May 5, 1952, See Journal, pages 590-592. Editor.

It is the judgment of your Committee that adequate provision for informing the membership of The Methodist Church, through a central promotional office of the work of our General Boards and Agencies and of their financial needs, should be written into the legislation of the Church, and that like provision should be made for continuing and conserving the essential features of the financial phase of the Advance. We accordingly recommend that Pars. 750-755, both inclusive, of the *Discipline* be deleted, and that immediately after Par. 749 the following be inserted:

Section III. PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION

¶ 750. To the end that duplication, overlapping, and competition may be eliminated in the financial promotion of the general causes of the Church and to the end that our people may be informed and may adequately support the General Agencies of the Church, there shall be a **Commission on Promotion and Cultivation**, which shall establish and maintain a Central Promotional Office for the purpose of promoting throughout the Church World Service, Advance specials, Week of Dedication, and other general financial causes except as otherwise directed by the General Conference. The Central Promotional Office shall operate under the authority and direction of the Commission on Promotion, and Culti-

vation, elected quadrennially and constituted as follows: Three Bishops selected by the Council of Bishops; one member each from the Division of the Local Church and the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education; one each from the Joint Section (General) of the Division of Education and Cultivation and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions; one each from the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Temperance, the Board of World Peace, the Board of Social and Economic Relations, the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Publication, the Commission on Chaplains, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Commission on Public Information, the Radio and Film Commission and The Advance Committee.

The Executive Secretaries of General Agencies (including one to be named by the Woman's Division of Christian Service and one to be named by the Board of Publication) shall be *ex officio* members of the Commission without vote.

¶ 751. The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation shall elect quadrennially the following officers: a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and an Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be Secretary of the Commission, and the Executive Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance shall be its Treasurer.

¶ 752. The Executive Director of the Commission on Promotion shall, under the authority and direction of the Commission, co-ordinate and promote on a Church-wide basis World Service, Advance Specials, the Week of Dedication, and all other general financial causes except as otherwise directed by the General Conference. The Commission shall set the Director's salary, and shall make provision for office equipment and clerical help. The Director shall co-operate with the Executive Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance. He shall by such plans as shall be authorized by the Commission on Promotion, promote the general financial causes of the Church through the Bishops, District Superintendents, pastors, lay officials, and General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conference Boards and Agencies.

¶ 753-A. In view of the fact that there is an inseparable relationship between education in stewardship and giving, we recommend that during the quadrennium the Boards of Education and Lay Activities, and the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation co-operate in a Church-wide program of Stewardship Education with special emphasis upon the stewardship of possessions which shall be closely related to giving to the Benevolence Causes which Methodists will be called upon to support. Stewardship of possessions shall be interpreted to mean that the tithe is the minimum stand-

ard for giving for Methodist members, and shall be promoted by the Board of Education and the Board of Lay Activities, by providing appropriate literature for the use of our churches and pastors in enlisting our Methodist people in tithing.

¶ 753-B. To this Commission are given the following responsibilities: to review at least annually, and as often in addition as may be necessary, the several and combined plans of the General Boards and Agencies for the production, and distribution of all free literature and promotional and resource periodicals (except Church School literature) for the purpose of co-ordinating the content, distribution, and timing of the release of such materials. In case of inability to work out adequate plans and procedures for content, timing, and distribution, the matter shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council.

This Commission shall study the problems of co-ordinating and simplifying the methods of and facilities for distribution of materials and may arrange for improved and more efficient distribution of literature.

To this Commission is referred the recommendation of the Survey Commission calling for a monthly local church Program Journal for Pastors, members of Commissions and Committees, Lay Leaders and other local church workers. This includes the recommendation regarding the merging of certain periodicals. This periodical shall contain program and resource materials for use in planning and carrying out a unified program in the local church. The Commission may employ a Secretary to serve as Editor of the Program Journal and such other literature as it may decide upon. The objectives, policies and content of the Program Journal shall be determined by the Commission in consultation with the General Agencies. The initial plans of the Commission regarding the merging of these periodicals into a local church Program Journal shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council for consideration and approval.

Instead of each General Board and Agency issuing separate materials, this monthly local church Program Journal shall contain in a co-ordinated way as much as possible of the combined program of the World Service Agencies. Correlation and representation shall be done equitably so far as the Agencies are concerned.

Bulletins and leaflets now being issued by General Boards and Agencies separately shall be incorporated in this monthly. What under present practices are separate general mailings of promotional letters, bulletins, pamphlets, and reports to pastors and other local church leaders shall be incorporated in this monthly.

An article relating to the work of a World Service Agency which is to appear in the monthly Program Journal shall receive editorial approval by that Agency before its publication.

The expenses of this Commission and of the editing, publishing and distribution of the local church Program Journal shall be paid out of World Service Funds and by constituent Agencies that do not participate in World Service Funds upon a pro rata basis to be determined by the Commission and approved by the Council on World Service and Finance. The Budget of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance and approved by the General Conference shall be a prior charge against World Service Funds.

Section IV. THE ADVANCE COMMITTEE

(See Note under Section I)

¶ 753-C. The General Conference shall constitute a quadrennium Advance Committee as follows:

1. The Quadrennial Advance Committee shall be constituted by the Council of Bishops.
2. The Advance Committee shall have an advisory relationship to the Central Promotion office in connection with the promotion of Advance Specials, the Week of Dedication offering, and Conference-Initiated specials.
3. Any changes that are to be made in the Agencies participating in Advance Specials and the Week of Dedication, or the ratio of receipts shall be determined by the Council on World Service and Finance after consultation with the Advance Committee and the Agencies concerned.
4. The Budget for Promotion of Advance projects shall be recommended by the Advance Committee to the Council on World Service and Finance for its consideration and approval. The approved Budget shall be a prior claim on receipts.

¶ 753-D. The Advance Committee shall have general administrative oversight of The Advance program, in accordance with the following plan and procedure: The Advance appeal shall consist of Advance Specials, Week of Dedication Offerings, and Conference Initiated Specials.

¶ 753-E. The participating Agencies in Advance Specials shall be the Division of World Missions, the Division of National Missions, of the Board of Missions, and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

1. As far as practicable Advance Specials shall be specific objects that may be visualized and described. Each such

special shall be approved by The Advance Committee (or by a Committee on Specials appointed by it) on recommendation of the Agency concerned. An Annual Conference, local church, or individual may assume an undesignated foreign, home, or MCOR special, in which case the Agency concerned shall determine where such special shall be allocated, shall inform the donor where his gift has been invested, and shall as far as practicable establish communication between donor and recipient.

2. Contributions to general Advance Specials shall be sent by the local church Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer. The Conference Treasurer shall make remittance each month to the General Treasurer. The General Treasurer shall remit monthly to the respective participating Agencies the amount received for each.

3. Each participating Agency shall administer the Advance Specials contribution received by it in harmony with procedures approved by The Advance Committee, and shall report the same to The Advance Committee at such intervals and in such detail as the Committee may request. The Advance Committee shall report in detail to the 1956 General Conference.

4. Each participating Agency shall, on receipt of a general Advance Special contribution, communicate with the donor, whether Conference, local church, or individual, and as far as practicable establish communication between donor and recipient.

¶ 753-F. The Week of Dedication appeal shall be under the general supervision of The Advance Committee, in accordance with the following directives:

1. The participating agencies shall be the Division of World Missions, the Division of National Missions, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and they shall participate by ratios determined by The Advance Committee.

2. The objects included in the Week of Dedication askings and the amount designated for each shall be approved by The Advance Committee on recommendations from the respective agencies. The recommendations from the participating Agencies shall include only urgent situations not otherwise provided for, and except in the case of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and Crusade scholarships (if any) shall include non-recurring items only; and in each instance assurance shall be given that the amount requested will complete the project.

3. Week of Dedication offerings shall be promptly re-

mitted by the local church Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer, who shall remit monthly to the General Treasurer. The General Treasurer shall remit to the participating Agencies in accordance with the ratios determined by The Advance Committee. Each participating Agency shall administer funds so received by the following rules: Each object under its administration included in the Week of Dedication Budget, in the order of its priority, as determined by The Advance Committee, shall be provided for in full the amount allotted it before any amount is apportioned to the object next succeeding.

4. The Expense Budget for the Week of Dedication shall be approved annually by The Advance Committee, and such Expense shall be a prior claim on the Week of Dedication offering.

5. The Week of Dedication shall be observed annually during the week preceding the first Sunday in Lent. The first Sunday in Lent shall be designated as Dedication Sunday. The spiritual emphases of the Week of Dedication, as determined by The Advance Committee, shall receive prior consideration.

¶ 753-G. **Conference-Initiated Specials** for Missionary and Church Extension causes within the Conference are authorized for each Annual Conference as each may determine.

1. Conference-Initiated Specials for objects within an Annual Conference shall be approved by the Conference Board of Missions.

2. Conference-Initiated Specials may be administered by the Conference Board of Missions or they may be administered by the Division of National Missions on request of the Annual Conference concerned. When such Specials are administered by the Division of National Missions they shall be administered and reported separate from General Advance Specials administered by the Division.

3. In Annual Conference report forms spaces shall be provided for reporting "Advance Specials (General)" and "Conference-Initiated Specials," and local churches shall report accordingly.

4. An Annual Conference may promote Conference-Initiated Specials by a Conference-wide campaign to provide for its own church extension needs. It is recommended that each Conference undertaking such a Conference-wide appeal for church extension within its bounds set aside 10 per cent of the amount received for the weaker and more urgent situations outside the Conference, such funds to be remitted to the Division of National Missions, and administered by it as a General Special.

¶ 753-H. The following general directives shall be observed in the promotion and administration of The Advance:

1. In the appeal and promotion of Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings there shall be no Area or Conference goals or quotas, except as they may be set by an Area or Conference for itself.

2. The Treasurer of the Advance shall be the Executive Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance.

3. The expense of promotion for Advance Specials shall be borne by the respective participating Agencies in proportion to the amount received by each in Advance Specials contributions. The causes of The Advance shall be correlated with other financial appeals and shall be promoted by the Central Promotional Office.

4. The appeal for Advance Specials shall be channeled as heretofore through Bishops, District Superintendents, and pastors, the details of the procedure to be determined by the Central Promotional Office in consultation with The Advance Committee.

5. Should a clear emergency arise, any feature of this entire plan may be altered by The Advance Committee on the approval of a majority of the Council of Bishops and of the Council on World Service and Finance.

6. In each Annual Conference, the Bishop, the District Superintendents, the Conference Missionary Secretary, the President and Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions, and the President of the Conference Board of Lay Activities, the Chairman of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training, the President and Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Evangelism, the President and Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, the President of the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Executive Secretary of the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation of the Conference Board of Missions, and six other laymen, three of whom shall be women, to be selected by the Bishop and District Superintendents, shall constitute the Conference Advance Committee. It shall be the special duty of the District Superintendents to encourage the churches in their respective Districts to undertake an Advance Special in some amount, either General or Conference-Initiated, and they shall also further and promote the Week of Dedication in their respective Districts, giving full emphasis to both its spiritual and financial aspects. Each Annual Conference may enlarge its Conference Advance Committee as it may determine.

7. Each District Superintendent shall at each Quarterly Conference ask for a report from the pastor covering the following items: (1) What Advance Specials and Con-

ference-Initiated Specials have been assumed by the church or churches of this pastoral charge, and in what amount; (2) What amount has been collected on the same this Conference year, and what amount has been remitted to the Conference Treasurer; (3) What is the report concerning the observance of the Week of Dedication.

II.

Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Pages 590-592.

The Committee recommends that the General Conference take the following action with reference to the continuance of the Advance emphasis on Christian family life:

The National Conference on Family Life, which was one of the most significant projects of the teaching and preaching endeavor of the Advance, made an extraordinary contribution to the Church.

We therefore recommend that the organization of a Family Life Committee shall be committed to the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education. The Staff of the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education and two representatives from each of the following Boards and Agencies shall constitute this Family Life Committee: Board of Evangelism; Division of World Missions, Division of National Missions, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions; Board of Temperance; Board of Lay Activities; Board of Hospitals and Homes.

The Council of Bishops shall name one of its number as Chairman of the Family Life Committee. The Committee thus constituted may enlarge its membership as it may determine.

This Family Life Committee shall promote and administer a special program of Family Life emphases during the ensuing quadrennium, including a National Methodist Conference on Family Life.

We further recommend that \$35,000 of the balance held by the teaching and preaching endeavor of the Advance for Christ and His Church shall be appropriated and remitted to the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education as a Special Fund restricted for this purpose, as already approved by The Advance Committee.

CLARE PURCELL, *Chairman*;

CHARLES A. JONES (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 13

REPORT NO. 1

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON THE REPORT
OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION**

Subject, Co-ordinating Council

*Adopted April 28, 1952. See Journal, Pages 261, 264, 272,
293, 296, 297, 572.*

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the proposed legislation regarding the Co-ordinating Council as it appears in *The Daily Christian Advocate* on April 23, page 27, beginning with paragraph 1 at the bottom of column 2:

Amend paragraph 1 by deleting the first two lines and substituting **"On request of a General Board or Agency, or of an Annual Conference, it shall review"**; by deleting lines 1, 2, 3 and 4 at the top of column 3 and substituting in their place **"and make recommendations to the Boards or Agencies involved for resolving such issues. In the event of non-compliance, the recommendations shall be reported to the next General Conference"**; by deleting in line 5, column 3, the words *"such decisions"* and substituting in their place the word **"recommendations,"** so that paragraph 1, as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1: **"On request of a General Board or Agency, or of an Annual Conference, it shall review questions involving overlapping in activity, or lack of co-operation among or within General Agencies of The Methodist Church, and make recommendations to the Boards or Agencies involved for resolving such issues. In the event of non-compliance, the recommendations shall be reported to the next General Conference. A record of all recommendations shall be kept; a report of each shall be forwarded to the Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, and the Secretary of the General Conference."**

Amend paragraph 2, column 3, by deleting in the first line the words *"continue the"* preceding **"study,"** and the word *"of"* following **"study,"** so that the paragraph as amended shall read:

Paragraph 2: **"It shall study the general organizational structure of The Methodist Church and recommend to the General Conference such changes as it considers essential to maintain effective and economical operation."**

Amend paragraph 3, column 3, by deleting the word "and" before "the Executive Secretary," and by deleting the words "or other administrative officer" following "Executive Secretary," and by inserting after the word "Agency" the following phrase "**and the President and the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Christian Service,**" so that the paragraph as amended shall read:

Paragraph 3: "In consultation with the Council of Bishops, the Executive Secretary of each General Agency, **and the President and the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Christian Service,** it shall formulate and present to the General Conference, for its action and determination, plans for a unified, on-going program for the Church, including long range objectives. The financial objectives shall be recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance to the General Conference for its action."

Add a new paragraph reading as follows:

"The expenses of the Co-ordinating Council shall not exceed a total of Ten thousand dollars annually, and shall be paid out of the General Administration Fund."

Co-Chairmen: HAROLD C. CASE;
CHARLES C. PARLIN (*).

REPORT NO. 2

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON THE REPORT OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION

Subject, Council on World Service and Finance

Adopted April 30, 1952. See Journal, Pages 333-336.

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the proposed legislation regarding the Council on World Service and Finance as it appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate* on April 23, Page 28:

Defer for later consideration: Paragraph 735, column 1, under Paragraph 737, column 2, the first paragraph in bold face type, the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund in paragraph 1 and paragraph 2.

Paragraph 5 in column 3 is deleted.

Renumber paragraph 6 to be paragraph 5.

Delete paragraph 7 and substitute as paragraph 6 the following:

"Maintain and supervise the Statistical Office of The Methodist Church. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Office to prepare the material for the General Minutes,

and such other related publications and yearbooks as may be ordered by the Council. The specialized services of the Statistical Office shall be available to any official agency of the Church for the conduct of special surveys, researches, and studies as may be required in its work, by agreement with and subject to the approval of the Council. The General Minutes, and other materials authorized by the Council, shall be printed by The Methodist Publishing House.

"The expense of the Statistical Office, including the printing of the General Minutes and other approved publications shall be borne by the General Administration Fund."

Renumber paragraph 8 to be paragraph 7 and insert after the word "school" in the fifth line "and forms used by the Woman's Board of Christian Service)," so that paragraph 7 as amended shall read:

"Prepare and edit all official statistical blanks, record forms, and record books required for use in The Methodist Church (except official records for use in the local Church School and forms used by the Woman's Board of Christian Service.) In the preparation of these forms the Council on World Service and Finance shall consult with a Committee which shall utilize the experience of persons who have served on the Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks (Par. 1139, 1948 *Discipline*), and which in its composition shall include representatives of the Council of Bishops, of Annual Conferences, of The Methodist Publishing House, and with representatives of General Boards whose programs are directly involved. All official blanks, record forms, and record books required for use in The Methodist Church shall be printed and published by The Methodist Publishing House."

Renumber present paragraph 9 to be paragraph 8.

Delete paragraph 10 and add a substitute paragraph which should be numbered 9, to read as follows:

"The Council on World Service and Finance shall operate, under the supervision of its Executive Secretary, a Department known as 'The File of Pastors and Church Officials.' It shall be the function of this Department to maintain an accurate record of the main addresses of all Bishops, ministers, in the effective relation. Supply pastors (including retired ministers) serving charges, Conference Lay Leaders, and such lists of General, Jurisdictional, Conference and District Boards, Commissions or Committees and such officers of the same as may be deemed necessary.

"The cost of maintaining such a file shall be a charge against the Central Treasury. The Executive Secretary is authorized and directed to make equitable charges for its use by various bodies. No use of the file shall be permitted for others than authorized bodies or officers of The Methodist Church."

Add:

"The Council on World Service and Finance may maintain a Personnel Registration Bureau, which shall serve as a clearing center for persons seeking positions with the General Agencies and supply information about such candidates to interested Agencies."

Refer to Page 45 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* for April 23, under the heading PART V, Temporal Economy, Chapter II, Church Finance. Your Committee recommends the following changes in the proposed legislation regarding the Council on World Service and Finance, beginning in column 2:

Under Paragraph 733, postpone for further consideration number (4), the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund.

Under Paragraph 737, section 1, amend the second paragraph by eliminating after the word "and" in the 5th line the words "*that of*" and inserting the word "**for**" so that the paragraph as amended shall read:

"The Council shall submit to each quadrennial session of the General Conference for its action and determination a Budget of annual expense for its own operation and for the World Service Agencies for the ensuing quadrennium. The expenses of the Council, including the expense of the Central Office, shall be a first claim against the World Service Fund, the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund, and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, and the total . . . (end of Par. 737, Sec. 1.)"

Under Paragraph 737, section 3, eliminate in line 5 after the word "judgment" the words "*or that of the Co-ordinating Council*" so that as amended Paragraph 737, section 3, shall read:

"The Council on World Service and Finance shall withhold approval of any item or items for inclusion in the World Service Budget which in its judgment represents unnecessary duplication of activities or programs within a World Service Agency or between two or more of them."

Under Paragraph 737, section 8, on page 46, insert after

the word "perform" in the second line the words **"or arrange facilities for handling,"** omit "(See Sec. 10.)" and at the end of the paragraph insert the sentence **"The cost of such service shall be charged to the Agency,"** so that Paragraph 737, section 8, as amended shall read:

"After consultation with the Agency, it shall perform or arrange facilities for handling the treasury functions for any World Service Agency which is not large enough to have a full-time Treasurer. The cost of such service shall be charged to the Agency" whose financial policies are not approved by the Council.

Under Paragraph 737, section 9, insert in the first line the words **"On the request of a World Service Agency,"** delete after the word "to" in the second line the words **"any World Service Agency"** and insert after the word "to" the pronoun **"it"**; eliminate the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th lines and the first word of the 10th line and **"(See Sec. 10.)"** so that Paragraph 737, section 9, as amended shall read:

"On the request of a World Service Agency it shall hold and invest funds allocated to it when such funds are not intended for current expenditure by that Agency. It shall also hold and invest funds for any General Agency which does not have an investment program approved by the Council on World Service and Finance."

Delete Paragraph 737, section 10.

Under Paragraph 737, renumber sections 11 through 14 as 10 through 13.

Under Paragraph 737, new section 10 (present section 11) add at the end **"Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as limiting or superseding the authorization granted to World Service Agencies by Paragraph 744 of the 1948 Discipline."**

In column 2 under SECTION II, The World Service Fund, eliminate in Paragraph 742 the first paragraph in bold face type, postpone consideration of last paragraph in column 2 beginning "The Division of Promotion," etc.; in column 3 eliminate the first full paragraph in bold face type beginning "Up to the full amount," etc.

Under Paragraph 771 at the bottom of column 3 eliminate the words **"revise so as to read"**: and all of the paragraph in bold face type and substitute therefor the following:

"Par. 771, No change." (This retains Par. 771 of 1948 Discipline.)

Co-Chairmen: HAROLD C. CASE;
CHARLES C. PARLIN (*).

REPORT NO. 3

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON THE REPORT OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION

Subject, Revised Legislation

*Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Pages 389, 399, 411,
413, 584, 586.*

(See Page 28 Daily Christian Advocate, April 23, 1952.)

Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church

Section I. Organization of the Inter-Board Commission

There shall be an Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church, whose function shall be to act as the co-ordinator of the policies and activities of its Boards, namely:

Board of Education

Division of the Local Church

Editorial Division

Division of Educational Institutions

Department of **Secondary and Higher** Education

Department of Ministerial Education

Board of Evangelism

Board of Lay Activities

The Inter-Board Commission in carrying out its function of co-ordinating the work of the Boards which it represents shall see that plans and programs relating to the local church and to higher education do not overlap or duplicate in activity and literature. Any questions between the constituent Boards of overlapping or duplication which cannot be resolved by the Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Any overlapping of functions or duplication of activities between one of the constituent Boards and another Agency of The Methodist Church shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Where in the judgment of the Inter-Board Commission it would facilitate co-ordination among its Boards, the Commission may authorize Inter-Board Staff Committees.

The membership of the Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church shall consist of eighteen members, six from each of the three Boards: the Chairman and five other persons from among the membership of its Executive Committee elected by each Board.

Implementing the work of the Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church there shall be a Secretarial Council, consisting of the Executive Secretaries of the Divisions of the constituent Boards or of the Board itself if there are no Divisions within the Board. It shall be the function of this Council to facilitate co-operation among the Boards in

the creative planning of programs and in avoiding overlapping of function or duplication of activity. The Chairmanship of the Secretarial Council shall rotate annually among the several Secretaries.

Proposed changes concerning Chapter VIII in the legislation of the Survey Report, as it appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate* beginning on page 41 and continuing through page 43—

The Conference Committee of Six proposes that the same terminology which appears in the 1948 *Discipline* be here continued. The effect of this is to substitute in the legislation as it appears in the *Daily Advocate* the word "*Division*" for the word "*Board*," so that Chapter VIII deals with the *Division* of Educational Institutions, which is to continue as a part of the Board of Education and parallel to the *Division* of the Local Church and the Editorial *Division*.

Therefore, throughout the legislation as it appears in the *Daily Advocate* substitute:

Division for Board and

Department for Division.

Further changes:

Page 41, col. 3, Par. 1351, in the second line of the bold-face type, add, after the word "Institutions," the words "within the Board of Education."

Page 41, col. 3, defer action on the paragraph beginning at the foot of the column and continuing to page 42. Also defer action on the following paragraph, which begins, "The Board shall convene. . ."

Page 42, col. 1, Par. 1356, place a period after the words "no change" and delete the rest of the sentence.

Par. 1359, place a period after the words "no change" and delete the rest of the sentence.

Par. 1366, place a period after the words "no change" and delete the rest of the sentence.

Page 42, col. 2, Section II, change title to "Department of General Education." Defer action on the first two paragraphs under the section title.

In the third paragraph, substitute "The Department of **Secondary and Higher Education**" for "it" at the beginning of the first line, so that the paragraph begins, "The Department of **Secondary and Higher Education** shall elect a Chairman."

At the end of the fourth paragraph, which begins "The

Director of the Department . . . ,” defer action on the words “subject to confirmation by the Board of Cultivation.”

Page 42, col. 2, Par. 1353, line 3, after the word “Institutions” add **“and the Board of Education.”**

Page 42, col. 3, line 1, substitute **“Board of Education”** for **“it.”** line 2, substitute **“this”** for **“its,”** and after **“Budget”** add the words **“as part of its total Budget.”**

Page 42, col. 3, line 6, substitute **“Board of Education”** for **“General Conference.”**

The total Paragraph (1353) as amended will then read: The department shall prepare a Budget for its work which it shall submit to the Division of Educational Institutions **and the Board of Education** to be reviewed and passed upon. Subsequently **the Board of Education** shall submit this proposed Budget **as part of its total Budget** to the Council on World Service and Finance (see Par. 737, sec. 2, 4, p. 45 below). The Division shall disburse such funds as are approved by **the Board of Education** for the maintenance and promotion of the work committed to it.”

Page 43, col. 1, lines 1, 2, substitute **“Division of the Local Church”** for **“Board of Christian Education.”**

Page 43, col. 1, Par. 1364, delete the last three and one-half lines and place a period after the word **“paragraph.”**

Void the legislation adopted on Thursday, May 2, from Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six beginning in the middle of page 3. **“Page 43, Col. 1, Section III,”** and ending with **“World Service and Finance”** at the end of the next paragraph.

The legislation voided is as follows, in italics:

Page 43, col. 1, Section III, change title to **“Department of Ministerial Education.”**

Defer action on the last two paragraphs in that column, dealing with the composition of the Department and the Annual Meeting.

Page 43, col. 2, paragraph marked **“New,”** lines 2, 3, add, after the word **“Secretary,”** the words **“of the Division.”**

In the next paragraph which begins “The Department shall prepare . . . ,” line 3, after the word “Institutions” add “and the Board of Education.”

In line 4, substitute “the Board of Education” for “it.”

In line 5, substitute “this” for “its.”

The first sentences of the paragraph, as amended, will then read: “The Department shall prepare a Budget for

its work which it shall submit to the Board of Educational Institutions and the Board of Education to be reviewed and passed upon. Subsequently the Board of Education shall submit this proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance.

and substitute for it, the following:

1384. In the Division of Educational Institutions there shall be a Department of Ministerial Education which shall provide for the training of the ministry of the Church. The Department shall be composed of 12 persons, 6 Bishops, and 6 Ministers, selected from the membership of the Division. The Division shall have authority to select 5 advisory members from the faculties of our Methodist Theological Schools to assist in preparing the prescribed Courses of Study. The Division shall also have authority to select from the Methodist Theological Association 6 of its members as advisory members to consider with it the fiscal affairs of the theological seminaries, but these shall not be present when allocations for theological schools are under consideration.

The Division shall elect, upon nomination of the Executive Secretary, a Director of Ministerial Education, who shall serve as a liaison officer between the Division and Methodist theological schools. He shall be responsible for the promotion of theological education in the Church and maintaining the relationship with and among Methodist theological schools.

The Division shall elect a Director who shall have primary responsibility for the program of in-service training, including the supervision of the Conference Course of Study and the Pastor's School in Annual Conferences in the United States, its territories and dependencies, and Correspondence Courses.

1385. The Division of Educational Institutions shall recommend to the Council on World Service and Finance, as an item apart from its own Budget the amount of financial support which should be allocated for Methodist theological schools and the "in-service training program." It shall have the further responsibility of recommending to the Council on World Service and Finance the distribution of such funds among the accredited schools of theology related to The Methodist Church.

1386. The work of the Department of Ministerial Education shall be supported from the General Benevolences of the Church, the amount to be determined by the authoritative body.

1387. The Department of Ministerial Education shall prescribe the Course of Study to be pursued by those applying for License to Preach, for Orders as Local Preachers, and for Admission on Trial, respectively; also a Course of Study extending through four years to be pursued by those who have been Admitted on Trial in the Annual Conference, and a simplified Four-year Course which, if the Annual Conference shall so determine, may be used for the Accepted Supply Pastors in lieu of the regular Conference Course. (See Course of Study under Appendix.) It shall recommend Courses of Reading and also provide Graduate Correspondence Courses of Study for preachers who have finished their undergraduate Courses of Study.

1388. The Department insofar as it relates to in-service training, shall have a direct relationship with the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications (See Pars. 639-42). It shall co-operate with these and other Conference Boards in organizing, financing, and conducting short-term Schools for Ministers, which shall be known as *Pastors' Schools*. These Schools shall provide instruction for all ministers and where advisable shall offer work in the curriculum of the Courses of Study for Undergraduate and Accepted Supply Pastors.

Within a Conference the administration of these Courses of Study, which shall require extensive written work in addition to instruction in a Pastor's School, shall be under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training.

Where so agreed by the Department and the Boards involved, the supervision of this work may be delegated to a *Correspondence School*. All such Correspondence Schools shall be related to one of our established schools of theology. The Director of each Correspondence School shall be elected quadrennially by the Commission on Ministerial Training on nomination of the faculty of the related school of theology. The assisting Staff shall be chosen by the Director from the active members of the faculty of the school.

1389. The Department of Ministerial Training, the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, and the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall co-operate in the development of effective methods of selective recruiting for the ministry. The Boards shall exercise control over the numbers to be enlisted in order to provide an adequate supply of trained ministers.

The Department, in co-operation with the theological schools, shall continue study on the ministry, and report on the subject to each General Conference.

Page 43, col. 2, Par. 1389, line 1, substitute "Division of the Local Church" for "Board of Education."

Board of Social and Economic Relations

The Committee of Six recommends the adoption of Section IV, Board of Social and Economic Relations as set forth in the proposed legislation DCA-36, columns 2 and 3, and DCA-37, column 1, subject to the following:

1. Defer consideration of the membership of the Board.
2. Eliminate the 3rd paragraph of column 2, relating to annual meetings.
3. Delete the 5th paragraph of column 3 and substitute:
"The Board shall prepare its Budget and present it to the Council on World Service and Finance."
4. Change the wording in the last paragraph of column 3, so that the terminology of other agencies corresponds with names as adopted by the General Conference.

Inter-Board Commission on Christian Social Relations

(See Page 35, *Daily Christian Advocate*, April 23, 1952.)

Section I. Organization of the Inter-Board Commission

There shall be an Inter-Board Commission on Christian Social Relations, whose function shall be to act as the co-ordinator of the policies and activities of its Boards, namely:

Board of Temperance.

Board of World Peace.

Board of Social and Economic Relations.

The Inter-Board Commission in carrying out its function of co-ordinating the work of the Boards which it represents shall see that plans and programs in the fields of temperance, peace, and social and economic relations do not overlap or duplicate in activity and literature. Any questions between the constituent Boards of overlapping or duplication of activities which cannot be resolved by the Inter-Board Commission on Christian Social Relations shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Any overlapping of functions or duplication of activities between one of the constituent Boards and another Agency of The Methodist Church shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Where in the judgment of the Inter-Board Commission it would facilitate co-ordination of its Boards, the Commission may authorize Inter-Board Staff Committees.

The changes in the legislation which are now proposed by the Committee of Six, retaining the general structure of the present Board of Education, make it possible to delete all of the legislation which had been proposed under Section IV

(University Senate) and Section V (Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards) which appears in col. 3 on page 43 of the *Daily Advocate*.

The membership of the Inter-Board Commission on Christian Social Relations shall consist of eighteen members, six from each of the three Boards: the Chairman and five other persons from among the membership of its Executive Committee elected by each Board.

Implementing the work of the Inter-Board Commission on Christian Social Relations there shall be a Secretarial Council consisting of the Executive Secretaries of the three Boards. It shall be the function of this Council to facilitate co-operation among the Boards in creative planning of programs and in avoiding overlapping of function or duplication of activity. The Chairmanship of the Secretarial Council shall rotate annually among the three Executive Secretaries.

Board of Missions and Church Extension

1. Delete the words "Church Extension" from the name of this Board wherever it appears in the *Discipline*.
2. Change the name "Division of Foreign Missions" to "Division of World Missions" wherever it appears in the *Discipline*.
3. Change the name "Division of Home Missions and Church Extension" to "The Division of National Missions" wherever it appears in the *Discipline*.
4. Change the name "Division of Education and Cultivation" to "Joint Section on Education and Cultivation" at all places where it appears in the *Discipline*.
5. In the event seeming insurmountable legal difficulties should arise in connection with the foregoing proposed changes in corporate names the matter shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council which shall have power to determine suitable names.

Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief

The Board of Missions shall have the responsibility for supervising the administration of the work of Overseas Relief. The Board shall constitute a Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, which shall carry on the functions, activities and relationships of the present Committee for Overseas Relief. Financial appeals for this cause shall be in the name of Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Amend Par. 2009 (1) of the 1948 *Discipline* by substituting "1952-56" for "1948-52" in lines 2 and 3; by changing "*The General Commission on World Service and Finance*" in lines 3 and 4 to "**The Council on World Service and Finance**"; by inserting "after consultation with the Board of

Missions" before the word "decide" in line 4, so that the Paragraph when amended shall read:

"The Committee for Overseas Relief shall be continued; provided that, if at any time during the quadrennium of 1952-56 the Council of Bishops and the **Council on World Service and Finance** decide after consultation with the Board of Missions that the specific work of the Committee is no longer needed, the Committee shall be discharged and its responsibilities and assets be transferred to such Agency as those two bodies may determine.

Delete Par. 2009, (2)

Par. 2009—no change in (3), (4) and (5).

Annual Assembly

In order to try out the recommendation of the Survey Commission for an annual assembly of World Service Agencies and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, there shall be held during the 1952-56 quadrennium at least one assembly at which the programs of the Agencies are presented with the understanding that at the same time and place each Board or Agency will meet separately, either prior to or after the assembly for the transaction of its business. After consultation with the Executive officers of the General Agencies and the Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance shall fix the date and place of the assembly.

Co-Chairmen: HAROLD C. CASE;
CHARLES C. PARLIN (*)

REPORT NO. 3-A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON THE REPORT OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION MATTERS RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL AGENCIES

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Pages 413-426.

1. Tenure on any Division, Board, Commission, or Council shall hereafter be limited to eight consecutive years, this provision to begin with 1952 but not to be retroactive.

2. No person who receives compensation for services rendered or commissions of any kind from a Board or other Agency shall be eligible for membership.

3. Whether in principle there shall be any reduction in the size of membership of the General Boards and Agencies?

4. Whether a Bishop may serve as a member of either the Co-ordinating Council or the Council on World Service and Finance and at the same time be a member of a General Agency?

5. Whether the Bishops who are not members of the Coordinating Council, or the Council on World Service and Finance, may be members of the Board of Missions and the Board of Education, in order that the Committee of Six may bring you a specific recommendation.

Co-Chairmen: HAROLD C. CASE
CHARLES C. PARLIN (*)

REPORT NO. 4

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON THE REPORT OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION

Subject, General Agencies—Membership and Functions

Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Pages 570-588.

(See Pages 26 and 27 of the Daily Christian Advocate April 23, 1952)

The membership of the General Agencies of The Methodist Church shall be constituted as to total number as shown below. Specific legislation covering details of membership of each Agency shall be published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and thereafter considered and approved by the General Conference.

General provisions:

1. Except for Bishops, a person may not serve on more than one Board or Agency; a Bishop may not serve at the same time on more than three Agencies, except this does not apply to a Division of a Board, the Commission on Chaplains, the Commission on Camp Activities, and an Inter-Agency Commission. (See number 5 below.)
2. No person who receives compensation for services rendered or commissions of any kind from a Board or other Agency shall be eligible for membership on that Board or Agency.
3. Tenure on any Division, Board, Commission, or Council (Council of Bishops and Judicial Council excepted) shall hereafter be limited to eight consecutive years. This provision shall not be retroactive.
4. A Bishop elected to the Council on World Service and Finance shall not serve on any other Board or Agency during his term on the Council.
5. In assigning members of the Council of Bishops to membership on the General Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church, the Council of Bishops is hereby authorized to designate Alternate Members, with the privilege of vote, in case the Regular Members assigned to the various General Boards and Agencies, are unable to be present.

Motion for Amendment of Discipline Regarding Co-ordinating Council

6. Legislation adopted by the General Conference on April 28, 1952 (on the basis of Report No. 1 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, distributed to the delegates in mimeographed form), is hereby amended by striking out of the second paragraph of said legislation the following sentence:

"Members shall serve until their successors are appointed or elected, and during their term of service shall not be eligible to membership on any other Agency."

and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Members shall serve until their successors are appointed or elected. No person, other than a Bishop, shall be eligible to membership on any other General Agency. In a review of any question involving overlapping of activity or lack of co-operation among or within the General Agencies, a Bishop who is a member of an Agency involved shall be disqualified on the particular review."

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Present</i>
Missions	136	172
Education	91	109
Publication	45	59
Evangelism	46	56
Hospitals and Homes	18	24
Lay Activities	41	48
Pensions	23	41
Temperance	23	28
World Peace	23	27
Social and Economic Relations	48	..
Chaplains	16	16
Camp Activities	6	6
Methodist Information	9	9
Films	31	40
MCOR	19	40
Trustees	7	12
Council on World Service and Finance	33	31

Any other General Agency as later approved by the General Conference.

Nothing in the Report shall be construed to prevent this General Conference from considering on its merit Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church in reference to establishing a Board of Social and Economic Relations.

There shall be not to exceed eighteen Bishops included in the membership of the Board of Missions, and in addition six Bishops serving overseas, designated by the Council of Bishops, who shall have the status of members of the Board in

meetings which they may be able to attend, subject to such travel regulations as are provided in the *Discipline* for overseas Bishops, and not to exceed seventeen Bishops included in the membership of the Board of Education. These memberships shall be determined by the Council of Bishops. (Paragraphs 1172 and 1326). The following is recommended for incorporation in the *Discipline* under Chapter II, Board of Missions and Church Extension which begins with Paragraph 1166, page 249, with the understanding existing legislation in the 1948 *Discipline* shall be amended to conform:

In constituting the membership of its Divisions, the Board of Missions may elect from the membership of the Divisions of National Missions and World Missions respectively, to the Woman's Division of Christian Service a number not to exceed the number of members which the Woman's Division of Christian Service has on the Division of National Missions and the Division of World Missions.

Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief

The Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief shall be composed of 19 persons constituted as follows:
One person from each Jurisdiction elected by the Jurisdiction.

Six persons elected by the Board of Missions.

Seven members at large elected by the Agency.

Daily Christian Advocate, page 27, April 23, 1952.

Column 1—adopt: (new)

Where the membership of a General Agency is determined in part by the size of the church membership of the Jurisdictions, the latest official report preceding the General Conference (as shown in the General Minutes) of the Jurisdictional membership shall be used to determine the size of the Jurisdictional representation for the ensuing quadrennium.

Column 3—adopt:

(New) Unless otherwise specified, vacancies on Divisions and Boards occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled as follows: Episcopal vacancies shall be filled by the Council of Bishops; a vacancy in the Jurisdictional representation shall be filled by the College of Bishops of that Jurisdiction; a vacancy in the membership at large shall be filled by the Agency itself.

Board of Hospitals and Homes

Substitute for Paragraph 1521 of the *Discipline* the following:

There shall be a Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church which shall have an advisory relationship to Methodist philanthropic interests and institutions, such as hospitals, homes for the aged, homes for children, and homes for youth, located in the United States, its territories, and dependencies. This advisory relationship shall apply also to a hospital or home which is owned or supervised by any Agency of The Methodist Church in the United States, its territories, or dependencies.

There shall be a consultative Inter-agency Staff Committee between the Board of Hospitals and Homes and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, established by the Agencies.

Cultivation and Publication Recommendations

I. The Board of Publication and The Methodist Publishing House shall continue to have the responsibilities, activities and relationships as provided in the 1948 *Discipline* subject to whatever amending legislation is adopted by the General Conference.

II. The Report of the General Conference Committee to study the relation of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education to the Board of Publication shall be adopted.

III. 1. The Committee proposes that the General Conference recommend to the Board of Publication for its consideration and determination the proposal of the Survey Report that there should be one Publishing Agent instead of two and that the matter of title for the function should be determined by the Board of Publication.

2. The Committee recommends that the General Conference refer to the Board of Publication with power to act the recommendations of the Survey Report regarding a periodical for pastors, and periodical for the family.

IV. Commission on Promotion and Cultivation

The Committee recommends that the General Conference adopt the Report of the Quadrennial Committee as it appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, April 25, 1952, beginning on page 109 with the following amendments:

The name of the Commission on Promotion shall be changed to Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. Its membership and functions shall be as follows:

Membership: Three Bishops selected by the Council of Bishops; one member each from the Division of the Local Church and the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education; one each from the Joint Section (Gen-

eral) of the Division of Education and Cultivation and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions; one each from the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Temperance, the Board of World Peace, the Board of Social and Economic Relations, the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Publication, the Commission on Chaplains, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Commission on Public Information, the Radio and Film Commission and the Advance Committee.

The Executive Secretaries of General Agencies (including one to be named by the Woman's Division of Christian Service and one to be named by the Board of Publication) shall be *ex officio* members of the Commission without vote.

To this Commission are given the following responsibilities: to review at least annually, and as often in addition as may be necessary, the several and combined plans of the General Boards and Agencies for the production, and distribution of all free literature and promotional and resource periodicals (except Church School literature) for the purpose of co-ordinating the content, distribution, and timing of the release of such materials. In case of inability to work out adequate plans and procedures for content, timing, and distribution, the matter shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council.

This Commission shall study the problems of co-ordinating and simplifying the methods of and facilities for distribution of materials and may arrange for improved and more efficient distribution of literature.

To this Commission is referred the recommendation of the Survey Commission calling for a Monthly Local Church Program Journal for pastors, members of Commissions and Committees, Lay Leaders and other local church workers. This includes the recommendation regarding the merging of certain periodicals. This periodical shall contain program and resource materials for use in planning and carrying out a unified program in the local church. The Commission may employ a Secretary to serve as Editor of the Program Journal and such other literature as it may decide upon. The objectives, policies and content of the Program Journal shall be determined by the Commission in consultation with the General Agencies. The initial plans of the Commission regarding the merging of these periodicals into a Local Church Program Journal shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council for consideration and approval.

Instead of each General Board and Agency issuing separate materials, this Monthly Local Church Program Journal

shall contain in a co-ordinated way as much as possible of the combined program of the World Service Agencies. Correlation and representation shall be done equitably so far as the Agencies are concerned.

Bulletins and leaflets now being issued by General Boards and Agencies separately shall be incorporated in this Monthly. What under present practices are separate general mailings of promotional letters, bulletins, pamphlets, and reports to pastors and other local church leaders shall be incorporated in this Monthly.

An article relating to the work of a World Service Agency which is to appear in the Monthly Program Journal shall receive editorial approval by that Agency before its publication.

The expenses of this Commission and of the editing, publishing and distribution of the Local Church Program Journal shall be paid out of World Service Funds and by constituent Agencies that do not participate in World Service Funds upon a pro rata basis to be determined by the Commission and approved by the Council on World Service and Finance. The Budget of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation as recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance and approved by the General Conference shall be a prior charge against World Service Funds.

The recommendations of the Report of the Quadrennial Committee, Section IV, The Advance on page 110 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* April 25, 1952 shall be adopted except for the following amendments:

1. The Quadrennial Advance Committee shall be constituted by the Council of Bishops.
2. The Advance Committee shall have an advisory relationship to the Central Promotion office in connection with the promotion of Advance Specials, the Week of Dedication offering, and Conference initiated specials.
3. Any changes that are to be made in the agencies participating in Advance Specials and the Week of Dedication, or the ratio of receipts shall be determined by the Council on World Service and Finance after consultation with the Advance Committee and the Agencies concerned.
4. The Budget for promotion of Advance projects shall be recommended by the Advance Committee to the Council on World Service and Finance for its consideration and approval. The approved Budget shall be a prior claim on receipts.
5. Substitute for Paragraph 753-A. In view of the fact that there is an inseparable relationship between education

in stewardship and giving, we recommend that during the quadrennium the Boards of Education and Lay Activities, and the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation co-operate in a Church-wide program of Stewardship Education with special emphasis upon the stewardship of possessions which shall be closely related to giving to the Benevolence Causes which Methodists will be called upon to support.

Inter-Agency Commission on Cultivation, Promotion, and Publication

There shall be an Inter-Agency Commission on Cultivation, Promotion and Publication whose function shall be to act as the Co-ordinator of the policies and activities of the following:

Commission on Promotion and Cultivation
Radio and Film Commission
Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information
Board of Publication

The Inter-Agency Commission in carrying out its function of co-ordinating the work of the Agencies which it represents shall see that plans and programs relating to cultivation, promotion, films, radio, television, public relations, Methodist information and publishing do not overlap or duplicate. Any questions of overlapping or duplication which cannot be resolved by the Inter-Agency Commission on Cultivation, Promotion, and Publication shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. When in the judgment of the Inter-Agency Commission it would facilitate co-ordination among its Agencies, the Commission may authorize Inter-Board Staff Committees.

The membership of the Inter-Agency Commission on Cultivation, Promotion and Publication shall consist of the following members from its respective agencies:

Commission on Promotion and Cultivation—Four
Radio and Film Commission—Two
Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information—One
Board of Publication—Two

Implementing the work of the Inter-Agency Commission on Cultivation, Promotion and Publication there shall be a Secretarial Council, consisting of the Executive Secretary, Director, or other representative of each constituent Agency. It shall be the function of this Council to facilitate co-operation among the Agencies in the creative planning of their

respective programs and in avoiding overlapping of function or duplication of activity. The Chairmanship of the Secretarial Council shall rotate annually among its members.

Resolution for Adoption Establishment of One Office for the Board of Pensions

The Board of Pensions is hereby directed to study, prepare and submit for the consideration of the General Conference of 1956, together with any comments and suggestions by the Board, a plan for merging the two separate offices of the Board, now maintained in Saint Louis, Missouri, and Chicago, Illinois, so that the Board may operate as a single agency, preserving the three present legal corporate entities (The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Illinois; The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Maryland; and the Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Missouri) and recognizing all separate pension fund obligations to Annual Conferences and such other legal requirements as may exist.

Methodist Information

The name of the Commission on Public Information shall be changed to Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information. It shall be understood that in its relations with the press, radio and television and with the public generally the Commission may use such abbreviation of its name as it deems appropriate.

The membership of the Commission shall continue to be in accordance with Paragraph 1590 in the 1948 *Discipline*.

The expense of the Commission shall be borne by the General Administration Fund.

It shall be the function of this Commission to gather news of public interest concerning Methodist activities and opinion and to disseminate it through the secular press, the religious press, radio, and television. This Commission shall be the sole general news-gathering and distributing agency for The Methodist Church and its General Agencies.

The Commission may arrange with another General Agency for some person in that organization to represent the Commission in direct release of Methodist news items to the religious and/or secular press. However, the Commission shall have general supervision over planning publicity relationships and procedures for making releases throughout the Church in the United States. The Commission may work with Area and Annual Conference Directors of Public Relations, may assist in Pastors' Schools with courses in

Public Relations, and may prepare instruction materials for local church use concerning Public Relations.

The Commission shall maintain co-operative relationship with the Editors of the Board of Publications, and may assist in the gathering of news for Church periodicals.

The recommendations contained in the Survey Report do not exhaust the opportunities for improvements and economies in organization, co-operative relationships and functioning of general agencies. During the 1952-56 quadrennium the General Agencies should study their respective functions, programs and internal operations and institute such improvements and economies in their work as they find to be feasible and practicable. The General Agencies shall co-operate with the Council on World Service and Finance in working out, in advance of these studies, the general areas to be included and methods of carrying out this objective. The General Agencies shall report their accomplishments in improvements and economies at the close of each fiscal year during the 1952-56 quadrennium to the Council on World Service and Finance. The Council shall prepare from the information received from the General Agencies a combined report for the 1956 General Conference.

During the 1952-56 quadrennium the Co-ordinating Council shall have power to consider and decide what, if any, action shall be taken in regard to those recommendations in the Survey Report which have not been specifically covered in legislation adopted by the 1952 General Conference.

Co-Chairmen: HAROLD C. CASE
CHARLES C. PARLIN (*)

NOTES on Report No. 4

See "Report of Joint Committee on Procedure for Handling of the Survey Report," pages 473-474 and the statement of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) Chairman, with special regard to his remarks concerning Item 3.

See remarks of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) on page 576.

See remarks of Harold C. Case (Southern California-Arizona) pages 476-477, and especially his "Third" statement.

REPORT NO. 5

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON REPORT OF SURVEY COMMISSION

See statement of Harold C. Case, Journal, page 584, as follows:

"We turn now to Report No. 6. This is not an error. There was originally a Report No. 5; however you have now covered the matter in that Report. Report No. 6 is before you."

REPORT NO. 6

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON THE REPORT

Subject, Amending Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six
Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Pages 584-586.

The Committee of Six makes the following recommendations:

- (a) Delete Paragraphs 1384 to 1388 inclusive in the *Discipline*, and
- (b) Void the legislation adopted on Friday, May 2, from Report No. 3 of the Committee of Six beginning in the middle of page 3. "Page 43, Col. 1, Section III," and ending with "World Service and Finance" at the end of the next paragraph.
and substitute for *both*, the following:

1384. In the Division of Educational Institutions there shall be a Department of Ministerial Education which shall provide for the training of the ministry of the Church. The Department shall be composed of 12 persons, 6 Bishops, and 6 ministers, selected from the membership of the Division. The Division shall have authority to select 5 Advisory Members from the faculties of our Methodist Theological Schools to assist in preparing the prescribed Courses of Study. The Division shall also have authority to select from the Methodist Theological Association 6 of its members as Advisory Members to consider with it the fiscal affairs of the theological seminaries, but these shall not be present when allocations for theological schools are under consideration.

The Division shall elect, upon nomination of the Executive Secretary, a Director of Ministerial Education, who shall serve as a liaison officer between the Division and Methodist theological schools. He shall be responsible for the promotion of theological education in the Church and maintaining the relationship with and among Methodist theological schools.

The Division shall elect a Director who shall have primary responsibility for the program of in-service training, including the supervision of the Conference Course of Study and the Pastor's Schools in Annual Conferences in the United States, its territories and dependencies, and correspondence courses.

1385. The Division of Educational Institutions shall recommend to the Council on World Service and Finance, as an item apart from its own Budget the amount of financial support which should be allocated for Methodist theological schools and the "in-service training program." It shall have the further responsibility of recommending to the Council

on World Service and Finance the distribution of such funds among the accredited schools of theology related to The Methodist Church.

1386. The work of the Department of Ministerial Education shall be supported from the General Benevolences of the Church, the amount to be determined by the authoritative body.

1387. The Department of Ministerial Education shall prescribe the Course of Study to be pursued by those applying for license to preach, for orders as local preachers, and for Admission on Trial, respectively; also a Course of Study extending through four years to be pursued by those who have been Admitted on Trial in the Annual Conference (and a simplified four-year course which, if the Annual Conference shall so determine, may be used for the Accepted Supply Pastors in lieu of the Regular Conference Course). (See Course of Study under Appendix.) It shall recommend Courses of Reading and also provide Graduate Correspondence Courses of Study for preachers who have finished their undergraduate courses of study.

1388. The Department insofar as it relates to in-service training, shall have a direct relationship with the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications (See Pars. 639-42). It shall co-operate with these and other Conference Boards in organizing, financing, and conducting short-term schools for ministers, which shall be known as *Pastors' Schools*. These Schools shall provide instruction for all ministers and where advisable shall offer work in the curriculum of the Courses of Study for Undergraduate and Accepted Supply Pastors.

Within a Conference the administration of these Courses of Study, which shall require extensive written work in addition to instruction in a *Pastors' School*, shall be under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training.

Where so agreed by the Department and the Boards involved, the supervision of this work may be delegated to a *Correspondence School*. All such Correspondence Schools shall be related to one of our established schools of theology. The Director of each Correspondence School shall be elected quadrennially by the Commission on Ministerial Training on nomination of the faculty of the related school of theology. The assisting Staff shall be chosen by the Director from the active members of the faculty of the school.

1389. The Department of Ministerial Training, the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, and the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall co-operate in the development of effective methods of selec-

tive recruiting for the ministry. The Boards shall exercise control over the numbers to be enlisted in order to provide an adequate supply of trained ministers.

The Department, in co-operation with the theological schools, shall continue study on the ministry, and report on the subject to each General Conference.

Co-Chairmen: HAROLD C. CASE
CHARLES C. PARLIN (*)

NO. 14

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1948 TO STUDY THE FIELD FOR SOCIAL ACTION

(See Journal, pages 274-277)

The General Conference of 1948 directed the Council of Bishops to appoint a Special Committee to Study the Field for Social Action and to report its findings to the 1952 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church. Pursuant to this direction by the General Conference the Council of Bishops named the following as the committee:

Alexander, Virgil	(SC)	Ardmore, Oklahoma, Vice-Chairman
Brawley, James P.	(C)	Atlanta, Georgia, Secretary
Buckingham, Harold C.	(NE)	Oneonta, New York
Echols, Timothy B.	(C)	Austin, Texas
Ervin, Paul R.	(SE)	Charlotte, North Carolina
Lewis, Vernon E.	(W)	Fort Benton, Montana
Loring, Fred P. (deceased)	(NE)	Orono, Maine
McCrea, Archie E. (deceased)	(NC)	Muskegon, Michigan
McGowan, Guy B.	(SE)	Birmingham, Alabama
Reitz, T. Russell	(SC)	Manhattan, Kansas
Smith, W. Stanley	(NC)	Columbus, Ohio
Throckmorton, Dillon Wesley	(W)	Sacramento, California, Chairman

In the interim between the 1948 session of the General Conference and the 1952 session of the General Conference, several meetings were held by this Committee and a careful study was made by members of the Committee, individually and collectively, with reference to the task which had been assigned to it. As a result of these studies this Committee desires to make the following recommendation concerning action by our Church in the Field for Social Action.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

This Committee recommends:

I. That there be created by the General Conference a new Commission to be known as "The Methodist Commission on Social and Human Relations."

II. That it shall be the duty of this Commission to do study and research in the field of social and human relations; to quicken the mind of the Church in our Social and industrial relations; to make the social creed of our Church effective through the promotion of racial justice; the furtherance

and protection of human rights, civil and religious liberties, public morals, social welfare and Christian social service.

III. The membership of this Commission shall be:

Three active Bishops elected by the Council of Bishops; two ministers, one layman, and one youth (18-23), elected by each Jurisdiction upon nomination of the Jurisdictional Nominating Committee. Such elections shall be held quadrennially. This Commission shall be authorized to fill any vacancies occurring during the quadrennium, upon nomination made by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancy occurs.

IV. The Commission shall meet at such times during the quadrennium as it may deem advisable, with at least one meeting annually.

V. The work of the Commission shall be supported from the General Benevolences of the Church, the amount to be determined by the General Conference, on recommendation of the Council on World Service and Finance.

VI. The officers of the Commission shall be a President, who shall be a Bishop, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected quadrennially of and by the Commission. These officers with four other elected members of the Commission shall constitute the Executive Committee. Vacancies shall be filled at any regular or duly called meeting of the Commission. The Executive Secretary shall be *ex officio*.

VII. The Executive Secretary shall be elected by the Commission. The Staff Personnel shall be approved by the Executive Committee upon the nomination of the President and the Executive Secretary.

VIII. It shall be the function of the Commission on Social and Human Relations:

(A) To help make effective the Social Creed of the Church.

(B) To present to the Council of Bishops and other bodies of the Church, such human, social, economic, and industrial problems that should have attention.

(C) To plan and co-ordinate programs of social action within the Church.

(D) To channel problems for study and action to appropriate agencies.

(E) To establish "Service Committee" work at home and abroad, where Methodist Youth may find expression for their Christian idealism within our Church.

(F) To respond to requests from local Church groups for information and guidance and

(G) To make available such resource material as may be helpful.

IX. Each Jurisdictional Conference may establish a Jurisdictional Commission on Social and Human Relations, auxiliary to the General Commission on Social and Human Relations, such Commission to be composed of one Bishop from the Jurisdiction, chosen by the College of Bishops; one minister, one lay person, and one youth (18-23) from each Area in the Jurisdiction, and members of the General Commission from the Jurisdiction.

X. Each Annual Conference may establish a Conference Commission on Social and Human Relations auxiliary to the Jurisdictional Commission and the General Commission, which shall report each year to the Annual Conference in such manner as the Conference may direct.

XI. Each charge may have, as part of its Quarterly Conference, a Committee on Social and Human Relations to serve the interests of our Christ in local situations and to co-operate with the General, the Jurisdictional, and the Conference Commissions. This Committee shall report to the Quarterly Conference, and may report to the Official Board of the Church Conference.

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The interest of The Methodist Church in the social and economic problems affecting the welfare of people is historic, extending back to the labors of John Wesley. This interest is evidenced in the statement of the Social Creed of the Church, recorded in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church (Paragraph 2020, *Discipline*, 1948).

From its studies your Committee has become convinced that the concern of many people of The Methodist Church goes beyond a mere statement of the Social Creed, and calls for action by the Church in dealing with social and economic problems, affecting human welfare. As stated in the Social Creed: "The Methodist Church aims to view the perplexing times and problems which we face today in the light of the teachings of JESUS." Therefore, The Methodist Church should implement its Social Creed by providing an official and co-ordinated channel of study, expression and action within the organizational structure of the Church.

Respectfully submitted to the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Chairman: DILLON WESLEY THROCKMORTON (California-Nevada);

Vice-Chairman: VIRGIL ALEXANDER (East Oklahoma);

Secretary: JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), (Atlanta).

NO. 15

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STRUCTURE OF METHODISM OVERSEAS

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 702, 711, 784.

(Note: The following Memorials are covered in this Report: Numbers 2, 15, 42, 949, 950, 956, 957, 968, 993, 1624.)

Your Commission met in accordance with Paragraph 2008.

Your Commission recommends the following:

I. Changes in Legislation

Par. 438. Following the word "provided" in line 2 add the following **"the age of retirement shall not exceed that fixed for Bishops elected in the Jurisdictions."**

The Paragraph shall then read:

"Each Central Conference shall determine the rules for retirement of its Bishops; provided the age of retirement shall not exceed that fixed for Bishops elected in the Jurisdictions. In the event of retirement allowances being paid from the Episcopal Fund, these rules shall be subject to the approval of the General Conference."

Par. 556. This is a new Paragraph and shall read:

"In a Central Conference where Term Episcopacy prevails, a Bishop whose term of office expires prior to the time of compulsory retirement because of age and who is not re-elected by the Central Conference, is returned to membership as a traveling elder in the Annual Conference, or its successor, of which he ceased to be a member when elected Bishop. His term of office expires at the close of the Central Conference at which his successor is elected and he is, therefore, entitled to participate as a Bishop in the consecration of his successor."

The credentials of his office as Bishop shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Central Conference, who shall make thereon the notation that he has honorably completed the term of service for which he was elected and has ceased to be a Bishop of The Methodist Church."

Par. 580. In the last line, after the word "members" place a period, and delete the words *"after the General Conference of 1952."* The paragraph shall then read:

"A Central Conference shall fix the boundaries of the An-

nual Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences, and Missions within its bounds, proposals for changes first having been submitted to the Annual Conferences concerned as prescribed in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church; provided, however, that the number of Annual Conferences which may be organized within the bounds of a Central Conference shall first have been determined by the General Conference. No Annual Conference shall be organized with fewer than thirty-five ministerial members. Nor shall an Annual Conference be continued with fewer than twenty-five ministerial members."

Par. 602. Line 6 of the introduction. Change the dates from 1948-52 to 1952-56. The Paragraph shall then read:

"For the purpose of providing Presidential, Visitational, and Residential Episcopal Supervision of territory embraced in Provisional Central Conferences, and in emergency situations in Central Conferences, it is recommended that provision be made for the quadrennium 1952-56 according to the following arrangement:

Par. 602, 1. Substitute the following for the present Paragraph:

"The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall provide Presidential Supervision for the Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference without election of a Bishop."

Par. 602 shall then read:

For the purpose of providing Presidential Visitational, and Residential Episcopal Supervision of territory embraced in Provisional Central Conferences, and in emergency situations in Central Conferences, it is recommended that provision be made for the quadrennium 1952-56 according to the following arrangement:

1. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall provide Presidential Supervision for the Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference without the election of a Bishop.

2. The Central Jurisdictional Conference shall provide Residential and Presidential Supervision for the work in Liberia and is hereby authorized according to the provisions of Par. 8, Article 4 and Par. 439 to have one Bishop in addition to its membership quota (Par. 534) in order to provide for this supervision.

3. The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall pro-

vide Residential and Presidential Supervision for the work in Angola, Belgian Congo, Portuguese East Africa, Southern Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa of the Africa Provisional Central Conference, and is hereby authorized according to the provisions of Par. 8, Article 4 and Par. 439 to have one Bishop in addition to its membership quota (Par. 534) in order to provide for this supervision.

4. The South Central Jurisdictional Conference shall provide for Episcopal Visitation to the Latin American Central Conference and to the Affiliated Autonomous Churches of Latin America.

Inasmuch as the territory in which is located the work for which the foregoing provides the Episcopal Supervision is not in any case included in the geographical boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conference which elects the Bishop or Bishops involved, therefore it is recommended that the said Bishops be directed to report on the supervision of their fields to the Council of Bishops as well as to the Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences to which they are related.

If during the ensuing quadrennium any emergency in Episcopal Supervision should arise in any of the mission fields covered by the foregoing provisions, the Council of Bishops shall provide the necessary Episcopal Supervision.

CHAPTER V

Affiliated Autonomous Churches, Par. 605.

1. Change title of Chapter V to read "**Affiliated Autonomous Churches, Methodist and Non-Methodist.**"
2. Add a new Paragraph number 3.
3. Present Paragraph number 3 to be number 4.
4. Add a new Paragraph number 5.

Chapter V shall then read:

CHAPTER V

Affiliated Autonomous Churches, Methodist and Non-Methodist

Par. 605, 1. A self-governing Church in whose establishment The Methodist Church has assisted and with which it is co-operating through its Board of Missions shall be known as an Affiliated Autonomous Church. Relations between The Methodist Church and an Affiliated Autonomous Church shall be such as may be mutually agreed upon by the two Churches. The Board of Missions shall serve as the agent of

The Methodist Church in conferring with Affiliated Autonomous Churches.

2. Contractual agreements with The Methodist Church of Mexico, The Methodist Church of Brazil, The Methodist Church or its legitimate successor in Korea, and The United Church of Christ in Japan or its legitimate successor, entered into by the former Methodist Episcopal Church and/or the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall be continued until changed or modified by mutual agreement.

The Board of Missions is authorized to harmonize and make uniform the present agreements and practices with respect to the four churches named above by extending to each of them any provision contained in the present agreement with any one of them if such change is desired by the Affiliated Autonomous Church concerned and judged to be advisable by the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

3. The contractual agreements between The Methodist Church and The Methodist Church of Brazil, The Methodist Church of Korea, and The Methodist Church of Mexico include the following provisions:

(a) Certificates of Church membership given by ministers in one Church shall be accepted by ministers in the others.

(b) It shall be lawful for a minister to be transferred from an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference of The Methodist Church to an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference of the above-mentioned Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Churches, and from an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference of any of the above-mentioned Churches to an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, with the approval and consent of the Bishops involved in the transfer.

(c) Each Affiliated Autonomous Church shall be entitled to two delegates, a national and a missionary, elected by the Central Council or Council of Co-operation of the Affiliated Autonomous Church, to the General Conference of The Methodist Church, with all the rights and privileges of delegates, including travel, and per diem paid from the General Administration Fund, except the right to vote.

(d) The Board of Missions of The Methodist Church may appoint two delegates to the General Conference of each of the above mentioned Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Churches who shall be entitled to all the privileges of delegates, except the right to vote.

4. The Council of Bishops may assign one or more of their number for Episcopal Visitation to the Affiliated Autonomous Churches.

5. United or other Non-Methodist Autonomous Churches recognized by the Board of Missions as an area of its activity

(in 1952 only the United Church of Christ in Japan) are authorized to send to the General Conference of The Methodist Church non-voting delegates consisting of one national representative of the recognized church and one missionary of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, with travel and per diem allowance to be paid from the General Administration Fund.

Par. 2008. Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas.

Page 578. Line 2 after the words "it" add the following: "Those members of the Commission representing Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences who are not Delegates to the General Conference or who are not in the United States at the time the Commission will meet, shall be replaced by someone who is in the United States upon nomination of the Bishop or Bishops of the Central Conference or Provisional Central Conference they represent."

This Paragraph shall then read as follows:

Par. 2008. Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas.

There shall be a Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas for the quadrennium 1952-56. Recognizing the difference in conditions that exist in various fields of the world, and the changes taking place in those fields, this Commission shall continue to study the structure and supervision of The Methodist Church in its work outside of the United States and its territories, and its relationship to other Church bodies; and shall prepare such recommendations as it considers necessary for presentation to the General Conference of 1956.

This Commission shall be constituted as follows: two Bishops administering in Jurisdictional Conferences, two Bishops administering in Central Conferences, one person from each Jurisdictional Conference, one person from each Central and Provisional Central Conference, all to be nominated by the Council of Bishops and approved by the General Conference. There shall be added to the Commission by the Board of Missions four persons, two from the Division of World Missions and two from the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Bishops having supervision of work outside the United States and its territories and Bishops of Affiliated Autonomous Churches shall be considered consultive members of the Commission and shall be called in, when available, at the time of meeting of the Commission. When a representative of a Central or a Provisional Central Conference cannot be present to repre-

sent his field, the Bishop or Bishops of that field shall designate someone to represent it. **Those members of the Commission representing Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences who are not Delegates to the General Conference or who are not in the United States at the time the Commission will meet will be replaced by someone who is in the United States upon the nomination of the Bishop or Bishops of the Central Conference or Provisional Central Conference they represent.** The Commission shall meet at least twice, once immediately following election and once immediately before the General Conference of 1956. The expenses of this Commission shall be paid from the General Conference Expense Fund.

II. Changes in Names, Numbers, Boundaries, etc.

Par. 1847. Delete after the word "Arizona" page 436, line 8 the words *"also the states of Sonora and Lower California in the Republic of Mexico."*

Par. 1852. Line 3, after the words California, delete the words *"together with that in the states of Sonora and Lower California in the Republic of Mexico."*

Par. 1860, 2. Line 2 insert the word "Southern" before the word "Rhodesia." The Paragraph shall then read "Rhodesia Conference shall include the work in Southern Rhodesia."

Par. 1860, 3. This is a new Paragraph and shall read:
"Angola Conference shall include the work in Angola."

Par. 1860, 4. This is a new Paragraph and shall read:
"Central Congo Conference shall include the work in the Sankurn-Lomani region of the Belgian Congo."

Par. 1861, 1 and Par. 1861, 2 shall be deleted.

Par. 1861, 3 shall become Par. 1861, 1 and shall read:
"Southern Congo Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in the Katanga region of the Belgian Congo."

Par. 1861, 4 shall become Par. 1861, 2 and shall read:
"Southeast Africa Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in Portuguese East Africa and that in the Transvaal among people coming from Portuguese territories."

Par. 1864, 3. Lines 2 and 3 delete the words, *"and the Czech congregation in Vienna."* The Paragraph shall read:

"Czechoslovakia Conference shall include all the work in Czechoslovakia."

Par. 1864, 5. Delete this Paragraph.

Renumber Par. 1964, six to twelve to read: Par. 1864, five to eleven.

Par. 1865, 2. Line 2, delete the words "*and the work in Southern Yugoslavia*" and in line 2 before the word "Bulgaria" the words "*the work in.*" The Paragraph shall then read: "Bulgaria Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in Bulgaria."

Par. 1865, 7. Delete the second line "*except one Czech congregation in Vienna.*" The Paragraph shall then read: "Austria Mission shall include the work in Austria."

Par. 1865, 8. Delete this Paragraph because there is no Methodist work in the Madeira Islands.

Par. 1865, 11. End of line 1, delete the word "*Northern.*" The Paragraph shall then read "Yugoslavia Mission shall include the work in Yugoslavia."

Renumber Par. 1865, 9, 10 and 11 to read 8, 9 and 10.

Par. 1865, 11. This is a new Paragraph and shall read: "**North Africa Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in Algeria, Tunisia, and adjacent territory.**"

Par. 1868, 1. In line 4 change the word "*Dutch*" to the word "**Indonesian**" so that the Paragraph shall read "Malaya Conference shall include the Colony of Singapore, the Federation of Malaya, and such adjacent islands or portions thereof, including Borneo, as are under British or **Indonesian** governments or protection."

2. In line 2, change the word "*Malaysia*" to the word "**Malaya.**"

The article shall read:

"Malaysia Chinese Conference shall include any vernacular Chinese work within **Malaya.**"

Delete present articles 3 and 4 and add a new article number 3 which shall read:

3. Burma Conference shall include the whole of Burma.

Change present Paragraph numbers 1869, 1870 and 1871 to Paragraph numbers 1870, 1871 and 1872 respectively and add the following new Paragraph 1869 under Section VI.

Sec. VI. Philippines.

Par. 1869, 1. Northern Philippines Conference shall include the provinces of Cagayan, Isabel, Nueva Vizcaya, Batanes, and the sub-provinces of Apayao, Kalinga, and Kiangan of the Mountain Province.

2. Northwest Philippines Conference shall include the Provinces of Pangasinan, La Union, Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, Abra, Northern Nueva Ecija and Northern Tarlac Provinces, the sub-provinces of Benguet and Bontoc of Mountain Province, the city of Baguio, Mindanao, and Sulu Archipelago.

3. Philippines Conference shall include the provinces of Zambales, Bataan, Pampanga, Southern Nueva Ecija and Southern Tarlac Provinces, Bulacan, Rizal, Quezon, the City of Manila, and all provinces south of Manila including Mindoro, the Bicol Provinces, Catanduanes, Visayas and Palawan, except Mindanao and Sulu Archipelago.

Par. 1870 (which will be renumbered Par. 1871).

Delete Article 3.

Article 4 becomes Article 3.

Article 5 becomes Article 4 and shall be changed to read: **"Delhi Conference shall include such parts of Uttar Pradesh as lie west and southwest of the Ganges River and do not fall within the boundaries of the Lucknow Conference and all of Ajmer, Delhi, East Punjab, Himachal, Madhya Bharat and Rajasthan States and of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union.**

Article 6 becomes Article 5.

Article 7 becomes Article 6.

Article 8 becomes Article 7 and shall read: **"Indus River Conference shall include all of Western Pakistan."**

Articles 9, 10 and 11 become Article 8, 9 and 10 respectively.

Par. 1875. China Central Conference: All the work of The Methodist Church in China and Hong Kong, including East China, Foochow, Hinghwa, Kiangsi, Mid-China, North China, Shantung, and Yenping Annual Conferences; and the Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference.

Par. 1876, line 2, delete the word "*Burma*." The Paragraph shall then read:

"Southern Asia Central Conference: Bengal, Bombay, Central Provinces, Delhi, Yujarat, Hyderabad, Indus River, Lucknow, North India, and South India Annual Conferences; and Bhabua Mission."

Par. 1877. Changed to read:

Philippines Central Conference: Philippines, Northern Philippines, and Northwest Philippines Annual Conferences.

Par. 1881. This is a new Paragraph and shall read:

Southeastern Asia Central Conference: Malaya, Malaysia Chinese and Burma Annual Conferences, Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference and Sarawak (Borneo) Mission.

Par. 1887. Delete this Paragraph.

III. Recommendations

1. We recommend the continuing of the plan of the Council of Bishops for visitation to the Methodist work overseas.

2. We recommend approval of an Amendment to the Constitution as follows: "We recommend that Sec. VI, Par. 20, Article 2 of the 1948 *Discipline* be amended whereby Central Conference Bishops will have equal voting privileges on all matters in the Council of Bishops."

3. We recommend that six Bishops serving overseas shall be members of the Board of Missions, their attendance at meetings to be subject to such travel regulations as appear elsewhere in the *Discipline*.

4. We recommend in relation to Europe:

(a) That an Enabling Act be approved granting permission for the formation of the Central and Southern Europe Central Conference in the quadrennium 1952-56 and the election of one Bishop from the present constituent Conferences and Missions or a part thereof, provided they have twenty ministerial delegates on the regular disciplinary method of representation.

(b) If the Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference cannot be organized into a Central Conference, then Switzerland and any other constituent Annual or Provisional Annual Conference or Mission shall have permission upon vote of the Conference or Mission involved to unite with the Germany Central Conference to form the Central Europe Central Conference and that then the Central Europe Central Conference be authorized to elect an additional Bishop.

(c) If there are any remaining Annual or Provisional Annual Conferences or Missions of the Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference, they shall continue under the presidency of the Bishop appointed by the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

(d) Further we recommend that the Bishops of the three Areas in Europe consult together and with their respective Conferences, looking forward toward the ultimate formation of an all-Europe Central Conference made up of these three Areas.

(e) That necessary legislation be enacted.

5. We recommend the following Enabling Acts be granted:

ENABLING ACTS

1. Election of Bishops by the China Central Conference, during the Quadrennium.

2. Election of Bishops for South America during the Quadrennium.

3. To continue the Provisional Annual Conference of Bolivia, with 4 instead of 6 ministerial delegates, for quadrennium ending 1956.

4. To continue the Provisional Annual Conference of Central America with 4 instead of 6 ministerial delegates for the quadrennium ending in 1956.

5. To continue the Burma Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1956.

6. To authorize The Methodist Church in Sarawak (Borneo) to organize into a Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1956, upon full compliance with the requirements of the *Discipline* of 1952.

7. To authorize the Methodist work in Mindanao to organize into a Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1956 upon full compliance with the requirements of the *Discipline* of 1952.

8. To authorize during the quadrennium 1952-56 the Austria Mission to function under its constitution approved by the government of Austria.

9. To authorize the Southeast Africa Provisional Annual Conference to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium upon meeting the requirements of the *Discipline* of 1952.

10. To authorize the Southern Congo Provisional Annual Conference to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium upon meeting the requirements of the *Discipline* of 1952.

11. The Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference shall have such powers of a Central Conference as are indicated in Par. 601.

12. Enlarged rights and privileges for the Switzerland Annual Conference.

13. To authorize the Polish Provisional Annual Conference to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1956 upon meeting the requirements of the *Discipline* of 1952.

14. To authorize the Central Conference of Southern Asia to increase the number of Annual Conferences by one, during the quadrennium ending in 1956 in accordance with the provisions of Par. 580.

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15. To continue the Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference.
16. To organize a Central and Southern Europe Central Conference during the quadrennium with twenty ministerial delegates.
17. To continue the Belgium Annual Conference.
18. To authorize Uruguay to become a Provisional Annual Conference upon meeting the requirements of the 1952 *Discipline*.
19. To continue the Northeast Germany Annual Conference.
20. To continue the Czechoslovakia Annual Conference.
21. To continue the Annual and Provisional Annual Conferences in the China Central Conference as listed in Par. 1875.

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NO. 16

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION*
TO IMPLEMENT THE REPORT OF THE
SURVEY COMMISSION**

(See *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages 25-48)

The recommendations of the Survey Commission, if they are to become effective in the life of The Methodist Church, need to be incorporated in the *Discipline* as part of the law of the Church. To achieve this end, certain new Chapters and Sections, concerning such matters as the authorizing of the Co-ordinating Council and specifying its functions, should be enacted and numerous other revisions made in the existing legislation. The proposed legislation deals with the Administrative Agencies of the Church. The major portion of it, therefore, relates to Part VII of the *Discipline* (Administrative Agencies), which is dealt with first, in its entirety, in the accompanying legislation. Following this are certain proposed changes in Part V (Temporal Economy), most of which are Chapter II; these set forth in detail the fiscal responsibilities of the proposed Council on World Service and Finance. This is followed by proposed changes in Part VIII (Pensions and Permanent Funds), chiefly in the composition of the Board of Pensions.

In the final Section of the legislation are (a) a proposed authorization by the General Conference to instruct the Editors of the *Discipline* to bring the nomenclature of the Agencies of the Church in other parts of the *Discipline* into harmony with the actions of the General Conference; and (b) certain supplemental or Enabling Acts, stating in legislative form other recommendations of the Survey Commission. Because of their nature, these recommendations can be enacted separately, and should not become a part of the regular body of permanent law included in the *Discipline*.

The major portions of the proposed revision of Part VII of the *Discipline* are identical in phraseology with Paragraphs in the 1948 *Discipline*.

Only such changes in existing legislation are proposed as are necessary to bring the present law into harmony with the recommendations of the Commission, except that minor changes in wording are sometimes made in order to achieve clarity and uniformity. It has been necessary to rearrange the order of the Paragraphs which are to be retained from

* Minor changes made since the release of the Legislation in November, 1951, have been incorporated in the legislation as here presented.

the 1948 legislation, because of the proposed reorganization of Boards and establishment of Departments. However, every Paragraph in the present legislation is accounted for and noted below, by being incorporated as it is, retained with such changes as are noted, or deleted because the function is in conflict with one or more of the recommendations. At the end of the legislation is an Index showing where each Paragraph in Part VII of the 1948 *Discipline* is dealt with.

All Paragraph numbers used below refer to the Paragraphs in the 1948 *Discipline*. All new legislation is shown in boldface type. If a whole Paragraph is to be retained as it is or if it is to be entirely deleted, it is not printed below; the reader can refer to a copy of the 1948 *Discipline*.

The Survey Commission has recommended that at least a minimum number of women and of youth be included in the membership of practically all organizations. (It should be noted that the term "lay persons" which is generally used in the description of Board membership refers to men or women.) To insure equal total representation from the six Jurisdictions, and at the same time avoid excessively large Boards, a plan has been worked out for the minimum woman and youth representation from certain specified Jurisdictions on particular Boards (see the Report, pp. 51, 52).

The following legislation is submitted to the General Conference and its delegates for thoughtful consideration and with the recommendation of the Commission that it be adopted.

Note: "The portions of this Report which were not presented to and acted upon by the General Conference appear in small sized type (8 point). The following action was taken by the General Conference concerning these sections, see last paragraph of Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six, page 1721, which reads as follows:

"During the 1952-56 quadrennium the Co-ordinating Council shall have power to consider and decide what, if any, action shall be taken in regard to those recommendations in the Survey Report which have not been specifically covered in legislation adopted by the 1952 General Conference."

Harold C. Case, one of the Co-chairmen, made the following statement regarding the above paragraph, upon its adoption; see journal, page 577. It reads as follows:

"Third, on page 9, the final paragraph does not give the Co-ordinating Council authority to write in any legislation. It does give the Co-ordinating Council responsibility for carrying out provisions which may be indicated as procedural only."

Also see 1952 *Discipline*, Paragraph 1115, section 8.

The portions of this Report which were presented to and acted upon by the General Conference appear in larger sized type (10 point). All amendments, either accepted or adopted, appear in Bold Face Capitals type, with the word or words for which the amendment, or amendments, were made immediately following the amendment, or amendments, and printed in italics within parentheses (). Editor Journal"

PART VII

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

CHAPTER I

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

(*New*) The Administrative Agencies of The Methodist Church, hereinafter called the General Agencies, shall include all Committees, Commissions, Bureaus or Sections, Divisions, Boards, Departments, and Councils (except the Council of Bishops and the Judicial Council) created by the General Conference for the purpose of performing a specific function or functions.

The Administrative Agencies of The Methodist Church shall be organized in accordance with the following plan. Each major function shall be assigned to a *Board*. Boards performing closely related functions shall be grouped together to form a *Department*. Sub-functions within a Board may be assigned to *Divisions*. A subordinate unit, other than a Division, is in certain instances designated as a *Bureau or Section*. Boards not included in Departments are listed separately. It is the responsibility of each Board to integrate the work of its subordinate Divisions and of each Department to integrate the work of its Boards.

In order to insure a co-ordinated and unified program among these Agencies of The Methodist Church, two Councils are established: the *Co-ordinating Council* (Chap. II) and the *Council on World Service and Finance* (Chap. III).

The General Conference of The Methodist Church hereby establishes the following General Agencies, which are described in subsequent chapters:

Co-ordinating Council

Council on World Service and Finance

Department of Church Life

Board of Christian Education

Board of Evangelism

Board of Lay Activities

Department of Missions

Board of World Missions

Board of National Missions

Woman's Board of Christian Service

Department of Christian Social Relations

Board of Temperance

Board of World Peace

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Board of Social and Economic Relations

Department of Cultivation and Publication

Board of Cultivation

Division of Devotional Literature

Division of Promotion

Division of Films, Radio, and Television

Division of Methodist Information and Public Relations

Board of Publication

Board of The Methodist Publishing House

Board of Educational Institutions

Division of HIGHER AND SECONDARY (*General*) Education

Division of Ministerial Education

Board of Hospitals and Homes

Board of Pensions

Board of Trustees

Commission on Chaplains

Commission on Camp Activities

The General Conference of The Methodist Church hereby recognizes the following Inter-Denominational Agencies:

American Bible Society

Ecumenical Methodist Conference (World Methodist Council)

National Council of Churches

World Council of Churches

Of the preceding General Agencies the following shall be considered World Service Agencies: Board of Christian Education, Board of Evangelism, Board of Lay Activities, Board of World Missions, Board of National Missions, Board of Temperance, Board of World Peace, Board of Social and Economic Relations, Division of Devotional Literature, Division of Promotion, Division of Films, Radio, and Television, Division of Methodist Information and Public Relations, Division of HIGHER AND SECONDARY (*General*) Education, Division of Ministerial Education, Board of Hospitals and Homes, Board of Pensions, Commission on Chaplains, and the American Bible Society.

Each Department shall be the co-ordinator of the policies and activities of its Boards. This responsibility includes reviewing and passing upon the Budgets of the Boards for administration, service, and promotion expense; providing for the co-ordination of the activities of its Boards, to avoid duplication and overlapping among them and with other Departments; and making decisions in the event differences arise among them. In similar manner, where a Board has Divisions, it shall co-ordinate their work and review their Budgets. Allocations are made to Boards or, where there are Divisions, directly to the Divisions within the Board. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

Each Board shall carry on its administrative activities within the limits of its assigned functions and responsibilities and shall make its own decisions without having them reviewed and approved by the Department, except that conflicts, if any, are subject to review and decision by the Department. Each Division shall function similarly in relation to the Board of which it is a part.

Each Board shall elect its own Executive Secretary and, if any be needed, its Associate Secretaries on nomination of the Executive Secretary, and shall determine the powers and duties of its officers and staff and their remuneration, in keeping with the standards established by the Council on World Service and Finance. Where there are Divisions, as constituent parts of a Board, these functions, except for that of election, shall be performed by the Division.

Members of Divisions, Boards, and Departments shall be concerned primarily with formulating policies, objectives, and program plans, and reviewing results achieved by their respective Agencies, and shall delegate to the Executive Staff the responsibility for carrying out policies and plans.

Where a General Agency deems it advisable, it may establish an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the elected officers of the Agency and not more than five additional members. The Executive Secretary or, in the case of a Division, the Director shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee, without vote. The Executive Committee may function for the full membership of the Agency between annual meetings, but it shall report its actions to the next general meeting of the Agency.

All General Agencies of the Church shall observe a uniform fiscal year, ending on May 31st, and shall prepare their Budgets on that basis.

The General Agencies (Departments, Boards, and Divisions) may authorize small Inter-Agency Committees of Staff members where these are necessary in order to achieve a special purpose.

There shall be an Annual Meeting of all General Agencies at a time and place determined by the Council on World Service and Finance after consultation with the Executive officers of the General Agencies. At the same time and at the same place each Agency shall hold its own annual meeting. At some time during the period of the Annual Meeting, either before or after the separate business sessions of the General Agencies, there shall be an Assembly in which the members of all Agencies shall participate and the programs of the Agencies shall be presented. In advance of the annual meetings, and at other times if they desire, the Executive Secretaries of the various Agencies may convene to discuss problems of mutual concern.

The following regulations concerning membership in the General Agencies shall apply to all Agencies. Where there are Divisions within a Board, persons are elected to these Divisions. These Divisions elect persons from their membership to the Board. The Board in turn elects persons from its own number to the Department which includes that Board. A person who is a member of a Division may, therefore, also be a member of the encompassing Board and Department. Where there are no Divisions, election is directly to the Board.

Unless otherwise stipulated in the legislation ministerial and lay members, except members at large, of Boards, and of Divisions where such exist, shall be nominated by the Jurisdictional Nominating Committee and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference.

Paragraph in BOLD FACE at the top of this page, 1744, was adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 584. Also See Report No. 4, Special Committee of Six, Page 1713.

Where the membership of a General Agency is determined in part by the size of the Church membership of the Jurisdictions, the latest official report preceding the General Conference (as shown in the General Minutes) of the Jurisdictional membership shall be used to determine the size of the Jurisdictional representation for the ensuing quadrennium.

Unless otherwise specified, the Agency shall elect the members at large. In its election of members at large an Agency may select either ministers or lay persons. However, in order to insure an representation of women in the several Agencies, a specification is made as to the minimum number of women to be included. Likewise, in order to insure a representation of youth, a specification is made as to the minimum number of youth to be included. Nominations of the youth members on the General Agencies shall be as follows: The Youth Work Staff of the Board of Christian Education shall nominate persons who are to represent the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and the Student Work Staff of the Division of HIGHER AND SECONDARY (General) Education of the Board of Educational Institutions shall nominate the persons who are to represent the Methodist Student Movement. Youth members shall be elected by the several Agencies from the proposed nominees or others, as part of the membership at large.

(Note: For final action on the next three paragraphs see Report No. 4 Co-ordinating Council, page 1713.

A person, other than a Bishop, who is a member of the Co-ordinating Council or the Council on World Service and Finance or of any Board or Division, is not eligible for election to any other General Agency, with the following three exceptions: that a person may be elected by his Agency to an encompassing Board or Department, that members of the Council on World Service and Finance may also be members of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, and that two members from the Board of World Missions and two from the Board of National Missions shall be elected to membership in the Woman's Board of Christian Service (§ 1240, p. 34, below). A Bishop may be a member of two General Agencies, except that if he is a member of the Co-ordinating Council or the Council on World Service and Finance he shall not be a member of any other General Agency. However, membership on the Commission on Camp Activities shall not be counted as a membership on a General Agency.

No person who receives compensation or commissions of any kind from a Board or other Agency shall be eligible for membership on that Board or Agency.

Tenure on any Division, Board, Commission, or Council shall hereafter be limited to eight consecutive years.

¶ 734, last sentence, no change except in name:

Should a Jurisdictional representative on an Agency move either his legal residence or his church membership to a place outside the bounds of the Jurisdiction he represents, his membership on the Agency shall cease and the President (or Chairman) shall declare a vacancy.

Paragraph in BOLD FACE below adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal Page 584. Also See Report No. 4, Special Committee of Six, Page 1713.

(New) Unless otherwise specified, vacancies on Divisions and Boards occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled as follows: Episcopal vacancies shall be filled by the Council of Bishops; a vacancy in the Jurisdictional representation shall be filled by the College of Bishops of that Jurisdiction; a vacancy in the membership at large shall be filled by the Agency itself.

Chapter II, Co-ordinating Council adopted April 28, 1952. See Journal, pages 293-297. Reconsidered and readopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, page 572. Also see Report No. 1 Special Committee of Six, page 1700.

CHAPTER II

CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

(New) There shall be a Co-ordinating Council, responsible directly to the General Conference. It shall co-ordinate the work of the General Administrative Agencies of The Methodist Church.

The membership of the Co-ordinating Council shall consist of one Bishop, one minister, one lay man, and one lay woman from each Jurisdiction, plus one minister and one lay person for each additional million members or major fraction thereof above the first million members in a Jurisdiction **ALL NOMINATED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS AND ELECTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE; AND TWO ADDITIONAL PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OVERSEAS WHO ARE IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE TIME OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL; PROVIDED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS SHALL REPLACE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHURCH OVERSEAS WHEN THEY LEAVE THE UNITED STATES. (The Council of Bishops shall nominate and the General Conference shall elect the members of the Co-ordinating Council.)** The term of membership shall be four years. No person shall be eligible to serve for more than two consecutive terms. **MEMBERS SHALL SERVE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE APPOINTED OR ELECTED. NO PERSON, OTHER THAN A BISHOP, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO MEMBERSHIP ON**

ANY OTHER GENERAL AGENCY. IN A REVIEW OF ANY QUESTION INVOLVING OVERLAPPING OF ACTIVITY OR LACK OF CO-OPERATION AMONG OR WITHIN THE GENERAL AGENCIES, A BISHOP WHO IS A MEMBER OF AN AGENCY INVOLVED SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED ON THE PARTICULAR REVIEW. (*Members shall serve until their successors are appointed or elected and, during their term of service, shall not be eligible to membership on any other General Agency.*) Staff members of General Agencies are not eligible to membership. Vacancies which occur during the quadrennium shall be filled by action of the College of Bishops of the appropriate Jurisdiction.

The Co-ordinating Council shall convene annually, and at such other times as are necessary on the call of the President, or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

It shall elect a President, a Vice-president, and a Recording Secretary who shall keep a permanent record of its meetings and of any decisions reached. Certified copies of the minutes shall be filed with the Secretary of the General Conference and with the Council on World Service and Finance.

All decisions of the Co-ordinating Council shall require a majority vote of the entire membership.

The Co-ordinating Council shall have the following responsibilities:

1. ON REQUEST OF A GENERAL BOARD OR OF AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE, IT SHALL REVIEW. (*It shall review, either on request of an Agency or on its own initiative*), questions involving overlapping in activity, or lack of co-operation among or within General Agencies of The Methodist Church, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARDS OR AGENCIES INVOLVED FOR RESOLVING SUCH ISSUES. IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE, THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE. (*Its decisions concerning such issues shall be binding upon the Agencies involved and it shall place responsibility on the appropriate Agencies for carrying out the decisions.*) A record of all RECOMMENDATIONS (*such decisions*) shall be kept; a Report of each shall be forwarded to the Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, and the Secretary of the General Conference.

2. It shall [DELETE (*continue the*)] study [DELETE (*of*)] the general organizational structure of The Methodist

Church and recommend to the General Conference such changes as it considers essential to maintain effective and economical operation.

3. In consultation with the Council of Bishops, [DELETE (and)] the Executive Secretary (or other Administrative Officer) of each General Agency, AND THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, it shall formulate and present to the General Conference, for its action and determination, plans for a unified, on-going program for the Church, including long-range objectives. The financial objectives shall be recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance to the General Conference for its action.

4. It shall recommend to the General Conference, after consultation with the Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance, the number and timing of all Special Days which are to be observed on a Church-wide basis, except that the Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance may authorize a special financial appeal in an emergency.

5. It shall designate the Agency which shall undertake any special study authorized by the General Conference when such agency has not been indicated by the General Conference.

6. It may incur expense necessary to the performance of its functions, subject to such budgetary control as may be specified by the General Conference *provided*, THE EXPENSES OF THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL SHALL NOT EXCEED A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY, AND SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND. (*Expenditures incurred shall be chargeable to the General Administration Fund.*)

7. Each General Agency proposing to acquire real estate or erect a building for housing its administrative activities or related operations, in continental United States, shall present its plans in the formative stage to the Co-ordinating Council. The Council shall determine whether such proposed acquisition or erection is in the best interest of The Methodist Church. On the basis of that determination it shall approve or disapprove the project. If it disapproves, the Agency shall delay the project until the matter can be considered by the next General Conference.

Chapter III

COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Chapter III Council on World Service and Finance amended and adopted April 30, 1952. See Journal, pages 333-336. See also Report No. 2 of the Special Committee of Six. This Report amended May 5, 1952. See Journal, page 569.

[Ed. Note: Materials in ¶¶ 734-36 and the first two sentences of ¶ 737 are dealt with here. The description of the fiscal functions of the Council on World Service and Finance remains in Part V, Chap. II.]

¶ 734, *revise* so as to read:

There shall be a Council on World Service and Finance which shall be incorporated. Its members shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference. It shall be constituted as follows: two Bishops, nominated by the Council of Bishops; two ministers and two lay persons from each Jurisdiction, to be nominated by the Bishops of that Jurisdiction; and seven members at large, at least three of whom shall be women, all nominated by the Council of Bishops without reference to Jurisdictions.

Members of the Council on World Service and Finance shall not be eligible to membership on any other General Agency except the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church. Members of the Council shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Council between sessions of the General Conference shall be filled by the Council, the nomination for such vacancy being made by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction concerned or, in the event of a vacancy among the members at large, by the Council of Bishops.

[Editorial Note: Last sentence of ¶ 734 is placed in Chapter I and will apply same rule to all Agencies.]

DEFER FOR LATER CONSIDERATION PARAGRAPH 735. SEE REPORT COMMITTEE OF SIX NO. 2, PAGE 1701 AND REPORT NO. 4 PAGE 1713 ¶ 735, delete the second sentence so that the Paragraph will read as follows:

No member of any other General Board or Agency or employee of the same shall be eligible to membership on the Council on World Service and Finance. The Bishops serving on the Council shall not be present in the sessions of the Council when the salaries of the Bishops or their expense or rental allowance are under consideration.

¶ 736, *delete* the last two sentences, the first of these being superfluous and the second being included above, and *add* a new sentence at end, beginning, "**The employed personnel . . .**" so that the entire Paragraph as revised will read:

The officers of the Council on World Service and Finance shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and an Executive Secretary, who shall also be the Treasurer of the Council, all of whom shall be elected by the Council. They shall serve until the adjournment of the next succeeding quadrennial session of the General Conference after their election and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The President, Vice-president, and Recording Secretary shall be elected from the membership of the Council. The Executive Secretary shall not be a member of the Council (¶ 735). He shall, however, sit with the Council and its Executive Committee at all sessions of the same, and shall have right to the floor without the privilege of voting. The employed personnel of the Council shall be selected by and shall work under the direction of the Executive Secretary.

¶ 737, *revise* first sentence; second sentence, no change. *Delete* remainder of the Paragraph, which is dealt with in Part V, Chap. II.

The Council shall convene annually and at such other times as are necessary on call of the President or on written request of one fifth of the members. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum.

(*New*) The Council on World Service and Finance shall have the authority and responsibility to perform the following functions:

1. Receive and disburse, in accordance with Budgets approved by the General Conference, the general funds of the Church for the World Service Agencies and also the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, and any other funds as directed by the proper authority. (These responsibilities are described in Part V, Chapter II, pp. 45-46, below.)

2. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY. IN ORDER TO TRY OUT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION FOR AN ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF WORLD SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, THERE SHALL BE HELD DURING THE 1952-56 QUADRENNIUM, AT LEAST ONE ASSEMBLY AT WHICH THE PROGRAMS OF THE AGENCIES ARE PRESENTED, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE EACH BOARD OR

AGENCY WILL MEET SEPARATELY, EITHER PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ITS BUSINESS. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL AGENCIES AND THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS, THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE SHALL FIX THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE ASSEMBLY. SEE REPORT NO. 3, COMMITTEE OF SIX, PAGE 1705 (*Set the date and place for the Annual Meeting of the General Agencies of The Methodist Church after consultation with the Executive Officers of the General Agencies. The Division of Promotion shall be responsible for any necessary arrangements for the meeting.*)

3. Require each World Service Agency to follow uniform policies and practices in the employment and remuneration of personnel, recognizing differences in local employment conditions.

4. Establish titles for the employed executive staff of world service agencies in the interest of uniformity and consistency.

DELETE 5. (*Maintain and supervise the Personnel Registration Bureau, which shall serve as a clearing center for persons seeking positions with the General Agencies and supply information about such candidates to interested Agencies. This Bureau shall be under the supervision of a Director of Personnel, especially qualified in the field of personnel administration. He shall be a member of the staff of the Council on World Service and Finance.*)

5. Provide legal counsel where this is necessary in order to protect the interests of the Church, and as the council deems advisable, at the request of a World Service Agency or of a Bishop.

6. MAINTAIN AND SUPERVISE THE STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE STATISTICAL OFFICE TO PREPARE THE MATERIALS FOR THE GENERAL MINUTES, AND SUCH OTHER RELATED PUBLICATIONS AND YEARBOOKS AS MAY BE ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL. THE SPECIALIZED SERVICES OF THE STATISTICAL OFFICE MAY BE AVAILABLE TO ANY OFFICIAL AGENCY OF THE CHURCH FOR THE CONDUCT OF SPECIAL SURVEYS, RESEARCHES, AND STUDIES AS MAY BE REQUIRED IN ITS WORK, BY AGREEMENT WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL. THE GENERAL MINUTES AND THE MATE-

RIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNCIL SHALL BE PUBLISHED BY THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE. THE EXPENSE OF THE STATISTICAL OFFICE, INCLUDING THE PRINTING OF THE GENERAL MINUTES, AND OTHER APPROVED PUBLICATIONS SHALL BE BORNE BY THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND. (*Maintain and supervise the Statistical Bureau which shall assembly the membership and financial statistics of the churches and publish the General Minutes. It may conduct research studies and surveys, within the limits of its approved Budget, and special projects as ordered by the General Conference. The expense of the office shall be borne by the General Administration Fund.* [From ¶¶ 1139, 1141.])

7. PREPARE AND EDIT ALL OFFICIAL BLANKS, RECORD FORMS, AND RECORD BOOKS REQUIRED FOR USE IN THE METHODIST CHURCH (EXCEPT OFFICIAL RECORDS FOR USE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH SCHOOL, AND FORMS USED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE). IN THE PREPARATION OF THESE FORMS THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE SHALL CONSULT WITH A COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL UTILIZE THE EXPERIENCE OF PERSONS WHO HAVE SERVED ON THE COMMISSION ON RECORDS, FORMS AND STATISTICAL BLANKS (PARAGRAPHS 1139, 1948 *DISCIPLINE*) AND WHICH IN ITS COMPOSITION SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS, OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES, OF THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE, AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GENERAL BOARDS WHOSE PROGRAMS ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED. (*Prepare and edit all official statistical blanks, record forms, and record books required for use in The Methodist Church (except official records for use in the local Church School.) In the preparation of these forms it shall consult with a Committee appointed by the Council of Bishops from that body and with representatives of The Methodist Publishing House.*) All official blanks, record forms, and record books required for use in The Methodist Church shall be printed and published by The Methodist Publishing House. [From ¶ 1140.]

8. Maintain and supervise the Transportation Bureau. The Council shall determine its Budget and the proportion of that Budget which shall be paid by the World Service, General Administration and Episcopal Funds.

9. THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE SHALL OPERATE, UNDER THE SUPERVISION

OF ITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, A DEPARTMENT KNOWN AS "THE FILE OF PASTORS AND CHURCH OFFICIALS." IT SHALL BE THE FUNCTION OF THIS DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE RECORD OF MAIL ADDRESSES OF ALL BISHOPS, MINISTERS IN EFFECTIVE RELATION, SUPPLY PASTORS (INCLUDING RETIRED MINISTERS) SERVING CHARGES, CONFERENCE LAY LEADERS, AND SUCH LISTS OF GENERAL, JURISDICTIONAL, CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES, AND SUCH OFFICERS OF THE SAME AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY.

THE COST OF MAINTAINING SUCH A FILE SHALL BE A CHARGE AGAINST THE CENTRAL TREASURY. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO MAKE EQUITABLE CHARGES FOR ITS USE BY VARIOUS BODIES. NO USE OF THE FILE SHALL BE PERMITTED FOR OTHERS THAN AUTHORIZED BODIES OR OFFICERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. (*Maintain and supervise the Pastors' File. This file shall contain the names and addresses of all persons who are under episcopal appointment and also any others who are serving as pastors of Methodist churches. This file shall be kept up to date in so far as possible and shall be available for use by the authorized agencies of The Methodist Church. It shall be maintained at the headquarters of the Council on World Service and Finance.*)

10. THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE MAY MAINTAIN A PERSONNEL REGISTRATION BUREAU, WHICH SHALL SERVE AS A CLEARING CENTER FOR PERSONS SEEKING POSITIONS WITH THE GENERAL AGENCIES, AND SUPPLY INFORMATION ABOUT SUCH CANDIDATES TO INTERESTED AGENCIES.

Chapter IV

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Report No. 3, Committee of Six, Journal, Pages 388-411, 1713.

INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

SECTION I. ORGANIZATION OF THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION

THERE SHALL BE AN INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON THE LOCAL CHURCH, WHOSE FUNCTION SHALL BE TO ACT AS THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF ITS BOARDS, NAMELY:

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH
EDITORIAL DIVISION
DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY AND HIGHER
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS FUNCTION OF CO-ORDINATING THE WORK OF THE BOARDS WHICH IT REPRESENTS SHALL SEE THAT PLANS AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE LOCAL CHURCH AND TO HIGHER EDUCATION DO NOT OVERLAP OR DUPLICATE IN ACTIVITY AND LITERATURE. ANY QUESTIONS BETWEEN THE CONSTITUENT BOARDS OF OVERLAPPING OR DUPLICATION WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON THE LOCAL CHURCH SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL. ANY OVERLAPPING OF FUNCTIONS OR DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES BETWEEN ONE OF THE CONSTITUENT BOARDS AND ANOTHER AGENCY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL. WHERE IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION IT WOULD FACILITATE CO-ORDINATION AMONG ITS BOARDS, THE COMMISSION MAY AUTHORIZE INTER-BOARD STAFF COMMITTEES.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON THE LOCAL CHURCH SHALL CONSIST OF EIGHTEEN MEMBERS, SIX FROM EACH OF THE THREE BOARDS: THE CHAIRMAN AND FIVE OTHER PERSONS FROM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED BY EACH BOARD.

IMPLEMENTING THE WORK OF THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON THE LOCAL CHURCH THERE SHALL BE A SECRETARIAL COUNCIL, CONSISTING OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUENT BOARDS OR OF THE BOARD ITSELF IF THERE ARE NO DIVISIONS WITHIN THE BOARD. IT SHALL BE THE FUNCTION OF THIS COUNCIL TO FACILITATE CO-OPERATION AMONG THE BOARDS IN THE CREATIVE PLANNING OF PROGRAMS AND IN AVOIDING OVERLAPPING OF FUNC-

TION OR DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITY. THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARIAL COUNCIL SHALL ROTATE ANNUALLY AMONG THE SEVERAL SECRETARIES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

Section I. Organization of the Department

(New) (There shall be a Department of the Local Church, whose primary function shall be to aid local churches in carrying on their programs. The Department shall operate through three constituent boards: the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Evangelism, and the Board of Lay Activities.

The main function of the Department of the Local Church shall be to act as the co-ordinator of the policies and activities of its Boards. Each Board, within the area of its responsibility, shall make its own decisions. Any questions between its constituent Boards or duplication of activities which cannot be resolved by the Department of the Local Church shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Any overlapping of functions or duplication of activity between one of its constituent Boards and another Agency of The Methodist Church shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Where, in the judgment of the Department, it would facilitate co-ordination among its Boards, the Department may authorize Inter-Board Staff Committees. The Department shall also review and pass upon the Budgets of its Boards before their presentation to the Council on World Service and Finance (§ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below).

The membership of the Department of the Local Church shall consist of twenty-one persons, seven from each of its three constituent Boards. Of these seven, one shall be a Bishop. He and the other six persons shall be elected by the Board from its own membership without reference to jurisdictions.

The Department shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

The Department shall elect a President, a Vice-President, and a Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

There shall be a Departmental Secretarial Council, consisting of the Executive Secretaries of the three constituent

Boards. It shall be the function of this Council, on an informal basis, to facilitate co-operation among the Boards of the Department and to prevent unnecessary overlapping. The Chairmanship of this Council shall rotate annually among the several Executive Secretaries.

The Boards of the Department of the Local Church, in consultation with their respective Executive Secretaries, shall jointly elect an Associate Secretary for Promotion, subject to confirmation by the Board of Cultivation. He shall serve in the Division of Promotion. It shall be the function of this person to serve the Division of Promotion of the Board of Cultivation as the liaison Editor with the Boards of the Department of the Local Church. He shall provide material from the three Boards of the Department for the general promotional journal of the Board of Cultivation, and for pamphlets, leaflets, and booklets to be distributed as part of the total promotion program. He and the Woman's Board of Christian Service shall co-operate in preparing promotional literature for the local church.

The Department of the Local Church shall be responsible for preparing materials on training for church membership.)

SECTION II. Board of Christian Education

¶ 1325, revise so as to read:

There shall be a Board of Christian Education which shall have general oversight of the program of Christian education in local Methodist churches in the United States. It may co-operate with the Board of World Missions for the advancement of Christian education in other lands. The Board shall be incorporated.

¶¶ 1326-27, 1329-49, delete.

¶ 1328, revise so as to read:

In accordance with the provisions of their several charters, the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Educational Institutions shall jointly from their memberships elect such Directors, Trustees, or members as may be required to maintain the legal continuance so long as may be necessary of the following and any other necessary corporations affiliated with the Boards and shall provide for the corporate meetings thereof:

The General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

The General Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Board of Education of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Board of Education for Negroes of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Board of Christian Education and the Board of Educational

Institutions jointly may co-operate with such corporations in the interest of their consolidation with either the Board of Christian Education or the Board of Educational Institutions or with each other, or the Boards jointly may act as successor to such corporations whenever any such action may be found expedient or necessary and be within the charter powers of such corporations or in accordance with the laws of the States in which they are respectively incorporated.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 739.

IN LINE TWO OF PARAGRAPH 1326 OF THE 1948 *DISCIPLINE* DELETE THE WORDS "OF ALL" AND IN THEIR PLACE SUBSTITUTE THE WORD "SEVENTEEN" AND AFTER THE WORDS "UNITED STATES" IN LINE THREE INSERT THE WORDS "SELECTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS" SO THAT THE SENTENCE AS AMENDED SHALL READ:

"THE BOARD SHALL BE CONSTITUTED QUADRENNIALLY AND SHALL BE COMPOSED OF SEVENTEEN EFFECTIVE BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH RESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES, SELECTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS, TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL MEMBERS SELECTED AS FOLLOWS," AND SO ON TO THE END OF THE SENTENCE.

DELETE THE SENTENCE BEGINNING IN LINE 13 FROM THE TOP OF PAGE 298 IN THE 1948 *DISCIPLINE*, AND IN ITS PLACE SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

"IN ADDITION, UPON NOMINATION OF ITS COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE SHALL ELECT ONE MINISTER AND ONE LAYMAN FOR EACH 400,000 MEMBERS OR MAJOR FRACTION THEREOF WITHIN THE JURISDICTION. THE BOARD SHALL ELECT MEMBERS AT LARGE, ON NOMINATION OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS, IN SUFFICIENT NUMBER TO BRING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD TO A TOTAL OF 91."

((New) The Board of Christian Education shall be constituted as follows: two Bishops selected by the Council of Bishops; one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction, plus one minister and one lay person for each additional million members above the first million members in the Jurisdiction, and three women, one from the North Central Jurisdiction, one from the Southeastern, and one from the Western. These Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In ad-

dition, there shall be nine members at large, elected by the Board of Christian Education. Of these members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the South Central Jurisdiction and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Northeastern.)

The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all of the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

The Board shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

The Board shall elect an Executive Secretary who shall not be a member of the Board but shall meet with the Board, with the privilege of the floor but without vote; it may also elect Associate Secretaries, if any be needed, upon nomination of the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall be the administrative officer responsible for carrying out the program of the Board. The staff of the Board shall be under his direction.

The Board shall prepare its Budget which shall be reviewed and passed upon by the Department of the Local Church. Subsequently it shall present its proposed budget to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

¶ 1397, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall develop a comprehensive and unified program of Christian education which shall lead to a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the Christian religion, and the Christian Church. It shall provide for worship, fellowship, study and service, and education in the Christian way of life. It shall be the responsibility of the Board to provide guidance in the organization and administration of Church Schools; to assist in the training of Church School leaders; to work with the Curriculum Committee and the Editor of Church School publications in developing a comprehensive and unified program of Christian education, including curriculum and leadership training courses; and to formulate standards for the work of Christian education in the local church (¶¶ 181-99). It shall also formulate standards for the office of Director of Christian education in the local church and for Directors of Adult, Youth, and Children's Work.

The Board shall seek ways and means of promoting the attendance of children, youth, and adults in all Church School organizations, and shall establish standards defining membership and attendance in the Church Schools and governing the maintenance of the membership roll. The Board of Christian Education shall have the sole responsibility for work with youth (this does not include work with students under the auspices of the Methodist Student Movement) except for the work of the Woman's Board of Christian Service, which shall integrate its activities in this field with those of the Board of Christian Education.

(*New*) The youth work of the Board of Christian Education shall embrace the Methodist Youth Fellowship and youth of student age who are not attending colleges or universities, and also programs for local churches ministering to college and university students apart from

organized work at campuses. The youth work of the Board of Christian Education and the student work of the Board of Educational Institutions shall be correlated by the Executive Secretaries of the two Boards.

The Board of Christian Education shall work in co-operation with the Joint Committee on Personnel of the Department of Missions in its program of enlistment, cultivation, training, and recommendation of candidates for missionary work at home and abroad.

The Board of Christian Education shall elect the Editor of Church School Publications subject to confirmation by the Board of Publications.

¶ 1426, *revise* so as to read:

There shall be a *Curriculum Committee* which shall have the function of determining the curriculum for use in Church Schools. The membership of this Committee shall consist of seventeen persons: the Editor of Church School publications, the Book Editor, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, the General Manager of The Methodist Publishing House, three Bishops named by the Council of Bishops, and ten other persons, five to be appointed by the Board of Publication and five by the Board of Christian Education. The Curriculum Committee shall have power to invite other individuals to act as consulting members without vote. It shall consult Executive Secretaries of Boards and Directors of Divisions in their respective fields of interest and responsibility, as resource persons who may contribute to and participate in the development of program outlines for Church School materials.

¶ 1397 (end of old paragraph), *revise* so as to read:

Through the Curriculum Committee and in co-operation with the Editor of Church School publications, the Board of Christian Education shall determine the curriculum of the Church School, including the courses in leadership education. It shall provide for instruction concerning the significance and work of the Church and the functions of its various officers and Boards.

¶ 1398, no change except to correct name of Board.

¶ 1399, no change except to correct name of Board, and *add* the following:

The Board shall co-operate, through the Associate Secretary for Promotion representing the Department of the Local Church on the Staff of the Board of Cultivation, in the preparation of promotional literature.

¶ 1400, *delete*.

¶ 1401, no change except *revise* the first line to read: The Board shall organize such work as may be necessary . . . (and so on to end of Paragraph).

¶ 1402, no change except to correct names.

¶ 1403, no change.

¶ 1404-6, no change except to correct name.

¶ 1407, no change, except name, as far as word, "work," in line 3. *Delete* remainder of Paragraph.

¶ 1408, no change except in lines 3, 4 *substitute* "Board of Christian

Education and the Council on World Service and Finance" for "Divisional Committee on the Local Church."

¶ 1350, no change except *add* at end of Paragraph after "congregations," "(subject to ¶ . . .)." [Co-ordinating Council, item 4, p. 27.]

¶ 1415, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall develop plans and correlate efforts for the more effective enlistment and guidance of persons in vocations in the Church and its Agencies, and seek to interpret to the Church through its several Agencies the total field of vocation. . . . (continue to the end of the first sub-paragraph; *delete* the remainder of the Paragraph, beginning, "The Inter-Board Committee . . .").

¶ 1409, no change except in names.

¶¶ 1410-12, *delete*.

¶ 1413, no change in the first long sub-paragraph, but *delete* the second sub-paragraph, beginning, "The Inter-Board Committee . . ."

¶ 1414, *delete*. Material placed under Board of National Missions.

¶¶ 1416-19, *delete*.

¶ 1429, no change.

¶¶ 1421-25, *delete* here. Covered under Board of Publications.

¶ 1426, *delete* here. Parts have been incorporated above.

¶ 1427, *delete*.

Jurisdictional Boards

¶ 1428, no change except, in line 6, *substitute* "Board of Christian Education" for "General Board of Education."

¶ 1429, *revise* so as to read:

The Jurisdictional Board shall be auxiliary to the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Educational Institutions and shall co-operate with them in advancing the interests of educational institutions, of Wesley Foundations, and similar work in Methodist colleges, and of the entire program of Christian education in the local church. It also shall conduct training schools, assemblies, and other gatherings for religious purposes.

¶¶ 1430-35, no change.

¶ 1436, no change, except, in line 13, *substitute* "Board of Christian Education," for "General Board of Education," and in line 20 *add* the word "Jurisdictional" before the word "Board" and *substitute* "the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education and the Executive Secretary of the Board of Educational Institutions," for "each of the three Executive Secretaries of the General Board of Education" so that the lines will read: to the Jurisdictional Board annually and to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education and the Executive Secretary of the Board of Educational Institutions.

¶ 1437, no change except in lines 8-9 *delete* "to the Executive Secretaries of the three divisions of the General Board of Education" and *substitute* "to the Executive Secretaries of the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Educational Institutions"; and in lines

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11-12 *delete* the words "by the Board of Education" and place a period after the word "required."

¶ 1438, no change except in line 8 *delete* the word "General" and *substitute* "the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Educational Institutions."

¶ 1439, no change.

Annual Conference Boards

¶ 1441, no change except, in line 6, *substitute* "Board of Christian Education" for "General Board of Education."

¶ 1442, no change except, in line 3, *substitute* "Board of Christian Education and the Board of Educational Institutions" for "General Board"; and in lines 10-11 *delete* "and to promote intelligent use of the literature of the General Board."

¶¶ 1443-47, no change.

¶ 1448, no change except in lines 27-28 *substitute* "the Executive Secretaries of the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Educational Institutions" for "each of the three Executive Secretaries of the General Board of Education."

¶¶ 1449-51, no change.

¶ 1452, *delete* here.

¶ 1453, no change except, in line 4, *substitute* "Board of Christian Education, the Board of Educational Institutions" for "General."

¶ 1454, no change except in line 3 and line 13. In each case *substitute* "Board of Christian Education" for "General Board."

SECTION III. Board of Evangelism

¶ 1544, no change.

¶ 1545, no change, except *omit* "General" from name of Board of Evangelism.

¶ 1546, no change, except to correct name.

¶ 1547, no change, except in line 5, after the word "property" *add* "(subject to the restrictions set forth in ¶)" [Co-ordinating Council, item 7, p. 27.]

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 737.

REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD FROM 56 TO 46, BY MAKING THE NEW PARAGRAPH (1548) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

PARAGRAPH 1548—ARTICLE 3—MEMBERSHIP

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF SEVEN BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, ONE FROM EACH JURISDICTION AND ONE FROM THE CHURCH AT LARGE, ELECTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS AT THE TIME OF THE GEN-

ERAL CONFERENCE; TWO MINISTERS, ONE LAYMAN, ONE LAYWOMAN FROM EACH JURISDICTION, ELECTED BY THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES; THREE YOUTH MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST YOUTH; AND TWELVE MEMBERS FROM THE CHURCH AT LARGE, TO BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD.

VACANCIES OCCURRING DURING THE QUADRENNIUM SHALL BE FILLED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: THOSE OCCURRING AMONG THE BISHOPS TO BE FILLED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS; THOSE OCCURRING IN THE MEMBERSHIPS OF THE JURISDICTIONS TO BE FILLED BY THE BISHOPS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE VACANCY OCCURS; THOSE OCCURRING AMONG THE YOUTH MEMBERS TO BE FILLED BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST YOUTH; AND THOSE OCCURRING IN THE MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE TO BE FILLED BY THE BOARD ITSELF.

(¶ 1548 first sub-paragraph, revise so as to read:

The membership of the Board shall be composed of two Bishops selected by the Council of Bishops; one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction, plus one minister and one lay person for each additional million members above the first million members in the Jurisdiction, and three women, one from the Central Jurisdiction, one from the Northeastern, and one from the South Central. These Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition there shall be nine members at large, elected by the Board of Evangelism. Of these members at large, two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the North Central Jurisdiction.)

¶ 1548, second sub-paragraph, no change.

¶ 1549, delete.

¶ 1550, revise so as to read:

The Board shall elect from its membership a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of meetings. It may elect an Executive Committee of seven members, including the President of the Board of Evangelism . . . (to end of paragraph).

¶ 1551, revise so as to read:

The Board shall elect an Executive Secretary who shall not be a member of the Board but shall meet with the Board, with the privilege

of the floor but without vote; it may also elect Associate Secretaries, if any be needed, upon nomination of the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall be the administrative officer responsible for carrying out the program of the Board. The Staff of the Board shall be under his direction.

(*New*) The Board shall elect the Editor in charge of the Division of Devotional Literature, subject to confirmation by the Board of Cultivation. The Editor shall have responsibility for the publication of *The Upper Room* and other devotional literature.

¶ 1552, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall prepare its Budget which shall be reviewed and passed upon by the Department of the Local Church. Subsequently it shall present its proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

¶ 1553, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of the members.

¶ 1554, no change.

¶ 1555, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall co-operate with the various Agencies of the Church in the training of our ministers for leadership in the field of evangelism and, with the Board of Cultivation through the Divisions of Devotional Literature and Promotion, in creating a literature to serve the cause of evangelism.

¶¶ 1556-64, no change, except to correct names.

¶ 1565, *delete* here. (Transferred to Division of Devotional Literature.)

SECTION IV. *Board of Lay Activities*

¶ 1480, no change.

BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 739.

AS AMENDED THE NEW PARAGRAPH 1481 WILL READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THREE EFFECTIVE BISHOPS, ELECTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS; SIX EFFECTIVE MINISTERS, ONE FROM EACH JURISDICTION; AND THIRTY-TWO LAY MEMBERS, DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE SEVERAL JURISDICTIONS ON THE BASIS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, *PROVIDED* THAT NO JURISDICTION SHALL HAVE FEWER THAN TWO LAY MEMBERS. THE SIX MINISTERS AND THE THIRTY-TWO LAY MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES ON NOMINATION OF THE COMMITTEES ON LAY ACTIVITIES OF THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES; *PROVIDED*, THAT THESE LAY MEM-

BERS SHALL BE SELECTED FROM THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADERS OF THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN THE JURISDICTION; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT RETIREMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF CONFERENCE LAY LEADER SHALL AUTOMATICALLY VACATE MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD. THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE FIXED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. THE BOARD SHALL BE DULY INCORPORATED.

(¶ 1481, revise so as to read:

The Board shall be composed of Two bishops, selected by the Council of Bishops, one minister and two lay men from each Jurisdiction, plus one lay man for each additional million members above the first million members in the Jurisdiction, and three women, one from the Northeastern Jurisdiction, one from the South Central, and one from the Southeastern. These Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition there shall be five members at large, elected by the Board of Lay Activities. Of these members at large, two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the North Central Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Western Jurisdiction.)

¶ 1482, no change.

¶ 1483, as it now appears, except *add*, after "Laymen's Day" in line 3, the words "subject to the provisions of ¶ —." [Co-ordinating Council, item 4, p. 27.]

¶ 1484, revise so as to read:

The Board shall elect an Executive Secretary who shall not be a member of the Board but shall meet with the Board, with the privilege of the floor but without vote; it may also elect Associate Secretaries, if any be necessary, upon nomination of the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall be the administrative officer responsible for carrying out the program of the Board. The Staff of the Board shall be under his direction.

¶ 1485, no change except *delete*, in lines 1-2, "to solicit and create special funds."

¶ 1486, no change except to correct name, and *substitute* for the last sentence in the Paragraph the following sentences:

The Board shall prepare its Budget which shall be reviewed and passed upon by the Department of the Local Church. Subsequently it shall present its proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

¶ 1487, as it now appears, except: in lines 4-5, *delete* phrase, "including the fixing of the time for its annual sessions," and *substitute* a new sentence:

It shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

In lines 8-9 *delete* sentence "The new Board . . . Associate Secretaries." (Covered above.)

Add sub-paragraph to ¶ 1487:

The Board shall co-operate with the Division of Promotion in the preparation of literature concerning the work of lay activities in the Church.

¶ 1488, as it now appears, except *change* name and also *delete* the phrase beginning in line 5, "one of whom shall be a member of the General Board of Lay Activities."

¶¶ 1489-1510, no change except for necessary changes of name.

¶¶ 1511-12, as they now appear, except: in each, *delete* the phrase, "promote the circulation of the *Methodist Layman* and the *Christian Advocate*."

¶¶ 1513-14, no change.

¶ 1515, as it now appears, except in line 3, *delete* the words "develop literature."

¶¶ 1516-18, no change.

¶ 1519, *delete*.

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 411.

SEE REPORT NO. 3 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON REPORT OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION, PAGE 1705.

1. DELETE THE WORDS "CHURCH EXTENSION" FROM THE NAME OF THIS BOARD WHEREVER IT APPEARS IN THE *DISCIPLINE*.
2. CHANGE THE NAME "DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS" TO "DIVISION OF WORLD MISSIONS" WHEREVER IT APPEARS IN THE *DISCIPLINE*.
3. CHANGE THE NAME "DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION" TO "THE DIVISION OF NATIONAL MISSIONS" WHEREVER IT APPEARS IN THE *DISCIPLINE*.
4. CHANGE THE NAME "DIVISION OF EDUCATION AND CULTIVATION" TO "JOINT SECTION ON EDUCATION AND CULTIVATION" AT ALL PLACES WHERE IT APPEARS IN THE *DISCIPLINE*.
5. IN THE EVENT SEEMING INSURMOUNTABLE LEGAL DIFFICULTIES SHOULD ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING PROPOSED CHANGES IN CORPORATE NAMES THE MATTER SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL WHICH SHALL HAVE POWER TO DETERMINE SUITABLE NAMES.

Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 586.

SEE REPORT NO. 4 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON THE REPORT OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION, PAGE 1713.

THERE SHALL BE NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTEEN BISHOPS INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTEEN BISHOPS INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THESE MEMBERSHIPS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS. (PARAGRAPHS 1172 AND 1326.) THE FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED FOR INCORPORATION IN THE *DISCIPLINE* UNDER CHAPTER II, BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION WHICH BEGINS WITH PARAGRAPH 1166, PAGE 249, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING EXISTING LEGISLATION IN THE 1948 *DISCIPLINE* SHALL BE AMENDED TO CONFORM:

IN CONSTITUTING THE MEMBERSHIP OF ITS DIVISIONS, THE BOARD OF MISSIONS MAY ELECT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DIVISIONS OF NATIONAL MISSIONS AND WORLD MISSIONS RESPECTIVELY, TO THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE A NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHICH THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE HAS ON THE DIVISION OF NATIONAL MISSIONS AND THE DIVISION OF WORLD MISSIONS.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 737.

Chap. II, Sec. III—Constitution.

Par. 1172. The Board of Managers shall be composed as follows: (1) eighteen (18) effective Bishops of The Methodist Church resident in the United States, elected by the Council of Bishops; and in addition, six Bishops serving overseas to be designated by the Council of Bishops, shall have the status of members of the Board of Missions in meetings at which they may be able to be in attendance, subject to such travel regulations as are provided in the *Discipline* for overseas Bishops; (2) members elected quadrennially by the Jurisdictional Conferences—one minister and three lay members, two of whom shall be women, from each Jurisdiction for each 600,000 members, or major fraction thereof, in the Jurisdiction, and, in addition, one youth under twenty-one years of age from each Jurisdiction; provided that no Jurisdiction, in addition to the Bishops, shall have fewer than two ministers and six lay members, four

of whom shall be laywomen and two laymen, and, in addition, one youth member under twenty-one years of age. In nominating and electing such members, the Jurisdictional Conference shall have as a basis for choice the following: (a) one minister and one layman designated by each Annual Conference of the Jurisdiction, on nomination of its Board of Missions; (b) and six additional names nominated by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction; (c) twice the necessary number of lay members, who shall be designated by the Jurisdiction Woman's Society from the three members nominated by each Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jurisdiction; (d) and one youth from those nominated by the Youth Organization of each Annual Conference in the Jurisdiction. Vacancies in the Board of Managers shall be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancies occur ad interim, having regard to the various classifications of members.

The Board, on nomination of the Council of Bishops, is authorized to elect quadrennially 27 laymen—at least four from each Jurisdiction, to be assigned as equally as possible to the Division of World Missions and to the Division of National Missions—who shall serve as members at large of the Board.

The Board, on nomination of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is authorized to elect quadrennially twelve (12) women, two from each Jurisdiction, for the Division, who shall serve as members at large of the Division and of the Board. **The Board shall elect to membership the Chairman of the Commission on Missions and World Friendship of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.**

Par. 1175. The Board shall elect quadrennially, upon nomination of the respective Divisions, a General Executive Committee of thirty-eight (38) members, nine members from the Division of World Missions, two of whom shall be women; nine from the Division of National Missions, two of whom shall be women; nine women from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; ten members, five women and five men, from the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation. A majority of the members of the General Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The President of the Board shall be a member of and the Chairman of the General Executive Committee. This General Executive Committee shall exercise the powers of the Board ad interim.

Chap. II, Sec. IV—Division of World Missions.

Par. 1195. The Division shall be composed as nearly as possible of one-half of the effective Bishops who are members of the Board, and the remaining members shall be as

follows: one-half of the ministers, one-half of the laymen, one-third of the laywomen, and one-third of the youth members of the Board. The Division may elect not to exceed one-third of its men members, other than Bishops, to be members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the Board, and at such other times as it may deem necessary.

Chap. II, Section V—Division of National Missions.

Par. 1210. The Division shall be composed as nearly as possible of one-half of the effective Bishops who are members of the Board, and the remaining members shall be as follows: one-half of the ministers, one-half of the laymen, one-third of the laywomen, and one-third of the youth members of the Board. The Division may elect not to exceed one-third of its men members, other than Bishops, to be members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the Board and at such other times as it may deem necessary.

Chap. II, Sec. VI—Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Par. 1240 3. The Division shall be composed of all the women members of the Board, one Bishop from each Jurisdiction who is a member of the Board, and one-third of the youth members of the Board. This Division may nominate for election by the Board quadrennially not to exceed twelve (12) women, two from each Jurisdiction, who shall serve as members at large of the Division and of the Board. The Division of World Missions and the Division of National Missions may elect not to exceed one-third of the men members of their Divisions, other than Bishops, to be members of the Division. The Division shall hold a regular annual meeting and such other meetings as shall be called by the Division or the Executive Committee.

Chap. II, Sec. VII—Joint Section of Education and Cultivation.

Par. 1268. The Joint Section of Education and Cultivation shall be composed of six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; six men and two women from the Division of World Missions, elected by that Division; six men and two women from the Division of National Missions, elected by that Division; eight women from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, elected by that Division. In all these selections there must be due regard to equitable representation from the Jurisdictions. This section shall undergird with education and cultivation the total program of the Board.

CHAPTER V

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS

¶ 1166, no change.

SECTION I. *Organization of the Department*

¶ 1167, *revise* so as to read:

There shall be a Department of Missions. It shall conduct its operations through three Administrative Boards, each of which shall be incorporated: the Board of World Missions, the Board of National Missions, and the Woman's Board of Christian Service.

¶ 1168, no change except, in line 1, *substitute* "Department through its constituent Boards" for "Board"; and at the end of line 2 *add* "the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church."

(*New*) The major function of the Department of Missions shall be to act as the co-ordinator of the policies and activities of its Boards and of the total missionary program of The Methodist Church. Each Board, within the area of its responsibility, shall make its own decisions. Any questions between its constituent Boards or duplication of activities which cannot be resolved by the Department of Missions shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Any overlapping of functions or duplication of activity between one of its constituent Boards and another Agency of The Methodist Church shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Where, in the judgment of the Department, it would facilitate co-ordination among its Boards, the Department may authorize Inter-Board Staff Committees. The Department shall also review and pass upon the Budgets of its Boards before their presentation to the Council on World Service and Finance. (¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

The membership of the Department of Missions shall consist of twenty-one persons, seven from each of the three constituent Boards. Of these seven, one shall be a Bishop. He and the other six persons shall be elected by the Board from its own membership without reference to Jurisdictions.

The Department shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the general agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

The Department shall elect a President, a Vice-President, and a Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

There shall be a Departmental Secretarial Council, consisting of the Executive Secretaries of the Board of World Missions and the Board of National Missions, and the President of the Woman's Board of Christian Service or the person delegated by her. It shall be the function of this Council on an informal basis to facilitate co-operation among the Boards and Divisions of the Department and to prevent unnecessary overlapping. The Chairmanship of this Council shall rotate annually among its several members.

The Board of World Missions and the Board of National Missions after consultation with their respective Executive Secretaries, shall jointly elect an Associate Secretary for Promotion, subject to confirmation by the Board of Cultivation, who shall serve in the Division of Promotion. The Associate Secretary for Promotion shall have his office

in the same city with the Department of Missions and shall have such Staff as the Budget of the Division of Promotion provides. He shall have the following functions: He shall serve the Division of Promotion of the Board of Cultivation as a liaison Editor with the Board of World Missions and the Board of National Missions. He shall provide material from the two Agencies for the general promotional journal of the Board of Cultivation and for pamphlets, leaflets, and booklets to be distributed as part of the total promotional program. He shall promote the missionary interests of the Boards through various conferences and institutes, including Annual Conference visitation. He and the Woman's Board of Christian Service shall co-operate in arranging institutes and in preparing promotional literature. The Division of Promotion shall have primary responsibility for publicizing the missionary enterprise in local churches.

¶¶ 1169-86, *delete*. (Last sentence of ¶ 1169 is used under Board of World Missions.)

¶ 1189, *revise* so as to read:

There shall be a Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the several Boards of the Department which shall be responsible for the enlistment, cultivation, training, and recommendation of candidates for missionary service at home and abroad. This Committee shall perform this function for the three Boards of the Department and shall work in co-operation with the other General Agencies, particularly with the Department of the Local Church and its Board of Christian Education. (See ¶¶ 1409 and 1415 as revised.) Its Budget shall be met by the three Boards of the Department of Missions.

¶¶ 1190-92, no change.

SECTION II. *Board of World Missions*

There shall be a Board of World Missions. It shall be incorporated.

The Board of World Missions shall be constituted as follows: two Bishops selected by the Council of Bishops; one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction, plus one minister and one lay person for each additional million members above the first million members in the Jurisdiction, and three women, one from the North Central, one from the Southeastern, and one from the Western Jurisdiction. These Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition, there shall be nine members at large, elected by the Board of World Missions. Of these members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the Northeastern Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the South Central Jurisdiction.

The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the general agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

¶¶ 1193-95, *delete*.

¶ 1201, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

The Board shall elect an Executive Secretary who shall not be a member of the Board but shall meet with the Board, with the privilege

of the floor but without vote. The Board may also elect Associate Secretaries if any be needed, on nomination of the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall be the administrative officer in charge of the Staff and responsible for carrying out the program of the Board.

All employed officers and other Staff members, whether elected or appointed, quadrennially or annually, shall retire upon reaching the retirement age as fixed by the pension plan of the Board. [From ¶ 1181.]

¶ 1196, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall have authority to recommend fields of labor; to accept, train, and maintain missionaries and special workers, utilizing the services of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel; to buy and sell property, subject to the restrictions set forth in ¶ — [Coordinating Council, item 7, p. 27]; to receive and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge; to receive contributions subject to annuity under the Board's regulations (¶ 770). It shall present its Budget to the Department of Missions to be reviewed and passed upon. Subsequently it shall present its proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance (¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below).

It shall be responsible for emergency overseas relief which is carried on in the name of The Methodist Church. Such funds as are raised for this purpose shall not be chargeable against the Budget or ratio of the Board of World Missions. [From ¶ 1169, last sentence.]

THE METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF

*The two Paragraphs in Bold Face Adopted May 6, 1952.
See Journal, Page 739.*

SIX MEMBERS, ONE PERSON FROM EACH JURISDICTION TO BE NOMINATED BY EACH COLLEGE OF BISHOPS AND ELECTED BY EACH JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE.

THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS IS ASKED TO APPOINT A CONVENER FOR THE NEW COMMITTEE.

Other Agencies of The Methodist Church shall conduct work in foreign fields only with the consent of and in co-operation with the Department of Missions.

¶ 1197, no change, except to correct name, *substitute* in lines 2-3 the words "territories and possessions," for "dependencies," and *add*, after "formerly administered by" the words "the Division of Foreign Missions of The Methodist Church,".

¶ 1198, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall estimate the needs of the work under its care and present the same to the Department of Missions to be reviewed and passed upon. Subsequently it shall present its proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance (see ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below). It shall appoint to its various fields of service missionaries who have been approved by the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel.

¶ 1199, § 1, as it now appears, except correct names in lines 1 and 2.

¶ 1199, § 2, *delete*.

¶ 1200, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall establish an emergency or contingent fund of not less than three per cent nor more than five per cent of the total amount appropriated. The Board shall not recommend for appropriation, including the emergency fund, for a fiscal year more than the total amount received for this Board from all sources during the preceding fiscal year.

¶ 1188, *revise* so as to read:

The Treasurer and all employees . . . (to end of paragraph).

¶ 1201, *delete* here: covered above.

¶ 1202, as it now appears, except correct titles of Boards.

Also, *reword* item 1 to read:

1. To elect its Chairman and Secretary; to forward its minutes and the Report of its recommendations promptly to the respective Boards for approval.

¶¶ 1203-07, as they now appear, except for correcting of names of Boards.

SECTION III. Board of National Missions

(*New*) There shall be a Board of National Missions, which shall be incorporated. It shall be constituted as follows: two Bishops selected by the Council of Bishops; one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction, plus one minister and one lay person for each additional million members above the first million members in the Jurisdiction, and three women, one from the Northeastern Jurisdiction, one from the North Central, and one from the South Central. These Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition, there shall be nine members at large, elected by the Board of National Missions. Of these members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Western Jurisdiction.

¶¶ 1208-10, *delete*.

(*New*) The Board shall administer and promote the work of missions and church extension within the United States and its territories and dependencies formerly administered by the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church.

¶ 1211, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall have authority to recommend fields of labor; to accept, train, and maintain missionaries and special workers, utilizing the services of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel; to buy and sell property, subject to the restrictions set forth in ¶ — [Co-ordinating Council, item 7, p. 27]; to receive and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge; to receive contributions subject to annuity under the Board's regulations (¶ 770).

It shall present its Budget to the Department of Missions to be reviewed and passed upon. Subsequently it shall present its proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance (¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below).

¶ 1187, no change.

(*New*) The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time

and place of the Annual Meeting of all the general agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

¶ 1212, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

¶ 1213, no change except, in line 1, *substitute* "Board" for "Division," and *add* the following Paragraph:

The Board may, if it deems it advisable, divide its membership into two Committees, one of which shall have primary responsibility for the various aspects of the work of national missions other than church extension, and the other for the work of church extension.

(*New*) The Board shall elect an Executive Secretary who shall not be a member of the Board but shall meet with the Board, with the privilege of the floor, but without vote. The Board may also elect Associate Secretaries, on nomination of the Executive Secretary. It shall determine the powers and duties of its officers and Staff and shall recommend to the Department as part of its Budget, their remuneration, in keeping with the standards established by the Council on World Service and Finance. The Executive Secretary shall be the administrative officer in charge of the Staff and responsible for carrying out the program of the Board.

All employed officers and other Staff members, whether elected or appointed, quadrennially or annually, shall retire upon reaching the retirement age as fixed by the pension plan of the Board. [From ¶ 1181.]

¶ 1214, *delete*.

¶ 1215, § 1, *revise* so as to read:

An Associate Secretary for Home Missions shall be responsible for co-ordination of all aspects of the work of national missions, other than church extension, including city work, town and country work, Goodwill Industries, Negro work, and Spanish-speaking and Indian work in the Southwest. The Board may also establish other similar administrative units which are considered necessary. Each of these areas of work may be under the supervision of a Director nominated by the Associate Secretary for Home Missions and the Executive Secretary and elected by the Board. These staff members shall work in close co-operation with one another.

¶ 1215, § 2, *delete*.

¶ 1215, § 3, no change, except *substitute* "Board of National Missions" for "Division of Home Missions and Church Extension" in line 5.

¶ 1216, no change, except *delete* "or secretaries" in line 1, and make rest of language conform.

¶ 1217, no change, except *substitute* "Director in charge of" for "Department of" in line 1, and make rest of wording conform.

¶¶ 1218-30, no change, except to correct titles to conform to pattern in ¶ 1217.

¶ 1231, *delete*.

¶¶ 1232-35, no change, except to correct names of Boards and titles.

¶ 1236, *delete* here (used below).

¶ 1237, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall have the responsibility for church extension in the United States, its territories, and its possessions. It shall have an Associate Secretary or Secretaries who, with a Staff, shall be responsible for carrying forward the work of church extension under the following provisions and regulations:

¶ 1237, § 1, no change, except *substitute* "Board" for "Section of Church Extension" in line 1.

¶ 1237, § 2, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall appropriate money for the various types of work in the field and the conduct of the office. It shall decide what amount should be donated or lent . . . (to end of section).

¶ 1237, § 3, no change.

¶ 1237, § 4, *revise* so as to read:

All applications for aid from the Board shall be made through the Annual Conference Board of Missions, or a similar Board in the Jurisdiction. Grants shall be made by the Board of the Executive Committee upon recommendation of the Associate Secretary or Secretaries.

¶ 1237, §§ 5, 6, no change, except *substitute* "Board" for "Division" and for "Section of Church Extension."

¶ 1237, § 7, as it now appears, except: correct name; make line 8 read: "under the supervision of the Board of National Missions."

¶ 1237, § 8, as it now appears, except: correct name; in line 3 *add*, after the word "annuity," the words "(See ¶ 770)."

¶ 1237, § 9, no change, except correct name.

¶ 1237, § 10, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall have a Bureau of Finance and Field Service. A fund may be set up by the Board to be secured from gifts and legacies, the income to be used in supporting the work of this Bureau. The purposes of the Bureau shall be: . . . (to end of sub-paragraph).

¶ 1238, no change, except to correct name.

¶ 1414, *revise* so as to read:

There shall be a Bureau of Church Architecture functioning under the Associate Secretary or Secretaries responsible for the program of church extension. It shall work in co-operation with the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education in making plans for Church School facilities. This Bureau shall prepare standards for the architecture of churches and educational buildings and recommend them to the co-operating Agencies, namely, the Board of National Missions and the Board of Christian Education. It shall, under such provisions as the Agencies may agree upon, offer counsel in the erection of such buildings.

¶ 1236, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall maintain a co-operative relationship with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church and may appoint a Committee to work with a like representation from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church for study and consideration of any problems of mutual concern.

¶ 1239, *delete*.

SECTION IV. *Woman's Board of Christian Service*

¶ 1240, §§ 1-3, *revise* so as to read:

There shall be a Woman's Board of Christian Service within the Department of Missions. It shall be incorporated.

The Board shall be composed as follows: two Bishops, selected by the Council of Bishops; four women elected by each of the six Jurisdictions, plus one woman from each Jurisdiction for each five hundred thousand members or major fraction thereof above the first five hundred thousand members; and twelve members at large, of whom two, one minister and one lay man, shall be nominated by the Board of World Missions from its membership, and two, one minister and one lay man, shall be nominated by the Board of National Missions from its membership, and elected by the Woman's Board of Christian Service. Of the members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the Central Jurisdiction and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the general agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

¶ 1240, § 4, as it now appears, except *add*, in line 3 after "administered by" the words "the Woman's Division of Christian Service."

¶ 1241, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall have authority to recommend fields of labor; to accept, train, and maintain workers, utilizing the services of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel; to buy and sell property, subject to the restrictions set forth in ¶ —[Co-ordinating Council, item 7, p. 27]; to secure and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge; to receive contributions subject to annuity under the Board's regulations (¶ 770); to organize Jurisdiction, Conference, District, and local-church societies for adults, young people, and children as auxiliary to the Board; and to recommend constitutions and by-laws for the same.

¶ 1242, no change except, in line 2, *substitute* "Board" for "Division."

¶ 1243, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall elect quadrennially a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings. The Board shall also elect such Associate Secretaries as the need may require and may elect an Executive Secretary. The Board shall determine the powers and duties of its officers and Staff and shall recommend their remuneration.

All employed officers and other staff members, whether elected or appointed, quadrennially or annually, shall retire upon reaching the retirement age as fixed by the pension plan of the Board. [From ¶ 1181.]

¶ 1244, no change except, in lines 1, 10, 11, 12, and 15, *substitute* "Board" for "Division"; and in lines 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, and 14, *substitute* "Section" for "Department"; and in line 13, *substitute* "Associate" for "Executive."

¶ 1245 through § 1, no change except, in lines 1 and 7, *substitute*

"Section" for "Department"; and, in line 6, *substitute* "Associate" for "Executive."

¶ 1245, § *delete*.

¶ 1246, no change except, in line 2, *substitute* "Board" for "Division."

¶ 1247 through § 1, no change except, in lines 1, 4, 5, and 6, *substitute* "Section" for "Department"; and in line 7, *substitute* "Associate" for "Executive."

¶ 1247, §§ 2, 3, *delete*.

¶ 1247, § 4, no change except, in line 1, *substitute* "Section" for "Department."

¶ 1248, no change except, in lines 1, 18, 20, and 23-24, *substitute* "Section" for "Department"; and in lines 3, 23, *substitute* "Board" for "Division"; and in line 19, *substitute* "Associate" for "Executive."

¶ 1249, § 1 and first independent clause of § 2, as they now appear, except for correcting names. *Delete* the remainder of the sub-paragraph and *substitute* the following:

The Board may continue to edit and distribute its own literature. It shall maintain liaison relationship with the Division of Promotion of the Board of Cultivation, in order to maintain the fullest measure of co-ordination between these organizational units in the formulation of plans and programs. The editing and promotion of *World Outlook* shall be a joint responsibility of the Division of Promotion and the Woman's Board of Christian Service.

¶ 1249, § 3, *delete*.

(*New*) The Board shall co-operate with the Boards in the Department of the Local Church; with the Board of Christian Education, particularly with reference to work with youth and in the area of recruiting for Christian vocations; with the Board of Evangelism and with the Board of Lay Activities, so that the work of lay men and lay women in the local church shall be correlated and integrated to the fullest practicable degree. To this end it shall co-operate in the joint promotion of study courses for men and women.

The Board shall co-operate with the Department of Christian Social Relations.

The Board shall co-operate with the Board of Educational Institutions in student work, and in the integration of youth and student work on the part of the General Agencies. It shall also recognize the interest of the Division of Educational Institutions in such institutions as are related to the Woman's Board of Christian Service, and the interest of the Board of Hospitals and Homes in establishing and maintaining standards for hospitals and homes for children and the aged.

The Woman's Board of Christian Service shall occupy the same co-operative relationship as other organizational units to the Official Board and the Quarterly Conference in the local church.

The Board shall be amenable to the Co-ordinating Council in the same manner as are the other General Agencies of the Church.

¶ 1250, as it now appears, except for correction of names; also *add*: It shall follow the practices in accounting and investments recommended for World Service Agencies by the Council on World Service and Finance and shall report to that Council its financial support of Inter-Denominational agencies.

¶ 1187, no change.

¶ 1251, no change except to correct name.

¶ 1252, no change except to correct name and, in (c) line 1, *substitute* "Associate" for "Executive" and, in lines 1-2, *substitute* "Woman's Board of Christian Service" for "Board of Missions and Church Extension."

¶¶ 1253-55, no change except to correct name.

¶ 1256, no change except to correct name, and *delete*, in article 5, the sentence, "Three women shall also be nominated for membership on the General Board of Missions and Church Extension."

¶ 1257-58, no change except to correct name in ¶ 1257, §§ 5, 6.

¶¶ 1268-89, *delete*.

SECTION V. *Jurisdictional Boards of Missions*

¶¶ 1290-93, on change except to correct name (*changing* "Board of Missions and Church Extension" to "Department of Missions").

¶ 1294, no change except, in line 3, *replace* "Board of Missions and Church Extension" with "three Boards in the Department of Missions."

SECTION VI. *Annual Conference Boards of Missions*

¶ 1295, no change except, in lines 1-2 and 23, *delete* "and Church Extension," and in lines 2 and 14, *substitute* "Department" for "General Board."

¶ 1296, no change except *delete* sub-paragraph 3.

¶ 1297, no change.

¶ 1298, § 1, no change, except, in line 2, *substitute* "Department of Missions" for "General Board of Missions and Church Extension" and, in lines 3-4, *delete* the phrase, "especially with the Division of Education and Cultivation."

¶ 1298, § 2, no change, except, in lines 4-10, *delete* the sentence beginning "The Division of Education . . . this institute," in line 16, *delete* "and Church Extension," and, in line 17, *replace* "General" with "Department of Missions."

¶ 1298, § 3, no change except in lines 4-5, *replace* "General Board of Missions and Church Extension" with "Department of Missions."

¶ 1298, § 4, no change except, in lines 2-3 and 6-7, *delete* "and Church Extension"; and, in lines 9-10, *substitute* "Department of Missions" for "Board of Missions and Church Extension."

¶ 1298, § 5, no change except, in line 2, *delete* "and Church Extension."

¶ 1299, § 1, no change except, in lines 6 and 8-9, *substitute* "Department of Missions" for "Board of Missions and Church Extension," and "Board of National Missions" for "Division of Home Missions and Church Extension," respectively.

¶ 1299, § 2, no change.

¶ 1299, § 3, no change, except in lines 7-8, *substitute* "Board of Na-

tional Missions" for "Section of Church Extension of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension."

¶ 1299, § 4, no change except, in lines 15-16, *substitute* "Board of National Missions" for "Section of Church Extension of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension," and end sentence at that point, *deleting* the words, "on the same terms, conditions, and policies used by the Section of Church Extension."

¶ 1300, no change, except in lines 1, 2 *substitute* "Department of Missions" for "Board of Missions and Church Extension" and in lines 8, 9 *substitute* "Church Board of Missions" for "Church Board of Missions and Church Extension."

INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

See Report No. 3 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, page 1705.

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 411.

SECTION I. ORGANIZATION OF THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION

THERE SHALL BE AN INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS, WHOSE FUNCTION SHALL BE TO ACT AS THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF ITS BOARDS, NAMELY:

BOARD OF TEMPERANCE.

BOARD OF WORLD PEACE.

BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS FUNCTION OF CO-ORDINATING THE WORK OF THE BOARDS WHICH IT REPRESENTS SHALL SEE THAT PLANS AND PROGRAMS IN THE FIELDS OF TEMPERANCE, PEACE, AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS DO NOT OVERLAP OR DUPLICATE IN ACTIVITY AND LITERATURE. ANY QUESTIONS BETWEEN THE CONSTITUENT BOARDS OF OVERLAPPING OR DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL. ANY OVERLAPPING OF FUNCTIONS OR DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES BETWEEN ONE OF THE CONSTITUENT BOARDS AND ANOTHER AGENCY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL. WHERE IN THE JUDGMENT OF

THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION IT WOULD FACILITATE CO-ORDINATION OF ITS BOARDS, THE COMMISSION MAY AUTHORIZE INTER-BOARD STAFF COMMITTEES.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS SHALL CONSIST OF EIGHTEEN MEMBERS, SIX FROM EACH OF THE THREE BOARDS: THE CHAIRMAN AND FIVE OTHER PERSONS FROM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED BY EACH BOARD.

IMPLEMENTING THE WORK OF THE INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS THERE SHALL BE A SECRETARIAL COUNCIL CONSISTING OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THREE BOARDS. IT SHALL BE THE FUNCTION OF THIS COUNCIL TO FACILITATE CO-OPERATION AMONG THE BOARDS IN CREATIVE PLANNING OF PROGRAMS AND IN AVOIDING OVERLAPPING OF FUNCTION OR DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITY. THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARIAL COUNCIL SHALL ROTATE ANNUALLY AMONG THE THREE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES.

Chapter VI

Department of Christian Social Relations

Section I. Organization of the Department

(New) There shall be a Department of Christian Social Relations. It shall conduct its operations through three administrative Boards: The Board of Temperance, the Board of World Peace, and the Board of Social and Economic Relations.

The main function of the Department of Christian Social Relations shall be to act as the co-ordinator of the policies and activities of its Boards. Each Board, within the area of its responsibility, shall make its own decisions. Any questions between its constituent Boards or duplication of activities which cannot be resolved by the Department of Christian Social Relations shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Any overlapping of functions or duplication of activity between one of its constituent Boards and another Agency of The Methodist Church shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Where, in the judgment of the Department, it would facilitate co-ordination among its Boards, the Department may authorize Inter-Board Staff Commit-

tees. The Department shall also review and pass upon the Budgets of its Boards before their presentation to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

The membership of the Department of Christian Social Relations shall consist of twenty-one persons, seven from each of the three constituent Boards. Of these seven, one shall be a Bishop. He and the other six persons shall be elected by the Board from its own membership without reference to Jurisdictions.

The Department shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the general Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

The Department shall elect a President, a Vice-President, and a Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

There shall be a Departmental Secretarial Council, consisting of the Executive Secretaries of the three constituent Boards. It shall be the function of this Council on an informal basis to facilitate co-operation among the Boards in the Department and to prevent unnecessary overlapping. The Chairmanship of this Council shall rotate annually among the several Executive Secretaries.

The three constituent Boards, after consultation with the three Executive Secretaries, shall jointly elect an Associate Secretary for Promotion, subject to confirmation by the Board of Cultivation, who shall serve on the staff of the Division of Promotion, and be located with the Department of Christian Social Relations. He shall have such Staff as the Budget of the Division of Promotion provides.

The Associate Secretary for Promotion shall have the following functions: He shall serve the Division of Promotion of the Board of Cultivation as a liaison Editor with the Boards of the Department of Christian Social Relations. He shall provide material from the three Boards for the promotional journal of the Board of Cultivation and for pamphlets, leaflets, and booklets to be distributed as part of the total promotional program. He and the Section of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Board of Christian Service shall co-operate in preparing promotional literature in the areas of their mutual responsibility which can be used for general Church purposes.

SECTION II. *Board of Temperance*

¶ 1460, no change except, in line 5, *delete* the words, "with headquarters in Washington, D. C."

¶ 1461, no change.

BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 739.

TO SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING FOR PARAGRAPH 1462 IN THE 1948 DISCIPLINE ON COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE.

PARAGRAPH 1462 WILL THEN READ:

"THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF ONE BISHOP FROM EACH JURISDICTION, ELECTED BY THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS OF THE JURISDICTION; ONE MINISTER AND ONE LAY PERSON ELECTED BY EACH JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE; AND FIVE MEMBERS AT LARGE TO BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD."

¶ 1462, *revise* so as to read: (*The Board shall be composed of one Bishop selected by the Council of Bishops; one minister and one lay person from each of the Jurisdictions, and three lay women, one from the Central Jurisdiction, one from the Northeastern, and one from the South Central. These Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition, there shall be six members at large, elected by the Board. Of these members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the Western Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Southeastern Jurisdiction.*)

¶ 1463, *delete*.

¶ 1464, as it now appears, except, in line 2, *delete* "who shall be a Bishop," and in line 8 *change* "seven" to "five."

¶ 1465, as it now appears, except, in line 3 after "member of the Board" *add*, "without vote."

¶ 1466, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

The Board shall be authorized to receive gifts and bequests; to hold properties and securities in trust; and to administer all these financial affairs in accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

The Board shall prepare its Budget which shall be reviewed and passed upon by the Department of Christian Social Relations. Sub-

sequently it shall present its proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

¶¶ 1467-1472, no change except *delete* word "General" in "General Board of Temperance."

SECTION III. *Board of World Peace*

THE BOARD OF WORLD PEACE

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 739.

(1) AMEND CHAPTER VIII OF THE 1948 *DISCIPLINE* AS FOLLOWS: WHEREVER THE WORDS COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE OCCUR IN THE TITLE SUBSTITUTE THE WORDS "BOARD OF" FOR "COMMISSION ON" SO AS TO READ "THE BOARD OF WORLD PEACE."

(2) AMEND PARAGRAPH 1575 AS FOLLOWS: "THERE SHALL BE A BOARD OF WORLD PEACE. THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THREE BISHOPS, ELECTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS; ONE MINISTER AND ONE LAYMAN FROM EACH JURISDICTION, ELECTED BY THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE; THREE MINISTERS AND THREE LAYMEN ELECTED AT LARGE BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS, AND TWO YOUTH MEMBERS, UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THEIR ELECTION, TO BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD OF WORLD PEACE UPON NOMINATION BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST YOUTH." THE REMAINDER OF PARAGRAPH 1575 TO REMAIN AS AT PRESENT EXCEPT FOR THE CHANGE FROM COMMISSION TO BOARD, THE LAST SENTENCE TO BE HARMONIZED WITH NEW LEGISLATION.

¶ 1575, *revise* to read: (*There shall be a Board of World Peace. It shall be composed of one Bishop, selected by the Council of Bishops; one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction, and three women, one from the North Central Jurisdiction, one from the Southeastern, and one from the Western. These Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition, there shall be six members at large, elected by the Board. Of these members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the Northeastern Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Central Jurisdiction.*)

The Board may invite representatives from other Agencies within the Church to meet with it as advisory members, without power to

vote. It is authorized to appoint consultants and correspondents in Conferences outside the United States.

¶ 1576, as it now appears, except for correction of name ("Board of World Peace" for "Commission on World Peace").

¶ 1577, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the general agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

The Board shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

¶ 1578, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall prepare its Budget which shall be reviewed and passed upon by the Department of Christian Social Relations. Subsequently it shall present its proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45.)

¶¶ 1579-83, no change except for correction of names.

SECTION IV. Board of Social and Economic Relations

From Report No. 3 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, page 411.

THE COMMITTEE OF SIX RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF SECTION IV, BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.**
- 2. ELIMINATE THE 3RD PARAGRAPH OF COLUMN 2, RELATING TO ANNUAL MEETINGS.**
- 3. DELETE THE 5TH PARAGRAPH OF COLUMN 3 AND SUBSTITUTE:**
"THE BOARD SHALL PREPARE ITS BUDGET AND PRESENT IT TO THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE."
- 4. CHANGE THE WORDING IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF COLUMN 3, SO THAT THE TERMINOLOGY OF OTHER AGENCIES CORRESPONDS WITH NAMES AS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.**

Also See Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, pages 685-690. Report No. 9 follows immediately after this section, page 1784.

Defer consideration. For composition of Board see Report No. 9 of the General Standing Committee on the State of the Church, which follows this section.

(New) (There shall be a Board of Social and Economic Relations. It shall be composed of one Bishop, selected by the Council of Bishops; one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction, and three women, one from the North Central Jurisdiction, one from the Southeastern, and one from the Western. These Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition, there shall be six members at large, elected by the Board. Of these members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the South Central Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Central Jurisdiction.)

The Board may invite representatives from other Agencies within the Church to meet with it as advisory members, without power to vote.

It shall be the function of the Board to make available to the church membership resource material relating to the field of social and economic relations and to respond to requests from local church groups for information and guidance; to interpret and encourage the implementation of the ideals set forth in the Social Creed of the Church (§ 2020), including work in the field of industrial relations; to co-operate with other General Agencies in conducting service projects where Methodist youth may render Christian service and express their Christian convictions in pioneering and other endeavors; to work with other General Agencies in stimulating Christian social thinking and action. This Board shall work in co-operation with the Section of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Board of Christian Service.

[DELETE (The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the general agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.)]

The Board shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

THE BOARD SHALL PREPARE ITS BUDGET AND PRESENT IT TO THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE

AND FINANCE. (*The Board shall prepare its budget which shall be reviewed and passed upon by the Department of Christian Social Relations. Subsequently it shall present its proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45.)*)

The Board shall have authority to elect an Executive Secretary who shall be in charge of the program and of the Staff.

The Board may establish such advisory or co-operative relationships with the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Missions, and other Agencies of the Church as may be mutually agreed upon.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

Report No. 9

SUBJECT: BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 685-690.

CHAPTER IX

BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

PAR. 1585. THERE SHALL BE A BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ONE BISHOP FROM EACH JURISDICTION, ELECTED BY THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS OF THE JURISDICTION; ONE MINISTER AND ONE LAY PERSON FROM EACH JURISDICTION FOR EACH 600,000 MEMBERS, OR MAJOR FRACTION THEREOF, IN THE JURISDICTION, ELECTED BY EACH JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE UPON NOMINATION OF THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, PROVIDED THAT IN ALL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH TWO OR MORE LAY PERSONS SHALL BE THUS ELECTED THEY SHALL, AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE, BE DIVIDED BETWEEN LAY MEN AND LAY WOMEN; AND ONE YOUTH (18-23) ELECTED BY EACH JURISDICTION UPON NOMINATION OF THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FROM NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND/OR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS OF THE JURISDICTION; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THERE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF ONE MINISTER, ONE LAY MAN, ONE LAY WOMAN, AND ONE YOUTH FROM

EACH JURISDICTION. THE BOARD MAY INVITE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER AGENCIES WITHIN THE CHURCH TO MEET WITH IT AS ADVISORY MEMBERS, WITHOUT POWER TO VOTE.

PAR. 1586. IT SHALL BE THE FUNCTION OF THE BOARD TO IMPLEMENT THE ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND OF THE METHODIST SOCIAL CREED (*DISCIPLINE* PAR. 2020); TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP RESOURCE MATERIAL RELATING TO THE FIELD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS OF LOCAL CHURCH GROUPS FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE; TO ENCOURAGE AND STIMULATE INTEREST AND ACTIVITY IN THE RELATION OF THE PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS; TO ESTABLISH "SERVICE PROJECTS" WHERE METHODIST YOUTH MAY RENDER CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND EXPRESS THEIR CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS IN PIONEERING AND OTHER ENDEAVORS AT HOME AND ABROAD, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PAR. 1169; TO CO-ORDINATE SUCH WORK WITH OTHER GENERAL AGENCIES OF THE CHURCH: TO WORK WITH OTHER GENERAL AGENCIES IN STIMULATING CHRISTIAN SOCIAL THINKING AND ACTION. THIS BOARD SHALL WORK IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

PAR. 1587. THE BOARD SHALL ELECT A BISHOP AS PRESIDENT, A VICE-PRESIDENT, A RECORDING SECRETARY, AND A TREASURER, AND SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS ARE NECESSARY. THESE OFFICERS, WITH FOUR OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE RECORDING SECRETARY SHALL KEEP A PERMANENT RECORD OF ITS MEETINGS. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD SHALL BE FILLED AT ANY REGULAR OR DULY CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD, AND SERVE EX-OFFICIO. STAFF PERSONNEL SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPON THE NOMINATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

PAR. 1588 (1). EACH JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE MAY ESTABLISH A JURISDICTIONAL BOARD

OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AUXILIARY TO THE GENERAL BOARD, SUCH BOARD TO BE COMPOSED OF ONE BISHOP FROM THE JURISDICTION, CHOSEN BY THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS; ONE MINISTER, ONE LAY PERSON, AND ONE YOUTH (18-23) FROM EACH AREA IN THE JURISDICTION, AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD LOCATED IN THE JURISDICTION.

(2) EACH ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY ESTABLISH A CONFERENCE BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AUXILIARY TO THE JURISDICTIONAL BOARD AND THE GENERAL BOARD, WHICH MAY REPORT EACH YEAR TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SUCH MANNER AS THE CONFERENCE MAY DIRECT.

(3) EACH CHARGE MAY HAVE, AS A PART OF ITS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE, A COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS TO SERVE THE INTEREST OF CHRIST IN THE LOCAL SITUATION AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE GENERAL, THE JURISDICTIONAL, AND THE CONFERENCE BOARDS. THIS COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT TO THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE, AND MAY REPORT TO THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF THE CHURCH.

PAR. 1589 (1). THE BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHALL MEET ANNUALLY, AND AT SUCH OTHER TIMES AS MAY BE NECESSARY, ON THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT OR ON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF ONE-FIFTH OF ITS MEMBERS.

(2) THE WORK OF THE BOARD SHALL BE SUPPORTED FROM THE GENERAL BENEVOLENCES OF THE CHURCH, THE AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE.

CHAPTER VII

DEPARTMENT OF CULTIVATION AND PUBLICATION

From Report No. 4 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, pages 570-588.

CULTIVATION AND PUBLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

I. THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND THE METH-

ODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE SHALL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITIES, ACTIVITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS AS PROVIDED IN THE 1948 *DISCIPLINE* SUBJECT TO WHATEVER AMENDING LEGISLATION IS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

II. THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE RELATION OF THE EDITORIAL DIVISION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION SHALL BE ADOPTED.

III. 1. THE COMMITTEE PROPOSES THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION THE PROPOSAL OF THE SURVEY REPORT THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONE PUBLISHING AGENT INSTEAD OF TWO AND THAT THE MATTER OF TITLE FOR THE FUNCTION SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

2. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE REFER TO THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION WITH POWER TO ACT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SURVEY REPORT REGARDING A PERIODICAL FOR PASTORS, AND A PERIODICAL FOR THE FAMILY.

IV. COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE QUADRENNIAL COMMITTEE AS IT APPEARS IN THE *DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, APRIL 25, 1952, BEGINNING ON PAGE 109 WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

THE NAME OF THE COMMISSION ON PROMOTION SHALL BE CHANGED TO COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION. ITS MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

MEMBERSHIP: THREE BISHOPS SELECTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS; ONE MEMBER EACH FROM THE DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH AND THE DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; ONE EACH FROM THE JOINT SECTION (GENERAL) OF THE DIVISION OF EDUCATION AND CULTIVATION AND THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS; ONE EACH FROM THE BOARD OF LAY

ACTIVITIES, THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM, THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE, THE BOARD OF WORLD PEACE, THE BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THE BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES, THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION, THE COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS, THE METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF, THE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INFORMATION, THE RADIO AND FILM COMMISSION AND THE ADVANCE COMMITTEE.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF GENERAL AGENCIES (INCLUDING ONE TO BE NAMED BY THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND ONE TO BE NAMED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION) SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WITHOUT VOTE.

TO THIS COMMISSION ARE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES: TO REVIEW AT LEAST ANNUALLY, AND AS OFTEN IN ADDITION AS MAY BE NECESSARY, THE SEVERAL AND COMBINED PLANS OF THE GENERAL BOARDS AND AGENCIES FOR THE PRODUCTION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALL FREE LITERATURE AND PROMOTIONAL AND RESOURCE PERIODICALS (EXCEPT CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CO-ORDINATING THE CONTENT, DISTRIBUTION, AND TIMING OF THE RELEASE OF SUCH MATERIALS. IN CASE OF INABILITY TO WORK OUT ADEQUATE PLANS AND PROCEDURES FOR CONTENT, TIMING, AND DISTRIBUTION, THE MATTER SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL.

THIS COMMISSION SHALL STUDY THE PROBLEMS OF CO-ORDINATING AND SIMPLIFYING THE METHODS OF AND FACILITIES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS AND MAY ARRANGE FOR IMPROVED AND MORE EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE.

TO THIS COMMISSION IS REFERRED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION CALLING FOR A MONTHLY LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAM JOURNAL FOR PASTORS, MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, LAY LEADERS AND OTHER LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS. THIS INCLUDES THE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE MERGING OF CERTAIN PERIODICALS. THIS PERIODICAL SHALL CONTAIN PROGRAM AND RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR USE IN PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT A UNIFIED PROGRAM IN THE LOCAL CHURCH. THE COM-

MISSION MAY EMPLOY A SECRETARY TO SERVE AS EDITOR OF THE PROGRAM JOURNAL AND SUCH OTHER LITERATURE AS IT MAY DECIDE UPON. THE OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND CONTENT OF THE PROGRAM JOURNAL SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE JOURNAL AGENCIES. THE INITIAL PLANS OF THE COMMISSION REGARDING THE MERGING OF THESE PERIODICALS INTO A LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAM JOURNAL SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.

INSTEAD OF EACH GENERAL BOARD AND AGENCY ISSUING SEPARATE MATERIALS, THIS MONTHLY LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAM JOURNAL SHALL CONTAIN IN A CO-ORDINATED WAY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE COMBINED PROGRAM OF THE WORLD SERVICE AGENCIES. CORRELATION AND REPRESENTATION SHALL BE DONE EQUITABLY SO FAR AS THE AGENCIES ARE CONCERNED.

BULLETINS AND LEAFLETS NOW BEING ISSUED BY GENERAL BOARDS AND AGENCIES SEPARATELY SHALL BE INCORPORATED IN THIS MONTHLY. WHAT UNDER PRESENT PRACTICES ARE SEPARATE GENERAL MAILINGS OF PROMOTIONAL LETTERS, BULLETINS, PAMPHLETS, AND REPORTS TO PASTORS AND OTHER LOCAL CHURCH LEADERS SHALL BE INCORPORATED IN THIS MONTHLY.

AN ARTICLE RELATING TO THE WORK OF A WORLD SERVICE AGENCY WHICH IS TO APPEAR IN THE MONTHLY PROGRAM JOURNAL SHALL RECEIVE EDITORIAL APPROVAL BY THAT AGENCY BEFORE ITS PUBLICATION.

THE EXPENSES OF THIS COMMISSION AND OF THE EDITING, PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAM JOURNAL SHALL BE PAID OUT OF WORLD SERVICE FUNDS AND BY CONSTITUENT AGENCIES THAT DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN WORLD SERVICE FUNDS UPON A PRO RATA BASIS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE. THE BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE AND APPROVED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SHALL BE A PRIOR CHARGE AGAINST WORLD SERVICE FUNDS.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE QUADRENNIAL COMMITTEE, SECTION IV, THE ADVANCE ON PAGE 110 OF THE *DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, APRIL 25, 1952, SHALL BE ADOPTED EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

1. THE QUADRENNIAL ADVANCE COMMITTEE SHALL BE CONSTITUTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS.

2. THE ADVANCE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE AN ADVISORY RELATIONSHIP TO THE CENTRAL PROMOTION OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION OF ADVANCE SPECIALS, THE WEEK OF DEDICATION OFFERING, AND CONFERENCE-INITIATED SPECIALS.

3. ANY CHANGES THAT ARE TO BE MADE IN THE AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN ADVANCE SPECIALS AND THE WEEK OF DEDICATION, OR THE RATIO OF RECEIPTS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVANCE COMMITTEE AND THE AGENCIES CONCERNED.

4. THE BUDGET FOR PROMOTION OF ADVANCE PROJECTS SHALL BE RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVANCE COMMITTEE TO THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL. THE APPROVED BUDGET SHALL BE A PRIOR CLAIM ON RECEIPTS.

5. SUBSTITUTE FOR PARAGRAPH 753 A. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE IS AN INSEPARABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EDUCATION IN STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING, WE RECOMMEND THAT DURING THE QUADRENNIUM THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND LAY ACTIVITIES, AND THE COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION CO-OPERATE IN A CHURCHWIDE PROGRAM OF STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS UPON THE STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS WHICH SHALL BE CLOSELY RELATED TO GIVING TO THE BENEVOLENCE CAUSES WHICH METHODISTS WILL BE CALLED UPON TO SUPPORT.

**INTER-AGENCY COMMISSION ON CULTIVATION,
PROMOTION AND PUBLICATION**

**THERE SHALL BE AN INTER-AGENCY COMMISSION
ON CULTIVATION, PROMOTION AND PUBLICATION**

WHOSE FUNCTION SHALL BE TO ACT AS THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE FOLLOWING:

COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION
RADIO AND FILM COMMISSION

COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RELATIONS AND METH-
ODIST INFORMATION

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

THE INTER-AGENCY COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS FUNCTION OF CO-ORDINATING THE WORK OF THE AGENCIES WHICH IT REPRESENTS SHALL SEE THAT PLANS AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO CULTIVATION, PROMOTION, FILMS, RADIO, TELEVISION, PUBLIC RELATIONS, METHODIST INFORMATION AND PUBLISHING DO NOT OVERLAP OR DUPLICATE. ANY QUESTIONS OF OVERLAPPING OR DUPLICATION WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY THE INTER-AGENCY COMMISSION ON CULTIVATION, PROMOTION, AND PUBLICATION SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL. WHEN IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMISSION IT WOULD FACILITATE CO-ORDINATION AMONG ITS AGENCIES, THE COMMISSION MAY AUTHORIZE INTER-BOARD STAFF COMMITTEES.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMISSION ON CULTIVATION, PROMOTION AND PUBLICATION SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FROM ITS RESPECTIVE AGENCIES:

COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION—
FOUR

RADIO AND FILM COMMISSION—TWO

COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RELATIONS AND METH-
ODIST INFORMATION—ONE

BOARD OF PUBLICATION—TWO

IMPLEMENTING THE WORK OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMISSION ON CULTIVATION, PROMOTION AND PUBLICATION THERE SHALL BE A SECRETARIAL COUNCIL, CONSISTING OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, DIRECTOR, OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH CONSTITUENT AGENCY. IT SHALL BE THE FUNCTION OF THIS COUNCIL TO FA-

CILITATE CO-OPERATION AMONG THE AGENCIES IN THE CREATIVE PLANNING OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS AND IN AVOIDING OVERLAPPING OF FUNCTION OR DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITY. THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARIAL COUNCIL SHALL ROTATE ANNUALLY AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

CHAPTER VII

DEPARTMENT OF CULTIVATION AND PUBLICATION

SECTION I. *Organization of the Department*

There shall be a Department of Cultivation and Publication, which shall have responsibility for the cultivation, promotion, and publishing activities of The Methodist Church. This Department shall be responsible for the co-ordination and editing of all materials to be used for cultivation, information, promotion, publicity, and public relations. The Department shall operate through its three constituent Boards, namely: the Board of Cultivation, the Board of Publications, and the Board of The Methodist Publishing House. It shall act as the co-ordinator of the policies and activities of its constituent Boards.

Any questions between its constituent Boards or duplication of activities which cannot be resolved by the Department of Cultivation and Publication shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Any overlapping of functions or duplication of activity between one of its constituent Boards and another Agency of The Methodist Church shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council. Where, in the judgment of the Department it would facilitate co-ordination among its Boards, the Department may authorize Inter-Board Staff Committees. The Department shall also review the Budgets of its Boards and make appropriate Report to the Council on World Service and Finance.

The membership of the Department of Cultivation and Publication shall consist of twenty-one persons, seven from each of the three constituent Boards. Of these seven, one shall be a Bishop. He and the other six persons shall be elected by the Board from its own membership without reference to Jurisdictions.

The Department shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the general agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of the members.

The department shall elect a President, a Vice-President, and a Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

There shall be a Departmental Secretarial Council, consisting of the Chairman of the Council of the Board of Cultivation, the Chairman of the Council of Editors of the Board of Publications, and the General Manager of The Methodist Publishing House. It shall be the function of this Council on an informal basis to facilitate co-operation among the Boards and Divisions of the Department and to prevent unnecessary overlapping. The Chairmanship of this Council shall rotate annually among the three members.

SECTION II. *Board of Cultivation*

There shall be a Board of Cultivation which shall have responsibility for editing and preparing devotional literature, promotional

literature, and audio-visual materials and for directing publicity and public relations for The Methodist Church. The Board of Cultivation shall operate through four Divisions: the Division of Devotional Literature; the Division of Promotion; the Division of Films, Radio, and Television; and the Division of Methodist Information and Public Relations.

The Board of Cultivation shall consist of twenty-six persons, selected as follows: two of the four Bishops who are selected by the Council of Bishops to serve on the four subordinate Divisions of the Board shall be designated by the Council of Bishops to serve on the Board of Cultivation. Each of the Divisions shall elect six persons as members of the Board of Cultivation. These members are to be chosen without reference to their Jurisdictions.

The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the general agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

The Board shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and such other officers as are necessary. The recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

The Board of Cultivation shall represent the General Agencies of the Church in promotional and public relations matters. An Associate Secretary for Promotion for the Department of the Local Church, another for the Department of Christian Social Relations, and a third for the Boards of World Missions and of National Missions jointly, shall be elected by the respective Agencies subject to confirmation by the Board of Cultivation. These three Associate Secretaries shall serve on the Staff of the Division of Promotion and shall have such Assisting Staffs as the Division provides. The promotional activities of all the General Agencies of The Methodist Church, except those of the Woman's Board of Christian Service, shall be directed and correlated by the Board of Cultivation through its several Divisions. The Staff personnel of these General Agencies shall provide source material, news items, and other data for the use of the Divisions of the Board. The Woman's Board of Christian Service shall maintain liaison with the Board of Cultivation to co-operate in developing a unified promotional program for The Methodist Church.

The Board has the responsibility for co-ordinating the work of its constituent Divisions and preventing unnecessary duplication in their functioning. Any problems arising between its constituent Divisions or duplication of activities which cannot be resolved by the Board shall be referred to the Department of Cultivation and Publication. Any overlapping of functions or duplication of activity between one of its constituent Divisions and another Agency of The Methodist Church shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council.

The Board shall review and pass upon the Budgets of its four constituent Divisions. Subsequently the divisions shall present their proposed Budgets to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.) The Division of Devotional Literature shall be self-supporting; the other three Divisions shall receive support from World Service Funds.

The Board shall elect an Editor or Director for each Division, except that the Editor of the Division of Devotional Literature shall be elected by the Board of Evangelism and confirmed by the Board of Cultivation. Each of the other three Divisions shall nominate its own Director to the Board of Cultivation. Each Editor or Director shall serve as the administrative officer in charge of that Division.

There shall be a Board Council consisting of the Editor of the Division of Devotional Literature, the Director of the Division of Promotion, the Director of the Division of Radio, Films, and Television, and the Director of the Division of Methodist Information and Public Relations. It shall be the function of this Council on an informal basis to facilitate co-operation between the four Divisions and to prevent unnecessary overlapping. The Chairmanship of the Council shall rotate annually among the Editor and the Directors.

Division of Devotional Literature

There shall be, within the Board of Cultivation, a Division of Devotional Literature, which has the responsibility for the preparation of devotional literature.

The Division shall be composed of one Bishop, selected by the Council of Bishops, six ministers and eight lay persons, at least two of whom shall be women, one lay woman from the Northeastern Jurisdiction, and one from the Southeastern, provided that each Jurisdiction shall be represented by at least one person. They shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops, on the basis of their specialized experience and abilities, and elected by the General Conference. In addition there shall be four members at large, elected by the Division. Of these members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the Central Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the South Central Jurisdiction.

The Division shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the Chairman or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

It shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

¶ 1565, *revise* so as to read:

An Editor, who shall be elected by the Board of Evangelism and confirmed by the Board of Cultivation, shall be the administrative officer of the Division. The responsibility for supervision of the Staff and promotion of the program of the Division rests with the Editor. The Division shall be responsible for editing, printing, and distributing *The Upper Room*, and producing and distributing other devotional literature for the cultivation of the spiritual life.

The Division of Devotional Literature and the Board of Evangelism shall maintain a liaison relationship in the preparation of devotional booklets and study books.

The net income and accumulated assets derived from the publication of *The Upper Room* or other devotional and related literature shall be conserved and used exclusively for preparing and circulating devotional literature, provided, however, that this shall not prevent the setting up of a reserve fund out of such earnings as a protection against unforeseen emergencies.

(*New*) It shall prepare an annual Budget which shall be reviewed by the Board of Cultivation and the Department of Cultivation and Publication and shall file its audited annual financial statements with the Council on World Service and Finance.

Division of Promotion

There shall be within the Board of Cultivation a Division of Promotion which has responsibility for the preparation of printed materials used for promotion and cultivation throughout the Church.

The Division shall be composed of one Bishop, selected by the Council of Bishops, six ministers and eight lay persons, at least two of whom shall be women, one lay woman from the Central Jurisdiction and one from the Western, provided that each Jurisdiction shall be represented by at least one person. They shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops on the basis of their specialized experience and abilities, and elected by the General Conference. In addition, there shall be four members at large, elected by the Division. Of these members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the North Central Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The Executive Secretary of each World Service Agency, one administrative officer from the Woman's Board of Christian Service, and the General Manager of The Methodist Publishing House shall be members, *ex officio*, without vote.

The Division shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the Chairman or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

The Division shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

The Division of Promotion shall nominate to the Board of Cultivation for election a person to serve as Director of the Division with administrative responsibility for supervising its Staff and program.

The functions of the Division of Promotion shall be: preparing printed materials designed for cultivation and promotion of the work of the World Service Agencies of the Church; co-ordinating the issuance of printed matter to avoid duplication and excess; maintaining a complete record and file of pamphlets, booklets, and leaflets as they are issued; encouraging the circulation and sale of promotional printed materials; arranging with The Methodist Publishing House to provide centralized service facilities (separate from Branch Houses) for filling and shipping orders for printed materials and for handling collections from sales; serving as a clearing center for the Church Calendar of meetings; co-operating with General Agencies in arranging their annual meetings; promoting the regular World Service Program, the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, authorized Special Days, and also any special emphasis approved by the General Conference for the quadrennium. It shall maintain one address file to be used for all general mailings to pastors.

Each Board and Division shall have the responsibility for proposing the editorial content of publications to be prepared by the Division of Promotion. The Division of Promotion shall consult the Board or Division regarding proposed writers and projected literature and shall receive editorial approval by the Agency concerned of the content of the educational or promotional literature before its publication.

The Woman's Board of Christian Service shall co-operate with the Division in preparing promotional literature. The editing and promotion of *World Outlook* shall be a joint responsibility of the Division of Promotion and the Woman's Board of Christian Service.

The Division shall also be responsible for planning and editing a monthly periodical for pastors, lay leaders, Church School Superintendents, members of the General Agencies, and other church leaders, which is designed to inform the readers concerning the various interests represented by the General Agencies. This periodical shall contain the program aid promotional materials of the various Boards and Divisions and shall replace such publications as the *Pastor's Journal*, *Christian Education Magazine*, *Shepherds*, *Methodist Layman*, *The Voice*, and *Church School*. Under this procedure direct general mailings to pastors and other church leaders of promotional letters, bulletins and pamphlets from the Departments, Boards, and Divisions of the Church will be unnecessary. However, each World Service Agency shall have a limited budgetary allowance for free printed materials or for financing the preparation of literature for sale. This allowance shall be subject to approval, as part of its total Budget, by the Council on World Service and Finance and the General Conference.

When a World Service Agency is financing literature from its own budget it shall prescribe the content, and shall utilize the services of the Division of Promotion for its preparation, issuance and circulation. Net receipts from the sale of such literature shall accrue to the Budget of the agency concerned.

The Division shall also edit and promote the magazine *motive*, as a publication for students. The Editor of *motive* shall be elected by the Division of General Education of the Board of Educational Institutions and confirmed by the Board of Cultivation.

The Division of Promotion shall be responsible for preparing two Budgets. The one, which shall be known as the General Budget, shall cover expenditures for the headquarters office, the staff, the monthly promotional journal, and related items; this shall be a fixed budget and shall not be on a ratio basis. It shall be prepared for the quadrennium and shall be reviewed and passed upon by the Board of Cultivation and the Department of Cultivation and Publication. Subsequently the Division shall present this General Budget, together with the Special Budget, to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

The second Budget, which shall be known as the Special Budget, shall cover expenditures which have a direct relation to the encouraging of giving for World Service causes. The amount allowed for this Budget shall be fixed for the first year of the quadrennium by the General Conference, but thereafter shall be subject to annual review by the Council on World Service and Finance and may be raised or lowered. The Budgets of the Division of Promotion shall constitute a prior claim on world service funds.

Division of Films, Radio, and Television

There shall be within the Board of Cultivation a Division of Films, Radio, and Television, which has the responsibility for creating and producing audio-visual materials and also for passing upon all audio-visual materials used by General Agencies, from the standpoint of their acceptability for use in the Church.

RADIO AND FILM COMMISSION

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 739.

AMEND PAR. 1144, SEC. 2.

SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

2. THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE CONSTITUTED FROM AND ELECTED BY THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: TWO MEMBERS FROM THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS; THREE MEMBERS FROM THE BOARD OF MISSIONS (INCLUDING THE TWO EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE JOINT SECTION OF EDUCATION AND CULTIVATION AND ONE OTHER ELECTED BY THE BOARD); THREE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; TWO FROM THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE; AND ONE EACH FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM, THE BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES, THE BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES, THE BOARD ON WORLD PEACE, THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE, THE BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INFORMATION, THE BOARD OF PENSIONS, AND THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY; ONE FROM EACH JURISDICTION, ELECTED BY THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS OF THAT JURISDICTION; AND FIVE MEMBERS AT LARGE ELECTED BY THE COMMISSION.

(The Division shall be composed of one Bishop, selected by the Council of Bishops, six ministers and eight lay persons, at least two of whom shall be women, one lay woman from the Central Jurisdiction and one from the Western, provided that each Jurisdiction shall be represented by at least one person. They shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops, on the basis of their specialized experience and abilities, and elected by the General Conference. In addition, there shall be four members at large, elected by the Division. Of these members at large at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the South Central Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the North Central Jurisdiction.)

The Division shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the general agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the Chairman or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

It shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

The Division shall nominate to the Board of Cultivation for election a person to serve as the director in charge of the Division. It shall be his responsibility to supervise the Staff and program of the Division.

The Staff of the Division shall be specialists in creating films and radio and television programs and in the related techniques. The Director shall be in charge of and co-ordinate the editorial preparation and production of all audio-visual materials for the various Boards

of the Church and their subordinate Divisions. He shall also be responsible for passing upon the acceptability of all audio-visual materials which the General Agencies of the Church, including The Methodist Publishing House, propose to use or to release for use by the Church.

The Division shall be supported from World Service Funds and from receipts from rentals and sales of films and other materials. In planning its Budget the Division shall consult with the General Agencies and receive their suggestions concerning materials which should be developed. The Budget shall be reviewed and passed upon by the Board of Cultivation and the Department of Cultivation and Publication. Subsequently the proposed Budget shall be presented to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

The Staff shall co-operate with Inter-Denominational Agencies, including the Central Department of Broadcasting and Films of the National Council of Churches.

¶ 1144, *delete*.

COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RELATIONS AND METHODIST INFORMATION

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 739.

PARAGRAPH 1590

THERE SHALL BE AN AGENCY OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND METHODIST INFORMATION WHICH SHALL GATHER NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST CONCERNING METHODIST ACTIVITIES AND OPINION AND DISSEMINATE IT THROUGH THE SECULAR PRESS, THE RELIGIOUS PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION AND OTHER LEGITIMATE MEDIA OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

THIS AGENCY SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RELATIONS AND METHODIST INFORMATION BUT IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE MEDIA IT SERVES AND WITH THE PUBLIC GENERALLY THE COMMISSION MAY USE SUCH ABBREVIATION OF ITS NAME AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF NINE PERSONS, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE A BISHOP, THE MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE UPON NOMINATION OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS. CARE SHALL BE TAKEN TO NOMINATE PERSONS WHOSE EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC RELATIONS, JOURNALISM, ADVERTISING, RADIO AND TELEVISION, BUSINESS, OR THE CHURCH PARTICULARLY QUALIFIES THEM FOR THIS SERVICE. THE BISHOP WHO SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL ACT AS ITS CHAIRMAN.

THE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO EMPLOY AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WHO MAY BE KNOWN AS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SUCH OTHER PERSONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO ITS PURPOSE.

THE EXPENSE OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE BORNE BY THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND. THE COMMISSION SHALL PRESENT A PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AND ACTION.

THIS COMMISSION SHALL BE THE SOLE GENERAL NEWS-GATHERING AND DISTRIBUTING AGENCY FOR THE METHODIST CHURCH AND ITS GENERAL AGENCIES. THE COMMISSION MAY ARRANGE WITH OTHER GENERAL AGENCIES FOR SOME PERSONS IN THOSE ORGANIZATIONS TO REPRESENT THE COMMISSION IN DIRECT RELEASE OF METHODIST NEWS ITEMS TO THE RELIGIOUS AND/OR SECULAR PRESS, BUT IN THE CASES OF AGENCIES WHICH SUPPORTED A NEWS-GATHERING AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICE DURING 1948-52, THEIR BUDGETS SHALL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THESE BOARDS.

VACANCIES OCCURRING BETWEEN SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SHALL BE FILLED BY THE COMMISSION. MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED.

THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE GENERAL SUPERVISION OVER PLANNING PUBLICITY RELATIONSHIPS AND PROCEDURES FOR MAKING RELEASES THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. IT MAY ENCOURAGE AND WORK WITH AREA AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, MAY ASSIST IN PASTORS SCHOOLS AND CONDUCT SEMINARS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MAY PREPARE INSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR LOCAL CHURCH USE CONCERNING PUBLIC RELATIONS.

THE COMMISSION SHALL MAINTAIN CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EDITORS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

† 1590, *revise* so as to read:

(There shall be a Division of Methodist Information and Public Relations, under the Board of Cultivation. The Division shall be composed of one Bishop, selected by the

Council of Bishops, six ministers, and eight lay persons, at least two of whom shall be women, one lay woman from the Central Jurisdiction and one from the Western, provided that each Jurisdiction shall be represented by at least one person. They shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops, on the basis of their specialized experience and abilities, and elected by the General Conference. In addition, there shall be four members at large, elected by the Division. Of these members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

The Division shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the Chairman or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

The Division shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

The Division shall nominate to the Board of Cultivation for election a person to serve as the Director in charge of the Division. It shall be his responsibility to supervise the Staff and program of the Division.

It shall be the function of this Division to gather news of public interest concerning Methodist activities and opinion and to disseminate it through the secular press, the religious press, radio, and television. This Division shall be the sole general news-gathering and distributing agency for The Methodist Church and its General Agencies.

The Division of Methodist Information and Public Relations may arrange with another General Agency for some person in that organization to represent the Division in direct release of Methodist news items to the religious and/or secular press. However, the Division shall have general supervision over planning publicity relationships and procedures for making releases throughout the Church in the United States. The Division shall work with Area and Annual Conference Directors of Public relations, shall assist in Pastors' Schools with courses in public relations, and shall prepare instruction materials for local church use concerning public relations.

The Division shall maintain a co-operative relationship

with the Editors of the Board of Publications, and assist in the gathering of news for Church periodicals. The Division shall be supported from World Service Funds. It shall prepare a Budget which shall be reviewed and passed upon by the Board of Cultivation and the Department of Cultivation and Publication. Subsequently the proposed Budget shall be presented to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

SECTION II. Board of Publication

There shall be a Board of Publication which shall have the responsibility for the editing of books which are planned for publication by The Methodist Publishing House, except those issued by other agencies of the Church (the Division of Promotion and the Division of Devotional Literature), for editing and preparing Church School publications (as outlined by the Curriculum Committee), and for the editing of official church publications other than *The Upper Room*, *World Outlook*, *motive*, and the promotional periodical issued by the Division of Promotion. The Board shall have under its direction the Book Editor, the Editor of Church School Publications, the Editor of the Periodical for Pastors, and the Editor of the Monthly Magazine for the Christian family.

¶ 1110, *revise* so as to read:

Sec. II—BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 736.

PAR. 1110. THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION SHALL CONSIST OF FORTY-FIVE MEMBERS, TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE BISHOPS SELECTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, NOT ELIGIBLE TO SUCCEED THEMSELVES. THE REMAINING MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES ON A RATIO WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS, BASED ON THE MEMBERSHIPS THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT NO JURISDICTION SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY LESS THAN TWO MEMBERS. MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD SHALL BE EQUALLY DIVIDED, AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, BETWEEN MINISTERS AND LAYMEN, THE BISHOPS BEING COUNTED AMONG THE MINISTERIAL MEMBERS FROM THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THEY SERVE. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION TO INFORM THE VARIOUS JURISDICTIONAL SECRETARIES OF THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED FROM THEIR JURISDICTIONS, THE RATIO OF SUCH REPRESENTATION BEING COMPUTED ON THE BASIS OF THE LATEST OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AVAILABLE. THE TERM

OF OFFICE OF ANY ELECTED MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION SHALL BE LIMITED TO EIGHT YEARS. IN THE FIRST ELECTION ONE-HALF SHALL BE ELECTED FOR ONLY FOUR YEARS, THE OTHER HALF FOR EIGHT YEARS, THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DETERMINING THE TENURE OF OFFICE OF EACH MEMBER ELECTED. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTINUING BOARD, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AT LEAST ONE-HALF THE MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED SHALL BE CHOSEN FROM THE PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION. IN CASE A VACANCY OCCURS BETWEEN SESSIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ANY CAUSE, THE BOARD SHALL FILL THE VACANCY FROM THAT JURISDICTION IN THE REPRESENTATION OF WHICH THE VACANCY OCCURS. THE PUBLISHING AGENTS SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WITHOUT VOTE.

(The Board of Publication shall be constituted as follows: two Bishops, elected by the Council of Bishops, six ministers, and fourteen lay persons, at least two of whom shall be women, one lay woman from the Northeastern Jurisdiction and one from the Southeastern, provided that each Jurisdiction shall be represented by at least one person. They shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops, on the basis of their specialized experience and abilities, and elected by the General Conference. In addition there shall be four members at large, elected by the Board. Of these members at large, at least two shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the Western Jurisdiction, and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Central Jurisdiction.)

¶ 1111, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the Chairman or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

(New) It shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

The Board has the responsibility for supervising and co-ordinating the work of the four Editorial offices (¶ . . .). Any problems arising among them or duplication of activities which cannot be resolved by the Board shall be referred to the Department of Cultivation and Publication. Any overlapping of functions or duplication of activity between one of its Editorial offices and another agency of The Methodist Church shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council.

The Board shall elect the Book Editor, the Editor of the Periodical for Pastors, and the Editor of the Periodical for the Christian Family.

The Board of Christian Education shall elect the Editor of Church School Publications, subject to confirmation by the Board of Publications.

The Board shall supervise the work of the four Editors, each of whom shall be responsible for the selection of his own Staff. This supervisory relationship shall be carried forward in part through four Advisory Committees of not fewer than five persons each, selected by the Board from its own membership, one Committee being assigned to each Editorial function.

The four Editors shall form a Council of Editors for co-operation in their work. The Council shall elect one of its number Chairman. The office shall rotate annually among the Editors.

The Board of Publications shall review the proposed Budgets of the Book Editor, the Editor of Church School Publications, the Editor of the Periodical for Pastors, and the Editor of the Periodical for the Christian Family. The Board shall provide a fund in the annual Budget of the Book Editor to be used by him under special circumstances in underwriting the publication of religious books (see ¶ 1127, below). After this review of the proposed Budgets, the Board shall then recommend the Budgets to the Board of The Methodist Publishing House. The two Boards shall report to the Department of Cultivation and Publication either their concurrence in the Budgets or their differences concerning them. The Budgets proposed then shall be reviewed by the Department of Cultivation and Publication. The Budgets approved by that Department shall become a part of the financial operations of The Methodist Publishing House.

Book Editor

¶ 1127, *revise* so as to read:

The Book Editor, under the direction of the Board of Publications, shall edit or arrange for the editing of books which are planned for publication by The Methodist Publishing House, except those issued by other Agencies of the Church (the Division of Promotion and the Division of Devotional Literature) and the books approved by the Curriculum Committee which shall be edited by the Editor of Church School Publications. In the preparation of general textbooks in the field of Christian education the Book Editor shall consult and collaborate with the Editor of Church School Publications.

He shall work in co-operation with The Methodist Publishing House in ascertaining the need for various types of books and in appraising manuscripts for publication. He shall have joint responsibility with the General Manager of The Methodist Publishing House in passing on book manuscripts considered for publication. He shall also be the Editor in charge of *Religion in Life*.

Generally, no book shall be approved for publication unless both the Book Editor and the General Manager of The Methodist Publishing House consider it advisable. However, if the Book Editor and also his Advisory Committee consider a religious book to be important for publication, and the General Manager does not concur, the Book Editor may draw on the fund provided by the Board of Publications to subsidize such publication. Any profits realized from the sale of the book shall be returned to the fund.

¶ 1128, *delete*.

Church School Publications

¶ 1129, *delete*.

¶ 1130, *revise* so as to read:

The Editor of Church School Publications, under the direction of the Board of Publications, shall have responsibility for editing the Church School literature as outlined by the Curriculum Committee. The Editor shall be elected by the Board of Christian Education, subject to confirmation by the Board of Publication. He shall have a Staff of Associate Editors and writers, who shall be under his appointment. The Staff shall be large enough to permit its members to have field contacts with leaders in Church Schools, so that they may be acquainted with the procedures and needs of local Church Schools and that the Church School materials which they write may have a maximum usefulness in local situations. To this end, the Staff of the Editor of Church School Publications and the Staff of the Board of Christian Education of the Department of the Local Church shall work in close co-operation.

¶ 1131, *revise* so as to read:

The Curriculum Committee shall determine the curriculum of the Church School and outline the body of literature which is to be prepared under the Editor of Church School Publications, including the materials for use by the Methodist Youth Fellowship and Teacher Training Schools. The membership of the Curriculum Committee shall consist of seventeen persons: the Editor of Church School Publications, the Book Editor, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, the General Manager of The Methodist Publishing House, three Bishops, selected by the Council of Bishops, and ten other persons, five of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Publications, and five by the Board of Christian Education. The Committee shall have power to invite other individuals to act as consulting members, without vote. It shall consult the Executive Secretaries of Boards and Directors of Divisions in their respective fields of interest and responsibility as resource persons who may contribute to and participate in the development of program outlines for Church School materials. The expenses of the Curriculum Committee shall be borne jointly by the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Publication.

¶ 1132, *delete*.

¶ 1134, *revise* so as to read:

There shall be one complete co-ordinated system of Church School literature, prepared under the direction of the Editor of Church School literature, as outlined by the Curriculum Committee, and published by The Methodist Publishing House, for the entire Methodist Church. This literature is to be of such type and variety as to meet the needs of all groups of our people.

¶ 1133, *revise* so as to read:

Church School publications shall be manufactured, published, and distributed through The Methodist Publishing House.

¶¶ 1136-37, *delete*.

Official Church Publications

The Board of Publication, subject to the approval of the Department of Cultivation and Publication shall determine the character, policies, and subscription prices of official Church publications (not including *The Upper Room*, *World Outlook*, *motive*, and the promotional monthly edited by the Division of Promotion).

There shall be a monthly periodical designed to serve the professional needs of pastors.

There shall be a general Church periodical for the Christian family, containing religious news and articles in sufficient variety and attractiveness to appeal to all members of the family. The Board of Publications shall determine the name and the frequency of issue of this proposed general Church publication.

For each of these two latter publications the Board of Publications shall elect the Editor and approve the Budget. These Budgets, when reviewed and approved by the Department of Cultivation and Publication, shall become part of the financial operations of The Methodist Publishing House, in accordance with the provisions of ¶ . . (p. 40, col 1, last sub-paragraph).

SECTION IV. Board of The Methodist Publishing House

¶ 1101, no change.

¶ 1102, no change, except to pull up the phrase, "the promotion of Christian education" to line 3, so that the Paragraph will read:

The objects of The Methodist Publishing House shall be: the advancement of the cause of Christianity and the promotion of Christian education by disseminating religious knowledge and useful literary and scientific information in the form of books, tracts, and periodicals; the transaction of any and all business properly connected with the publishing . . . (to end of Paragraph).

¶ 1103, revise so as to read:

The Methodist Publishing House shall be under the direction and control of the Board of The Methodist Publishing House, acting through a General Manager elected by the Board and through such other officers as the Board may find it necessary or expedient to elect.

¶ 1104, no change, except *delete* the words "of Publication" in line 3.

¶ 1105, no change, except *delete* the words "of Publication" in line 11 and *substitute* "of The Methodist Publishing House" in their place.

¶ 1106, as it now appears, except: *delete* "of Publications in line 1; in line 8, *substitute* "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents"; in line 9, *change* "are" to "is"; in line 10, *substitute* "successor" for "successors."

¶ 1107, no change, except *substitute* "The Methodist Publishing House" for "Publication" in line 5.

¶¶ 1108-9, no change.

(New) The operating Budget of The Methodist Publishing House shall be subject to review and approval by the Department of Cultivation and Publication, of which it is a part. When approved, such Budget and the Budgets of the Board of Publications shall become the total operating financial plan for The Methodist Publishing House for the fiscal year.

¶ 1110, revise so as to read:

The Board of The Methodist Publishing House shall be constituted as follows: two Bishops, selected by the Council of Bishops; six ministers and fourteen lay persons, at least two of whom shall be women, one lay woman from the North Central Jurisdiction and one from the

South Central, and provided that each Jurisdiction shall be represented by at least one person. They shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops on the basis of their specialized experience and abilities, and elected by the General Conference. In addition, there shall be four members at large, elected by the Board.

The term of office of the members of the Board shall be eight years, except that in the first election one Bishop shall be selected for four years and one for eight; three ministers and six lay persons shall be elected for four years and three ministers and six lay persons for eight; and, in the first election, the lay woman from the North Central Jurisdiction shall be elected for four years and the one from the South Central Jurisdiction for eight. The General Manager shall be an ex officio member of the Board without vote.

¶ 1111, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of all the general agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the President or on written request of one fifth of its members. At all meetings of the Board a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

¶ 1116, *revise* so as to read:

The members of the Board and all officers elected by it shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified.

¶ 1112, no change.

¶ 1113, *delete* (see ¶ 1119).

¶ 1114, *delete* (covered under Book Editor).

¶ 1115, *delete*.

¶ 1117, *revise* so as to read:

The Board of The Methodist Publishing House shall elect from its membership an Executive Committee of twelve members, including the President of the Board, who shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Not more than three members of the Executive Committee shall be from any one of the six Jurisdictions. In addition, the General Manager shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee without vote. Any vacancy occurring in the membership . . . (to end of Paragraph).

¶ 1118, as it now appears, except: *delete* "of Publication" in lines 2, 3; in line 8, *substitute* "one fifth of the" for "five."

¶ 1119, *revise* so as to read:

The Board of The Methodist Publishing House shall elect, quadrennially, a General Manager and shall fix his salary.

¶ 1120, no change except, in lines 3 and 5, *substitute* "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents."

¶ 1121, no change except, in line 2, *substitute* "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents."

¶ 1122, no change, except, in line 1, *substitute* "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents"; in line 2, *substitute* "officer" for "officers"; and in line 4, "his" for "their."

¶ 1123, no change except, in line 1, *substitute* "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents."

¶ 1124, no change except, in line 1, *substitute* "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents" and, in line 4, *substitute* "he" for "they."

¶ 1125, no change except, in line 1, *substitute* "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents"; in line 3, *substitute* "his" for "their," "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents," and "Treasurer" for "Treasurers," so that the line will read, "his duties as General Manager and as Treasurer of the"; in line 4, *substitute* "his" for "their"; in line 9, *substitute* "Manager's bond" for "agents' bonds"; in line 10, *substitute* "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents" and "Treasurer" for "Treasurers."

¶ 1126, no change, except in lines 2-3, *substitute* "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents."

¶ 1135, no change except, in lines 1-2, *substitute* "The Methodist Publishing House" for "Publication," and "General Manager" for "Publishing Agents."

¶ 1138, no change.

¶ 1142, no change except in line 1, *add* after "The" the words "Board of the" and in line 5 *substitute* "Board" for "Board of Publication."

¶ 1143, no change.

CHAPTER VIII

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Pages 389, 399, 411, 413, 584, 586.

DIVISION (BOARD) OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

SECTION I. *Organization of the DIVISION (Board)*

¶ 1351, *revise* first sub-paragraph (remainder of ¶ 1351 appears below) so as to read:

There shall be a DIVISION (*Board*) of Educational Institutions WITHIN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION which shall have an advisory relationship to the institutions of higher education affiliated with The Methodist Church, Methodist theological schools, in-service training programs for pastors, and organized work for Methodist students at college and university campuses. It shall also have an advisory relationship to the educational institutions, in the United States, its territories, and dependencies, owned or supervised by the several Agencies of The Methodist Church. It shall operate through its two constituent DEPARTMENTS (*Division*): the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of SECONDARY AND HIGHER General Education and the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of Ministerial Education.

DEFER ACTION ON THIS PARAGRAPH (*New*) The membership of the DIVISION (*Board*) of Educational Institutions shall consist of twenty-one persons. Three of these

shall be Bishops, one of whom shall be elected by the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of SECONDARY AND HIGHER (*General*) Education and two by the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of Ministerial Education; the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of SECONDARY AND HIGHER (*General*) Education and the (*Division*) of Ministerial Education shall each elect nine other persons, chosen without reference to Jurisdiction.

DEFER ACTION ON THIS PARAGRAPH: The DIVISION (*Board*) shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

It shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings.

The DIVISION (*Board*) shall elect an Executive Secretary who shall meet with the DIVISION (*Board*), but without vote. He shall be responsible for the supervision of the program of the DIVISION (*Board*) and shall serve as the Director of the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of SECONDARY AND HIGHER (*General*) Education. The DIVISION (*Board*) shall elect, on nomination of the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of SECONDARY AND HIGHER (*General*) Education after consultation with the Executive Secretary, an Associate Director in charge of the work of The Methodist Church with students at college and university campuses. It shall also elect, on nomination of the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of Ministerial Education after consultation with the Executive Secretary, the Director and Associate Director of that DEPARTMENT (*Division*).

¶ 1356, no change. [DELETE except, in line 1, *substitute* DIVISION (*Board*) for DEPARTMENT (*Division*).]

¶ 1358, *revise* so as to read:

No institution hereafter established or acquired shall be aided by the DIVISION (*Board*) or its DEPARTMENTS (*Divisions*) unless the appropriate DEPARTMENTS (*Division*) and the DIVISION (*Board*) shall have been consulted and shall have approved the expenditures involved in the establishment or acquisition of such institution, and the University Senate shall have approved its proposed classification before the project was undertaken.

No institution receiving an annual appropriation from

either DEPARTMENT (*Division*) shall incur debt obligations—bonded or otherwise—for expansion programs without first submitting its proposed plans to the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) and the DIVISION (*Board*) for consideration and counsel. Any such institution failing to observe this regulation relinquishes its right to appropriations until the debt so incurred is liquidated.

In no case shall the DIVISION (*Board*) or its DEPARTMENTS (*Divisions*) aid an institution which announces a change in its classification until the University Senate shall have approved the new classification.

¶ 1359, no change. DELETE except, in line 1, *substitute* DIVISION (*Board*) DEPARTMENT (*Division*).

¶ 1366, no change. DELETE except, in line 3, *substitute* “(*Board*) of Educational Institutions” for “General Board of Education”; and in lines 7 and 9, *substitute* (*Board*) for (*Division*).

¶ 1367, as it now appears, with *addition*: “(subject to the legislation concerning special days, ¶ —).” [Co-ordinating Council, item 4, p. 27.]

¶ 1368, *revise* so as to read:

The DIVISION (*Board*) shall promote and administer the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund and other funds established for the aid of students.

Section II. DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of SECONDARY AND HIGHER (*General*) Education

DEFER ACTION ON THIS PARAGRAPH: The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of SECONDARY AND HIGHER (*General*) Education shall be composed of two Bishops selected by the Council of Bishops, one minister and one lay person from each of the Jurisdictions, and two women, one from the Central Jurisdiction and one from the South Central. All Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition there shall be ten members at large, elected by the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) without reference to Jurisdiction, provided that at least two of these members at large shall be youth under twenty-four years of age, one a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship from the North Central Jurisdiction and one a member of the Methodist Student Movement from the Western Jurisdiction.

DEFER ACTION ON THIS PARAGRAPH: The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) shall convene for its annual meet-

ing at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the Chairman or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION (*It*) shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings. It may divide its membership into two Committees, the one to have primary supervision over the work with institutions of higher education and the other over the work with students at college and university campuses.

The Director of the DEPARTMENT (*Division*), who shall also be the Executive Secretary of the DIVISION (*Board*) of Educational Institutions, shall have the administrative responsibility for the DEPARTMENT (*Division*). He shall have charge of the relationship of the (*Division*) to colleges, universities, and other educational institutions of The Methodist Church except the theological schools. The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) shall nominate, after consultation with the Executive Secretary, for election by the DIVISION (*Board*) an Associate Director whose primary responsibility shall be the work of The Methodist Church for students at college and university campuses, including the Wesley Foundation program. The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) shall elect the Editor of *motive*, [DEFER ACTION on "subject to confirmation by the Board of Cultivation"].

¶ 1353, *revise* so as to read:

The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) shall prepare a Budget for its work which it shall submit to the Board of Educational Institutions AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION to be reviewed and passed upon. Subsequently THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (*it*) shall submit THIS (*its*) proposed Budget AS PART OF ITS TOTAL BUDGET to the Council on World Service and Finance (see ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below). The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) shall disburse such funds as are approved by the BOARD OF EDUCATION (*General Conference*) for the maintenance and promotion of the work committed to it.

¶ 1351, *revise* so as to read:

The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) shall have an advisory relationship to the business and educational management of all universities, colleges, training schools, junior colleges, and secondary schools, in the United States, its territories, and dependencies, affiliated with The Methodist Church and to the Wesley Foundations. This advisory relationship shall

also obtain in connection with the educational institutions which are owned or supervised by General Agencies of The Methodist Church.

The object of this advisory relationship shall be . . . (to end of sub-paragraph).

The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) shall devise ways and means for the aid of such educational institutions; shall receive and disburse funds which may be committed to it or to the DIVISION (*Board*) on its behalf; may serve as a Board of Reference or Arbitration; and may take all necessary measures to protect its investments and to secure or recover or collect any capital funds contributed or expense incurred for any program of such institutions in case they discontinue operation or attempt to sever their relations with The Methodist Church.

The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) May establish and conduct schools in the United States in communities in which facilities for education are not adequately provided. It shall promote the cause of education throughout the Church by collecting and distributing statistics and other information, in co-operation with the (*Division*) of CULTIVATION AND Promotion, by giving counsel concerning the planning of educational buildings and the location and organization of educational institutions. It shall seek to promote the religious training and activities of students at institutions . . . (to end of Paragraph).

¶ 1352, *revise* so as to read:

Subject to the approval of the DIVISION (*Board*), the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) may appoint such Committees as are necessary for the proper discharge of its business.

¶ 1354, as it now appears, except, in line 4, after the word "to" *add* "it or to."

¶ 1355, as it now appears, except *revise* the first sentence to read:

The DEPARTMENT (*Division*), through its officers and Committees, shall provide for . . . (to end of Paragraph).

¶ 1357, no change.

¶ 1360, no change.

¶ 1361, no change, except *add* at end of Paragraph:

The Director of the DEPARTMENT (*Division*) and the Staff engaged in student work shall co-operate with the Executive Secretary of the DIVISION OF THE LOCAL

CHURCH (*Board of Christian Education*) and its Staff for youth work in churches, to the end that there shall be an integrated and correlated program of youth and student work.

¶ 1362, *delete* first sub-paragraph. *Retain* second sub-paragraph as it is.

¶ 1363, no change.

¶ 1364, as it now appears, except *revise* first two sentences to read:

The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) shall administer institutions for Christian education among Negroes, except those institutions owned by other Agencies. The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) shall develop plans by which schools sponsored by it . . . (to end of Paragraph) ; *DELETE also, in line 11, substitute* (DIVISION) *for* (Board); *and, in lines 13-14, delete the words* ("on the recommendation of the Division)."

¶ 1365, *delete*.

(*New*) The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of SECONDARY AND HIGHER (*General*) Education shall be responsible for the Association of Methodist Historical Societies and shall include in its Budget provision for that Association.

Section III. DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of Ministerial Education

¶ 1384, *revise* so as to read:

1384. IN THE DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THERE SHALL BE A DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION WHICH SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE COMPOSED OF 12 PERSONS, 6 BISHOPS, AND 6 MINISTERS, SELECTED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DIVISION. THE DIVISION SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO SELECT 5 ADVISORY MEMBERS FROM THE FACULTIES OF OUR METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS TO ASSIST IN PREPARING THE PRESCRIBED COURSES OF STUDY. THE DIVISION SHALL ALSO HAVE AUTHORITY TO SELECT FROM THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 6 OF ITS MEMBERS AS ADVISORY MEMBERS TO CONSIDER WITH IT THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES, BUT THESE SHALL NOT BE PRESENT WHEN ALLOCATIONS FOR THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

THE DIVISION SHALL ELECT, UPON NOMINATION OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, A DIRECTOR OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION, WHO SHALL SERVE AS A LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN THE DIVISION AND METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS. HE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROMOTION OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH AND MAINTAINING THE RELATIONSHIP WITH AND AMONG METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

THE DIVISION SHALL ELECT A DIRECTOR WHO SHALL HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING, INCLUDING THE SUPERVISION OF THE CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY AND THE PASTORS' SCHOOLS IN ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES AND DEPENDENCIES, AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES.

FOR EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE MINISTRY, ADMISSION ON TRIAL, AND ADMISSION INTO FULL CONNECTION, SEE PARS. 315-48 UNDER PART III, THE MINISTRY.

1385. THE DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE, AS AN ITEM APART FROM ITS OWN BUDGET THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT WHICH SHOULD BE ALLOCATED FOR METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS AND THE "IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM." IT SHALL HAVE THE FURTHER RESPONSIBILITY OF RECOMMENDING TO THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH FUNDS AMONG THE ACCREDITED SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY RELATED TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

1386. THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION SHALL BE SUPPORTED FROM THE GENERAL BENEVOLENCES OF THE CHURCH, THE AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY BODY.

1387. THE DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION SHALL PRESCRIBE THE COURSE OF STUDY TO BE PURSUED BY THOSE APPLYING FOR LICENSE TO PREACH, FOR ORDERS AS LOCAL PREACHERS, AND FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL, RESPECTIVELY; ALSO A COURSE OF STUDY EXTENDING THROUGH FOUR YEARS TO BE PURSUED BY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN

ADMITTED ON TRIAL IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AND A SIMPLIFIED FOUR-YEAR COURSE WHICH, IF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SHALL SO DETERMINE, MAY BE USED FOR THE ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS IN LIEU OF THE REGULAR CONFERENCE COURSE. (SEE COURSE OF STUDY UNDER APPENDIX.) IT SHALL RECOMMEND COURSES OF READING AND ALSO PROVIDE GRADUATE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES OF STUDY FOR PREACHERS WHO HAVE FINISHED THEIR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES OF STUDY.

1388. THE DEPARTMENT INsofar AS IT RELATES TO IN-SERVICE TRAINING, SHALL HAVE A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONFERENCE BOARDS OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS (SEE PARS. 639-42). IT SHALL CO-OPERATE WITH THESE AND OTHER CONFERENCE BOARDS IN ORGANIZING, FINANCING, AND CONDUCTING SHORT-TERM SCHOOLS FOR MINISTERS, WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS *PASTORS' SCHOOLS*. THESE SCHOOLS SHALL PROVIDE INSTRUCTION FOR ALL MINISTERS AND WHERE ADVISABLE SHALL OFFER WORK IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE COURSES OF STUDY FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS.

WITHIN A CONFERENCE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THESE COURSES OF STUDY, WHICH SHALL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE WRITTEN WORK IN ADDITION TO INSTRUCTION IN A PASTORS' SCHOOL, SHALL BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING.

WHERE SO AGREED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARDS INVOLVED, THE SUPERVISION OF THIS WORK MAY BE DELEGATED TO A *CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL*. ALL SUCH CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS SHALL BE RELATED TO ONE OF OUR ESTABLISHED SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY. THE DIRECTOR OF EACH CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL SHALL BE ELECTED QUADRENNIALLY BY THE COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING ON NOMINATION OF THE FACULTY OF THE RELATED SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. THE ASSISTING STAFF SHALL BE CHOSEN BY THE DIRECTOR FROM THE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF THE SCHOOL.

1389. THE DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING, THE INTER-BOARD COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS, AND THE CONFERENCE BOARDS OF

MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS SHALL CO-OPERATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE METHODS OF SELECTIVE RECRUITING FOR THE MINISTRY. THE BOARDS SHALL EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE NUMBERS TO BE ENLISTED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF TRAINED MINISTERS.

THE DEPARTMENT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS, SHALL CONTINUE STUDY ON THE MINISTRY, AND REPORT ON THE SUBJECT TO EACH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Section III DEPARTMENT of Ministerial Education was substituted May 5, 1952, for the following nine paragraphs appearing in italics. See Report No. 6 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, page 1722.

The DEPARTMENT (Division) of Ministerial Education and the theological seminaries of The Methodist Church shall provide for the training of the ministry of the Church.

(New) The DEPARTMENT (Division) shall have an advisory relationship to the theological seminaries in the development of their educational program and in financial support, and shall develop and conduct educational programs for Supply Pastors and for persons engaged in the regular ministry.

(For educational standards for the ministry, Admission on Trial, and Admission into Full Connection, see ¶¶ 315-48, under Part III, The Ministry.)

DEFER ACTION ON THE NEXT TWO PARAGRAPHS (New) The DEPARTMENT (Division) of Ministerial Education shall be composed of four Bishops, selected by the Council of Bishops, one minister and one lay person elected by each Jurisdictional Conference, and ten members at large, elected by the DEPARTMENT (Division) without reference to Jurisdiction, provided that six of the members at large shall be selected from the faculties of our Methodist schools of theology and provided further that at least two members of the DEPARTMENT (Division) shall be women. Members of the theological faculties who are serving as members at large on the DEPARTMENT (Division) of Ministerial Education shall not be present when allocations for theological schools are under consideration.

The DEPARTMENT (Division) shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of

the General Agencies, and at such other times as may be necessary, on the calls of the Chairman or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

It shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, and such other officers as are necessary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings. It may divide its membership into two Committees, the one to have primary supervision over the relationships with theological schools and the other over the program of in-service training for pastors, including the pastors' schools.

¶¶ 1385-86, *delete.*

(New) The DEPARTMENT (Division) shall nominate, after consultation with the Executive Secretary, a Director and Associate Director for election by the DIVISION (Board) of Educational Institutions. The Director, who shall have general oversight of the program for the DEPARTMENT (Division), shall be specifically responsible for maintaining the relationships with and among the Methodist theological schools. The Associate Director shall have primary responsibility for the program of in-service training, including the supervision of the Conference Course of Study and the Pastors' Schools in Annual Conferences in the United States, its territories, and dependencies (see ¶¶ 1169, 1197) and Correspondence Courses. [From ¶ 1386.]

The DEPARTMENT (Division) shall prepare a Budget for its work which it shall submit to the DIVISION (Board) of Educational Institutions AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION to be reviewed and passed upon. Subsequently THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (it) shall submit THIS (its) proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance. (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.) The work of the Division shall be supported from the General Benevolences of the Church.

The DEPARTMENT (Division) shall recommend to the Council on World Service and Finance, as an item apart from its own Budget, the amount of financial support which should be allocated for Methodist theological schools which are approved by the University Senate. It shall have the further responsibility of recommending to the Council on World Service and Finance the distribution of such funds among the several schools.

¶ 1387, no change, except *substitute* "Division" for "Commission" in line 1.

¶ 1388, no change, except *substitute* "Division" for "Com-

mission" in lines 1 and 15, and for "Commission on Ministerial Training" in lines 20-21.

¶ 1389, *revise* so as to read:

The DEPARTMENT (*Division*), the DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH (*Board of Christian Education*), the theological schools, and the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training . . . (to end of sub-paragraph).

The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) in co-operation with the theological . . . (to end of sub-paragraph).

(*New*) The DEPARTMENT (*Division*) of Ministerial Education, in co-operation with the Association of Methodist Theological Schools, shall encourage the development of Courses for the training of Chaplains for Church-related institutions and for prisons, reformatories, hospitals, sanatoriums, and charitable institutions, and shall establish standards of qualification and a procedure for certification to indicate that these standards have been met by candidates for the Chaplaincy.

¶ 1391, as it now appears, except in line 12, *substitute* DEPARTMENT "(*Division*) of Ministerial Education" for DEPARTMENT "(*Division*) of Educational Institutions" and in lines 14-20, *delete* the sentence, "The amount necessary for such support . . . schools of theology."

¶¶ 1392-93, no change.

DELETE. Section IV. University Senate and Section V. Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards. **SEE REPORT NO. 3 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON THE REPORT OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION, PAGE 1705.**

SECTION IV. *University Senate*

¶ 1369, no change.

¶ 1370, no change except, in lines 2-3, *substitute* "Board of Educational Institutions" for "Board of Education"; and in line 8 *substitute* "Board of Educational Institutions" for "General Board of Education."

¶ 1371, no change except, in lines 4-5, *substitute* "Board of Educational Institutions" for "General Board of Education"; and in line 9, *substitute* "Board of Educational Institutions" for "Division of Educational Institutions."

¶ 1372, no change except, in line 5, *substitute* "board" for "division."

¶ 1373, no change except, in lines 5 and 11, *substitute* "Board of Educational Institutions" for "General Board of Education."

¶ 1374, no change except in lines 4, 6 and 7, *substitute* "agency" for "board."

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¶ 1375, no change except, in lines 4 and 11, substitute "Board" for "Division."

¶ 1376, no change except, in line 2, substitute "Board" for "Division."

¶ 1377, no change except, in lines 13, 15, and 21, substitute "Board" for "Division."

¶ 1378, no change except, in lines 1 and 6-7, substitute "Board of Educational Institutions" for "General Board of Education."

¶ 1379, no change except, in lines 4, 9, and 10-11, substitute "Board" for "Division."

SECTION V. Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards

The Board of Educational Institutions, together with the Board of Christian Education, shall maintain a co-ordinate relationship to each Jurisdictional Board of Education, where such is established, and also to each Annual Conference Board of Education. The legislation establishing Jurisdictional Boards of Education is described in ¶¶ 1428-39 and Annual Conference Boards of Education in ¶¶ 1440-54. [Shown following description of Board of Christian Education, pp. 1759-1760.]

CHAPTER IX

BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Adopted May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 584.

SUBSTITUTE FOR PARAGRAPH 1521 OF THE DISCIPLINE THE FOLLOWING:

THERE SHALL BE A BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH WHICH SHALL HAVE AN ADVISORY RELATIONSHIP TO METHODIST PHILANTHROPIC INTERESTS AND INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS HOSPITALS, HOMES FOR THE AGED, HOMES FOR CHILDREN, AND HOMES FOR YOUTH, LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES, AND DEPENDENCIES. THIS ADVISORY RELATIONSHIP SHALL APPLY ALSO TO A HOSPITAL OR HOME WHICH IS OWNED OR SUPERVISED BY ANY AGENCY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES, OR DEPENDENCIES.

THERE SHALL BE A CONSULTATIVE INTER-AGENCY STAFF COMMITTEE BETWEEN THE BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES AND THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, ESTABLISHED BY THE AGENCIES.

(There shall be a Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church as a general advisory and correlating agency for Methodist philanthropic interests and institutions, such as hospitals, homes for the aged, homes for children,

and homes for youth, located in the United States, its territories, and dependencies. This advisory relationship shall apply also to a hospital or home which is owned or supervised by any agency of The Methodist Church in the United States, its territories, or dependencies.)

¶ 1522, no change.

¶ 1523.

SUBSTITUTE FOR PRESENT WORDING OF PARAGRAPH 1523 IN "DISCIPLINE" 1948 THE FOLLOWING:

PARAGRAPH 1523 MANAGEMENT

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BOARD SHALL BE VESTED IN A BOARD OF MANAGERS OF EIGHTEEN, CONSISTING OF TWO BISHOPS ELECTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS; AND ONE MINISTER AND ONE LAY MEMBER FROM EACH JURISDICTION, TO BE ELECTED BY THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE; PROVIDED AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH JURISDICTION SHALL BE AN ACTIVE ADMINISTRATOR OF AN INSTITUTION UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE BOARD; AND FOUR MEMBERS, AT LARGE ELECTED BY THE BOARD.

ALL OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. SHOULD A VACANCY OCCUR AMONG THOSE ELECTED BY THE JURISDICTIONS, THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS WHERE SUCH VACANCY OCCURS SHALL ELECT THE PERSON TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM. ALL OTHER VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED BY THE ELECTING BODY.

(The management of the Board shall be vested in a Board of Managers of twenty-six persons, consisting of two Bishops, selected by the Council of Bishops; one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction, and two women, one from the Central Jurisdiction and one from the Northeastern. These Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition, there shall be ten members at large, elected by the Board, provided that one member from each Jurisdiction shall be an active administrator of an institution under the general supervision of the Board. All of the Board of Managers shall be members of . . . (to end of Paragraph).

¶ 1524, no change, except *delete* "elected by said Board from among the Bishops who are members of the Board of Managers" from lines 2-4.

¶ 1525, § 1, *revise* so as to read:

The Board shall convene **ANNUALLY** (*for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the General Agencies,*) and at such other times as may be necessary, on the call of the President or on the written request of one fifth of its members.

¶ 1525, § 2, no change except *add* "without vote" after the words "ex officio" in line 7.

¶ 1526, no change.

¶ 1527, no change except, in lines 5-6, *insert* "and" between "wills" and "bequests" and *delete* "and from administration of trust funds"; and at end of Paragraph (line 8) *add* a new sentence, **The Board shall prepare its Budget and present it to the Council on World Service and Finance.** (See ¶ 737, §§ 2, 4, p. 45, below.)

¶ 1528, §§ 1, 2, no change.

¶ 1528, *add* new sub-paragraph, as follows:

The Board may recommend the acceptance or rejection by an Annual Conference of property or management responsibility for any hospital or home.

¶ 1528, § 3, *delete*.

¶ 1528, § 4, *revise* so as to read:

As an advisory, standardizing, and educational agency of The Methodist Church, the Board of Hospitals and Homes shall co-operate with the Division of Promotion in preparing interpretative literature . . . (to end of Paragraph).

¶ 1528, §§ 5, 6, no change.

¶ 1529, no change, except *insert* "(see ¶ —)" after "Week" in line 18. [Co-ordinating Council, item 4.]

¶ 1530-33, no change.

¶ 1534, no change except, in line 4, *delete* "To" and *substitute* "It shall"; in line 8, make the sentence read, "It shall co-operate with the Board of Christian Education to encourage Methodist youth who are socially . . . (to end of sentence)"; and *add* new sub-paragraph as follows:

(3) The Personnel Bureau of the Board of Hospitals and Homes shall co-operate with the Personnel Registration Bureau maintained by the Council on World Service and Finance.

¶¶ 1535-36, no change.

¶ 1537, *delete*.

CHAPTER X

OTHER METHODIST AGENCIES

SECTION I. BOARD OF PENSIONS

For the description of the Board of Pensions, its organization and functions, see ¶¶ 1601-60.

SECTION II. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For the description of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, its organization and functions, see ¶¶ 711-17.

TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 739.

PAR. 711, REVISE SO AS TO READ:

THERE SHALL BE A BOARD OF TRUSTEES INCORPORATED UNDER THE NAME OF "THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH." THIS BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THREE MINISTERS AND FOUR LAY PERSONS. THEY SHALL BE NOMINATED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO JURISDICTIONAL MEMBERSHIP BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS AND BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE FOR A TERM OF EIGHT YEARS, EXCEPT AS TO THE FIRST SUCH BOARD, OF WHICH ONE CLERICAL AND TWO LAY MEMBERS THEREOF SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND TWO CLERICAL AND TWO LAY MEMBERS THEREOF SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A TERM OF EIGHT YEARS, AND THEY SHALL SERVE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS . . . (TO END OF PARAGRAPH).

SECTION III. COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 739.

¶ 1595, revise so as to read:

"THERE SHALL BE A COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS, WHICH SHALL REPRESENT THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE PROCUREMENT, ENDORSEMENT, AND GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF ALL METHODIST MINISTERS SERVING AS CHAPLAINS IN THE ARMED FORCES, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND FEDERAL PRISONS. THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE ALSO THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF CHAPLAINS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS (OTHER THAN THOSE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH), AND INDUSTRY. THE COMMISSION SHALL RENDER SUCH OTHER SERVICES TO THESE CHAPLAINS AS MAY BE REFERRED TO IT BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS.

"THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF SIX BISHOPS, ONE FROM EACH JURISDICTION; FIVE MINISTERS AND FIVE LAYMEN, ELECTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ON NOMINATION OF THE COUN-

CIL OF BISHOPS. VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS. A MEMBER BISHOP SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN. THE COMMISSION MAY ELECT ONE ADVISORY MEMBER FROM EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND FROM OTHER FIELDS OF SERVICE WHERE METHODIST CHAPLAINS ARE USED."

(There shall be a Commission on Chaplains, which shall represent The Methodist Church in securing Chaplains for active duty in the armed services and in federal institutions, in granting the required ecclesiastical endorsement, in maintaining contact with such Chaplains, and in rendering such service to them as may be suggested by the Council of Bishops. The duties of the Commission on Chaplains shall include also the general supervision of Chaplains in all branches of the armed services, veterans' hospitals, and all other federal institutions, provided that they serve in a religious capacity.

The Commission on Chaplains shall be composed of three Bishops, one of whom shall serve as Chairman; six ministers and six lay persons (one minister and one lay person being from the Central Jurisdiction); and one advisory member from each branch of the armed services and the Veterans Administration. Members shall be elected by the General Conference, on nomination of the Council of Bishops. Vacancies shall be filled by the Council of Bishops.)

The Commission shall be a World Service Agency, subject to the supervision of the Council on World Service and Finance as to its Budget and financing. In so far as possible its support shall come from the Fellowship of Suffering and Service Fund.

SECTION IV. *Commission on Camp Activities*

(New) There shall be a Commission on Camp Activities to provide for service men and women in military camps. The Commission shall consist of six Bishops named by the Council of Bishops.

This program shall be supported from funds provided by the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. If such funds are either insufficient or discontinued, a request for support for this program may be made to the Council on World Service and Finance. An annual audit of receipts and disbursements shall be made to the Council on World Service and Finance.

CHAPTER XI

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CO-OPERATION

(New) The Methodist Church has historically participated in co-operative activities with other denominations and will continue this practice. To this end the American Bible Society shall be considered a World Service Agency of The Methodist Church and shall receive support in accordance with the recommendation of the Council on World Service and the action of the General Conference. The Council shall name members from The Methodist Church who will serve on the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society.

For the support of Inter-Denominational Agencies such as the Ecumenical Methodist Conference (World Methodist Council), the National Council of Churches, and the World Council of Churches (but not including the American Bible Society, which is a World Service Agency), there shall be a separate fund known as the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund. This Fund shall be kept separate from the regular World Service Fund, but shall be administered by the Council on World Service and Finance. The amount to be raised for this Fund shall be recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance and approved by the General Conference. The Council shall apportion the approved amount to the several Annual Conferences to be raised by them.

The contributions of The Methodist Church for the support of Inter-Denominational Agencies shall consist primarily of allocations determined by the Council on World Service and Finance. Any other support for such Agencies from the Budgets of the Methodist General Agencies shall be carefully considered in the light of the giving of the Church as a whole and shall be reported by the donors to the Council on World Service and Finance. The Council shall obtain from the Inter-Denominational Agencies periodic Reports of receipts from Methodist sources.

Staff representation of a General Agency of The Methodist Church on an Inter-Denominational organization shall be limited to the smallest practicable number. The persons, other than Staff members, selected for Methodist representation on Inter-Denominational Agencies shall be selected by the Council of Bishops.

CHAPTER I

CHURCH PROPERTY

SECTION VII. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

See pages 714, 739, 1474 and 1960 for action on Par. 711.

¶ 711, *revise* so as to read:

There shall be a Board of Trustees incorporated under the name of "The Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church." This Board shall be composed of three ministers and four lay persons. They shall be nominated without reference to Jurisdictional membership by the Council of Bishops and be elected by the General Conference for a term of eight years, except as to the first such board, of which one clerical and two lay members thereof shall be elected for a term of four years, and two clerical and two lay members thereof shall be elected for a term of eight years, and they shall serve until their successors . . . (to end of Paragraph).

¶ 712, as it now appears, except: *delete* the last two sentences; *add* two new sentences at the end of the Paragraph, as follows:

The Board shall have power in its discretion to invest, reinvest, buy, sell, transfer, and convey any and all funds and properties which it may hold in trust, subject always to the terms of the legacy, devise, or donation.

¶ 713, no change except, in lines 10-12, *delete* the words "society, institution, . . . General Conference" and at the end of the Paragraph *add* the sentence: The Board of Trustees is authorized and instructed to turn over any funds which it is holding for a beneficiary which is an Incorporated Agency of The Methodist Church, to the

Board or Agency which is responsible for investing funds for such beneficiary, unless otherwise authorized or directed. *Add* a new subparagraph, as follows:

The Board of Trustees shall present an annual audit and shall report the distributable income from undesignated funds to the Council on World Service and Finance; the Council shall recommend to the General Conference how such income should be distributed.

¶ 714, no change.

¶ 715, no change.

PART V

TEMPORAL ECONOMY

¶ 716, as it now appears, except: *delete* final six words of Paragraph, and *add* the following sentence to the Paragraph: It shall make available to a beneficiary on request the information from the Reports of the auditors relating to the beneficiary.

¶ 717, no change.

CHAPTER II

CHURCH FINANCE

Adopted April 30, 1952. See Journal, Pages 333-336.

(Note: Action on the item of the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund in Pars. 732, 733 and 737-1 below was postponed when action was taken on the Council on World Service and Finance, April 30, 1952. Final action was taken May 2, 1952. See Journal pages 450-454 and 1935. Editor).

¶ 731, no change.

¶ 732, no change except, in line 10, after "episcopal budget" *add* "Inter-Denominational Co-operation Budget"; and, in line 20, after "Episcopal Fund" *add* "Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund."

SECTION I. *Council on World Service and Finance*

¶ 733, *revise* so as to read:

The General Conference at each quadrennial session shall elect a Council on World Service and Finance. This Council shall through its central office receive and disburse in accordance with the directions hereinafter set forth all funds raised throughout the church for (1) the World Service Fund, (2) the General Administration Fund, (3) the Episcopal Fund, (4) the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, and (5) any other Fund or Funds so directed by the proper authority.

¶¶ 734-736, and ¶ 737, § 1, first two sentences only, *delete* here, as material is covered in Part VII, Chap. III.)

¶ 737, § 1, *revise* so as to read:

The Council on World Service and Finance shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference and organized in accordance with the provisions of ¶¶ 1116-1120 (Part VII, Chap. III).

The Council shall submit to each quadrennial session of the General Conference for its action and determination a Budget of annual expense for its own operation and FOR (*that of*) the World Service Agencies for the ensuing quadrennium. The expenses of the Council, including the expense of the Central Office, shall be a first claim against the World Service Fund, the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund, and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, and the total . . . (to end of ¶ 737, § 1).

¶ 737, § 2 (*new*). It shall require annually, or as often as is deemed necessary, statements of proposed Budgets one month in advance of the annual meeting of the Council on World Service and Finance. It shall also require certified public accountant audits annually of all treasuries receiving General Church funds through the Central Treasury. It shall review in each World Service Agency Budget the amount for administration, service, and promotion, with a view to maintaining a proper balance among the various parts of the Budgets.

Budgets are to be submitted by, and World Service allocations are to be made to, the several Divisions within a Board, provided there are such Divisions. In this case, divisional Budgets shall be reviewed by the Board and the Department, if there is a Department, before they are submitted to the Council. Where there are no such Divisions, Budget allocations are to the Boards whether or not they are within Departments; Board Budgets shall be reviewed by the appropriate Department before they are submitted to the Council. Expenses of members of Divisions serving on Boards and Departments shall be borne by the Division. Where there are no Divisions, the Board shall carry the expense for its members at Department meetings.

¶ 737, § 3 (*new*). The Council on World Service and Finance shall withhold approval of any item or items for inclusion in the World Service Budget which in its judgment [~~DELETE~~ (*or that of the Co-ordinating Council*)] represents unnecessary duplication of activities or programs within a World Service Agency or between two or more of them.

¶ 737, § 4 (*revision of old § 2*). It shall recommend to the General Conference for its action and determination a World Service Program outlining the general financial objectives of the Church for the forthcoming quadrennium, and proposing the ratio distribution of World Service Funds among the participating Agencies. It shall indicate the proportion of World Service Funds to be used for administration, service, and promotion. It shall also recommend apportionments to the Annual Conference, subject to the approval of the General Conference.

¶ 737, § 5 (*new*). It shall consult with the Co-ordinating Council and the Council of Bishops relative to the number and timing of all Special Days which are to be observed on a Church-wide basis. After such consultation the Co-ordinating Council shall make appropriate recommendations to the General Conference. Between sessions of the General Conference the Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance may, in an emergency, authorize a financial appeal.

¶ 737, § 6 (*new*). It shall have authority to employ a Comptroller. It shall require World Service Agencies to follow uniform accounting classifications and procedures and to submit a yearly audit following such auditing procedures as the Council may specify. The Council shall have the authority to pass upon the acceptability of any auditing firm proposed by a World Service Agency for handling its yearly audit. All General Agencies of the Church shall observe a uniform fiscal year ending on May 31.

¶ 737, § 7 (*new*). It shall review the investment policies of each World Service Agency with respect to permanent funds and shall require that Christian as well as sound economic principles in the handling of investment funds be observed.

¶ 737, § 8 (*new*). After consultation with the Agency, it shall perform OR ARRANGE FACILITIES FOR HANDLING the treasury functions for any World Service Agency which, [DELETE (*in the judgment of the Council*)], is not large enough to have a full-time Treasurer AND WHOSE FINANCIAL POLICIES ARE NOT APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. [DELETE (See § 10).] THE COST OF SUCH SERVICE SHALL BE CHARGED TO THE AGENCY.

¶ 737, § 9 (*new*). ON THE REQUEST OF A WORLD SERVICE AGENCY it shall hold and invest funds allocated to IT (*any World Service Agency*) when such funds are not intended for current expenditure by that Agency.

[**DELETE** (*This relates to allocations where funds are being "earmarked" for future use for specific causes or are being set up as reserves which are to be applied to projects that are expected to develop later.*) It shall also hold and invest funds for any General Agency which does not have an investment program approved by the Council on World Service and Finance.]

¶ 737, § 10 [**(DELETE (new). Where funds are handled by the Central Treasury for an Agency, the Central Treasury may charge that Agency for the cost of handling those funds.)**]

¶ 737, § 10 (*revision of* ¶ 754). The Council on World Service and Finance is authorized to set up a Committee on Wills, Bequests, and Gifts. This Committee shall take such actions as may be deemed necessary to encourage Methodists to provide for their continued interest in World Service, or in one or more of the World Service Agencies, through bequests and gifts. The income from these sources, where the recipient Agency is not designated, shall be used as determined by the Council on World Service and Finance. The expenses of this Committee shall be a part of the prior claim for promotion of World Service causes.

NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS LIMITING OR SUPERSEDING THE AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO WORLD SERVICE AGENCIES BY PARAGRAPH 744 OF THE 1948 DISCIPLINE.

¶ 737, § 11 (*new*). The Council on World Service and Finance shall receive from the General Agencies their recommendations as to the amount of financial support to be given to Inter-Denominational Agencies, such as the Ecumenical Methodist Conference (World Methodist Council), the National Council of Churches, and the World Council of Churches, but not including the American Bible Society, which is a World Service Agency. After taking into account the financial contributions of the Woman's Board of Christian Service and The Methodist Publishing House to such Inter-Denominational Agencies, it shall recommend to the General Conference for its action the amount to be contributed to such Agencies. The amount determined by the General Conference shall be apportioned to the Annual Conferences as an Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund. Further, the Council on World Service and Finance shall obtain from Inter-Denominational Agencies periodic Reports of receipts from Methodist sources. (Part VII, Chap. XI.)

¶ 737, § 12 (*new*). It shall administer the General Admin-

istration Fund (§§ 757-60), the Episcopal Fund (§§ 761-68), and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund (Part VII, Chap. XI).

§ 737, § 13 (*new*). It shall receive from the Board of Trustees a Report of the distributable income from undesignated funds held by the Board of Trustees, and shall recommend to the General Conference how such income should be distributed.

§ 738, no change, except *substitute* "Council" for "General Commission" and, in lines 9 and 13, after "Episcopal Fund," *add* "Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund."

§§ 739-40, no change, except *substitute* "Council" for "General Commission."

SECTION II. *The World Service Fund*

§ 741, no change except *substitute* "Council" for "General Commission."

§ 742, as it now appears, except: correct name; *substitute* "Boards, Divisions, and other Agencies" for "Boards and Agencies" wherever these words occur; *delete* last five lines of Paragraph.

[**DELETE:** (*New*) *The Council on World Service and Finance may recommend to the General Conference a budgetary ceiling for a World Service Agency which is performing only an administrative and staff service function.*]

(*See Report No. 2 of the Special Committee of Six on the Report of the Survey Commission, page 1701.*)

DEFER CONSIDERATION of next paragraph "Division of Promotion of the Board of Cultivation." For final action see REPORT NO. 2 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SIX ON THE REPORT OF THE SURVEY COMMISSION, Page 333, AND SECTION IV OF REPORT NO. 4 OF THE SAME COMMITTEE, page 570.

The Division of Promotion of the Board of Cultivation is responsible for the promotion of World Service causes. Therefore the Council on World Service and Finance shall recommend to the General Conference a specific amount for the General Budget of this Division and, in addition, a Special Budget for the promotion of World Service causes, with the stipulation that the Special Budget after the first year of the quadrennium shall be subject to annual review and revision by the Council. Each year the amount budgeted shall constitute a prior claim on World Service Funds.

[DELETE: (New) Up to the full amount of the receipts available from the yearly World Service Apportionment, World Service Agencies, with the exception of the Division of Promotion, shall participate in World Service income according to their respective ratios. World Service receipts in excess of the full amount of the yearly Apportionment, at the discretion of the Council on World Service and Finance, may be held as a reserve in whole or in part against a later decline, or may be distributed to those Agencies which are authorized to receive World Service Funds for Benevolence Causes, namely, the Board of World Missions, the Board of National Missions, and the Board of Educational Institutions. Such distribution to each of these Agencies shall be in proportion to their respective ratio participation in World Service Funds after deducting the allocations made for operating Budgets.]

¶¶ 743-44, no change, except correct name and insert "Boards, Divisions, and other Agencies" as in ¶ 742 above.

¶ 745, delete.

¶¶ 746-49, no change, except correct name and insert "Boards, Divisions, and other Agencies" as in ¶ 742 above.

(Delete "Section III" and "Promotion.")

¶ 750, no change.

¶ 751, first sentence, line 1, substitute "Boards, Divisions, and other Agencies" for "boards and agencies"; then add the entire sentence to preceding Paragraph.

¶ 751 (remainder) through ¶ 753, delete.

¶ 754, revised and used above.

¶ 755, no change.

¶¶ 757-70, no change, except substitute "Council on World Service and Finance" (or "Council") for "General Commission on World Service and Finance" (or "Commission") wherever it occurs.

¶ 771, NO CHANGE [DELETE (revise, so as to read)]:

DELETE: The Council on World Service and Finance shall receive from the Co-ordinating Council a Report of its decisions in all cases of unnecessary duplication of activities or lack of correlation in the programs of the several Boards, Divisions, or other Agencies, either within or between such Agencies. In the event that the Agency or Agencies involved have not complied with the decision of the Co-ordinating

Council, the Council on World Service and Finance or its Executive Committee may decline to supply from the World Service Treasury money to continue activities which have been held by the Co-ordinating Council to duplicate each other unnecessarily or which plainly violate the principle of correlation as applied to the total Benevolence Program of the Church.

¶ 772, no change, except correct name and, in line 5, *add* "or Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund" after "Episcopal Fund."

¶¶ 773-74, no change, except correct name.

¶ 777, no change.

¶¶ 778-811, no change, except *substitute* "Council" for "General Commission."

Part VIII

PENSIONS AND PERMANENT FUNDS

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 739.

¶ 1601, no change.

¶ 1602, § 1, *revise* so as to read:

THE BOARD OF PENSIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, HEREINAFTER, FOR THE SAKE OF BREVITY, CALLED THE BOARD, SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ONE BISHOP TO BE ELECTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND ONE MINISTER AND ONE LAYMAN FROM EACH JURISDICTION FOR EVERY 1,000,000 CHURCH MEMBERS IN THE JURISDICTION, OR MAJOR FRACTION OF THAT NUMBER, TO BE ELECTED FOR A TERM OF EIGHT YEARS; *provided*, HOWEVER, THAT THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST ONE MINISTERIAL AND ONE LAY MEMBER FROM EACH JURISDICTION; AND *provided*, FURTHERMORE, THAT AT ITS FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 1952, THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE SHALL ELECT ONE-HALF OF ITS QUOTA OF MEMBERS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS AND ONE-HALF OF ITS QUOTA OF MEMBERS FOR A TERM OF EIGHT YEARS SO THAT THEREAFTER THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE SHALL ELECT ONE-HALF OF ITS QUOTA OF MEMBERS EACH QUADRENNIUM FOR A TERM OF EIGHT YEARS.

IN ADDITION THERE SHALL BE TWO MEMBERS AT

LARGE TO BE ELECTED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE BOARD SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WITHOUT VOTE.

A MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE DURING THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR WHICH HE WAS ELECTED OR UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR SHALL HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED. MEMBERS ELECTED BY A JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE NEED NOT BE DELEGATES TO THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE.

(The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, hereinafter called the Board, shall be composed of two Bishops, selected by the Council of Bishops, one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction, plus one minister and one lay person for each additional million members above the first million members in the Jurisdiction, and, in addition, two laywomen, one from the North Central Jurisdiction and one from the South Central. These Jurisdictional representatives shall be elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition, there shall be six members at large, elected by the Board of Pensions. Members elected by the Jurisdictional Conference need not be delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

The term of office of the members of the Board shall be eight years, except that the members elected in the first election after the General Conference in 1952 shall be divided into two equal classes, the members of one class to be elected for a term of four years and the members of the other class to be elected for a term of eight years, so that thereafter one half of the number of members of the Board shall be elected each quadrennium for a term of eight years. In the first election following the General Conference in 1952, one Bishop shall be elected for a term of four years and one Bishop shall be elected for a term of eight years; one half of the members from each Jurisdiction shall be elected for a term of four years and one half for a term of eight years; one laywoman from the South Central Jurisdiction shall be elected for a term of four years and one laywoman from the North Central Jurisdiction shall be elected for a term of eight years; three members-at-large shall be elected for a term of four years and three members-at-large shall be elected for a term of eight years.

Add: The Executive Secretary (or Secretaries) shall be an ex-officio member of the Board without vote).

¶ 1602, § 2, no change.

¶ 1602, § 3, first sentence, no change. *Revise* second sentence to read: **THE BOARD SHALL MEET ANNUALLY FOR THE REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE WORK COMMITTED TO ITS CARE; *provided, HOWEVER, THAT SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD MAY BE CALLED BY ANY TWO OF THE OFFICERS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1603, SECTION 1. (It shall convene for its annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the General Agencies for the review and consideration of the work committed to its care . . .*** (to end of Paragraph).

¶ 1603, no change except, in lines 6-7, *delete* the sentence, "The Executive Secretaries of the Board shall be members thereof by virtue of their office."

¶¶ 1604-40, no change.

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(PART VII)

Each Paragraph appearing in Part VII (Administrative Agencies, ¶¶ 1101-1595) of the 1948 *Discipline* is accounted for in the following Index, which has been prepared to show the disposition which is proposed for each Paragraph: whether it is to be retained as it is, revised, or deleted. If only the name of an Agency or an office is changed, it is listed as "no change." The Index lists the page on which reference to the Paragraph is made.

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PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL LEGISLATION

The following recommendations to the General Conference if adopted will not become part of the permanent law of the Church and, unless the General Conference so directs, will not be incorporated in the *Discipline*. Each involves the assignment of a specific responsibility or a particular grant of authority to be exercised during the 1952-56 quadrennium.

HARMONIZING OF LEGISLATION

The Book Editor, the Secretary of the General Conference, and the General Manager of The Methodist Publishing House are charged with editing and publishing the *Discipline*. The Editors in the exercise of their judgment shall have authority to make such changes in phraseology as may be necessary to harmonize legislation without changing its substance.

TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The General Board of Education shall turn over to the new Board of Christian Education and the new Board of Educational Institutions existing assets belonging respectively to the Division of the Local Church and the Division of Educational Institutions. For corporate purposes the General Board of Education shall be continued.

INTEGRATION OF TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

The Staffs of the Division of the Local Church and the Board of National Missions shall study, during the 1952-1956 quadrennium, the problems peculiar to the Church in town and country communities, including the distribution of missionary funds and the provision of special educational aids and facilities suitable for the smaller church. They shall work out procedures for integrating the present town and country work of the Board of National Missions and the activities of the Division of the Local Church and shall report their recommendations to their respective Boards. The two Agencies shall make a joint recommendation to the 1956 General Conference of a plan for the placement of responsibility for the carrying on of these functions in an integrated and efficient manner.

CORRELATION OF YOUTH AND STUDENT WORK

The Board of Christian Education and the Board of Educational Institutions shall appoint a Joint Committee, including the Executive Secretaries, composed of an equal number from each Board. They

shall consult with the officers and other representatives of the National Conference of Methodist Youth and shall work out the organizational relationships of that group to the two Boards concerned with youth and student work. This Committee shall also study the needs for publications for youth and student members of the Church, giving particular attention to the possible combining of the magazines which are now being published, *Concern*, *Power*, and *motive*.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE OFFICE FOR THE BOARD OF PENSIONS

The Board of Pensions is hereby directed to merge the two separate offices which have been maintained, into one operating office by the time of the 1956 General Conference, or as soon thereafter as is practical. It shall then function as a single agency, preserving the three present legal corporate entities (The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Illinois; The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Maryland; and The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Missouri) and recognizing all separate pension fund obligations to Annual Conferences.

After the merging of these offices there shall be one and not two Executive Secretaries for the Board of Pensions. Appropriate changes shall be made in the wording of ¶ 1603.

LOCATION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL AGENCIES

The Co-ordinating Council and the Council on World Service and Finance, by majority vote in joint session, shall have the responsibility to approve changes in location of General Agencies during the 1952-1956 quadrennium, to carry out the revised plan of organization adopted by the General Conference, except where the General Conference determines otherwise. The two Councils shall appoint a Joint Committee consisting of seven representatives from the Co-ordinating Council and six from the Council on World Service and Finance to consult with the General Agencies concerned, to study the problem and to report back to the Councils. The two Councils shall meet and act as one body when considering the recommendations of the Joint Committee. They shall present a report regarding the completion of such relocations to the 1956 General Conference.

CONCERNING READJUSTMENT OF ALLOCATIONS TO WORLD SERVICE AGENCIES

The Council on World Service and Finance shall have authority to make any necessary readjustments of budgetary ratios and allowances for the World Service Agencies of the Church in order to allow for changes in functions, transfer of responsibilities, and establishment of new Agencies, required by the adoption, in whole or in part, by the General Conference of the recommendations of the Survey Commission, provided that provisions for such readjustments are not made by specific action of the General Conference itself.

GENERAL ENABLING ACT

Any and all corporations heretofore organized or incorporated under the laws of any State, under or pursuant to authority heretofore granted

by any General Conference of The Methodist Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or the Methodist Protestant Church shall be, and they, and each of them, hereby are authorized and directed to make, or cause to be made, any change or changes, amendment or amendments, in and to their respective Charters, Constitutions, or Articles of Incorporation that may be necessary to conform them to the actions of the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, relating to such corporations, or to any of them, in order that any and all rights, interests, and property of said corporations, or any of them, may be properly safeguarded and preserved.

Additional and specific enabling acts may be presented at the time of the 1952 General Conference, pursuant to and not inconsistent with the recommendations of the Survey Commission, provided that said recommendations are adopted by the General Conference.

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**Report of the
General Commission on World Service and Finance
to the
General Conference of The Methodist Church
1952**

To the General Conference of The Methodist Church:

In accordance with the directives of the *Discipline* and the 1948 General Conference, the General Commission on World Service and Finance submits herewith its Reports.

The Reports of the Commission will be presented in five parts, as follows:

PART I. A statement of the duties committed to the Commission by the General Conference; the functions performed; a listing of the general funds of the Church and receipts of each fund from June 1, 1948 to February 29, 1952, together with a brief statement concerning each fund.

(Corrected by order of the General Conference, to May 31, 1952.)

PART II. Reports of receipts and disbursements for the World Service Fund, the Advance for Christ and His Church Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the General Administration Fund, the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief; and all other financial operations of The Methodist Church for the quadrennium.

PART III. Uniform Annuity Rates. (1948 *Discipline*, Par. 770.)

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PART I

GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

The General Commission on World Service and Finance is an Agency created by and responsible to the General Conference.

The thirty-one members of the Commission are nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. Two ministers and two laymen are elected from each Jurisdiction; seven are chosen at large, two of whom are Bishops.

Primary functions of the General Commission on World Service and Finance include:

(1) Recommendations to the General Conference relative to the General Funds of the Church, and (2) the reception and disbursing of these Funds as authorized by the General Conference.

The 1948 *Discipline* requires the General Commission on World Service and Finance to bring the following recommendations to the General Conference:

1. A Budget of annual expense of the Commission and the Central Office for the ensuing quadrennium. (Paragraph 737.)

2. After consultation with the Council of Bishops and the Council of Secretaries in a special called meeting, the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall submit to each quadrennial session of the General Conference, for its action and determination, a World Service program outlining the general financial objectives of the Church for the forthcoming quadrennium.

3. After diligent and detailed study of the needs of all the general causes or authorized Agencies of the Church asking to be included in the World Service Budget, the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall recommend to the General Conference for its action and determination the amount to be apportioned in the annual World Service Budget for each Board and authorized Agency.

4. A plan and schedule for the distribution of the receipts for the World Service Budget among the several Boards and Agencies. (Paragraph 742.)

5. A Report of the Agency or Agencies desiring to make a general Church-wide appeal for funds and recommendations concerning the same. (Paragraph 743.)

6. A recommendation of the days in connection with the Church-wide observance of which the taking of special offerings shall be authorized. (Paragraph 747.)

7. A statement outlining an equitable schedule of apportionments for distributing the World Service Budget to the several Annual Conferences.

8. A Report to the General Conference of (a) Agencies desiring to be included in the Budget of the General Administration Fund, with recommendations concerning the same, and (b) an annual General Administration Budget, indicating any prior or preferred claims and the plan or ratios for the distribution of the same.

9. A plan for apportioning the General Administration Fund among the several Annual Conferences.

10. A recommendation of (a) the amounts to be fixed as salaries of the effective Bishops; (b) a schedule of such amounts as may be judged adequate to provide for the expense of house, office, and travel; (c) the amounts to be fixed as annual pensions for the support of retired Bishops; and (d) a schedule of allowances for widows and for the support of minor children of deceased Bishops and (e) a total Budget necessary to meet these schedules.

11. An estimate of the percentage of the total ministerial salaries needed to yield an amount equal to the Episcopal Fund Budget.

The General Conference has authorized the General Commission on World Service and Finance to perform the following functions through its Treasurer:

1. The Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall, not less than thirty days prior to the session of each Annual Conference, transmit to the

presiding Bishop thereof, to the Chairman of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, and to the Conference Treasurer a statement of the apportionments to the Conference for the World Service Fund, the General Administration Fund, and the Episcopal Fund.

2. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all Funds remitted to him by the Annual Conference Treasurers and from other sources intended (1) for the World Service Fund, (2) for the General Administration Fund, (3) for the Episcopal Fund, and (4) for any other Fund so directed by the proper authority, and shall disburse the same as authorized by the General Conference and directed by the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

3. The Treasurer shall report annually to the General Commission on World Service and Finance and to the respective Annual Conference Commissions as to all amounts received and disbursed during the year.

4. The Treasurer shall make to each quadrennial session of the General Conference a full Report of the financial transactions of the Commission for the preceding quadrennium.

5. Establish uniform annuity rates.

6. Act as arbiter in all cases of Inter-Board disagreement in financial matters.

7. Consider all complaints from contributors.

DEFINITION OF FUNDS

The World Service Fund

The World Service Fund furnishes the basic support for all the World Service Agencies included in the General Benevolences.

This Fund, after having being apportioned to the Annual Conferences, is combined with the Annual Conference Benevolences and is then called the World Service and Conference Benevolences. The local church contribution is made to "World Service and Conference Benevolences."

The following World Service Boards and Agencies are included in World Service: The Board of Missions and Church Extension, the Board of Education, the Theological Schools, the Commission on Ministerial Training, the Board of Temperance, the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Pensions, the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Evangelism, the Commission on World Peace and the American Bible Society.

The Episcopal Fund

The Episcopal Fund is raised by an apportionment of one and three quarters per cent of the total cash salary of all ministers serving churches. From this fund are paid the salaries, house allowance and travel expense of the Bishops, the pensions of retired Bishops, widows of Bishops and minor children of deceased Bishops.

The General Administration Fund

The General Administration Fund provides for the expense of the General Conference, the Judicial Council, the Statistical office, Methodist Information and of such General Commissions and Committees as are con-

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stituted by the General Conference. It also includes the Methodist co-operation with Inter-Denominational Agencies.

The annual Administration Fund budget for the 1948-52 quadrennium has been—

General Conference Expense	\$157,500.00
Federal Council of Churches	90,000.00
World Council of Churches	35,000.00
Methodist Information	75,000.00
Public Relations Study	60,000.00
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	\$417,500.00

OTHER FUNDS HANDLED BY THE CENTRAL TREASURY

During this quadrennium there has been an almost complete distribution of the Crusade Funds which remained in the Central Treasury at the beginning of the quadrennium.

The Advance for Christ and His Church fund, frequently spoken of as "The Advance Fund" includes the special gifts for the Division of Foreign Missions, the Division of Home Missions and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

The Week of Dedication is a part of the special program of "The Advance" and the money comes from a free will offering taken in the churches on or near the closing Sunday of that week.

The Fellowship of Suffering and Service is the name given to the Communion Day offerings. This fund is divided, 50% for the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, 25% for the Commission on Chaplains, and 25% for the Commission on Camp Activities.

The Committee on Overseas Relief, commonly known as M.C.O.R., is the Methodist overseas relief program. During this past quadrennium it has been particularly active in placing D.P.'s (displaced persons) in this country.

The Commission on Chaplains is the channel through which the Council of Bishops maintains contact with the Armed Forces in the appointment and control of Methodist Chaplains.

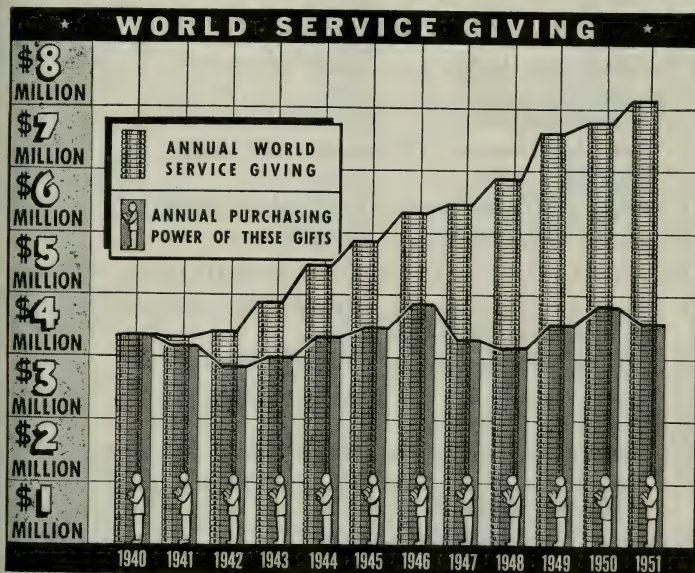
The Commission on Camp Activities furnishes aid to Methodist churches adjacent to military camps.

Flood Relief money has been received as an emergency offering to assist churches destroyed by floods in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri in the summer of 1951.

WORLD SERVICE AND OTHER RECEIPTS

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	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
World Service on Apportionment....	\$ 7,672,359.89	\$ 7,813,597.68	\$ 8,136,170.59	\$ 8,160,279.91
World Service Specials	179,967.12	130,554.70	145,459.86	144,287.27
Total World Service Receipts...	\$ 7,852,327.01	\$ 7,944,152.38	\$ 8,281,630.45	\$ 8,304,567.18
Bisexual Fund	748,874.99	864,054.91	952,358.26	1,012,417.79
General Administration Fund	351,977.80	422,376.27	466,396.40	477,892.12
Crusade for Christ	4,502.25			
Advance for Christ	1,309,813.35	3,233,985.64	4,350,940.92	4,171,801.72
Week of Dedication	788,072.22	743,978.52	917,935.81	661,775.41
Methodist Committee for Overseas				
Relief	469,482.74	215,095.32	163,106.22	158,205.92
Methodist Committee on Camp				
Activities	338.12	323.78	696.30	517.44
Methodist Commission on Chaplains	465.35	358.88	746.17	1,054.32
Fellowship of Suffering and Service...	417,597.80	372,724.03	418,396.37	483,672.58
Flood Relief				214,101.33
Total Receipts	\$11,943,451.63	\$13,797,049.73	\$15,552,206.90	\$15,486,005.81
GRAND TOTAL				\$56,778,714.07



PART II**REPORT OF FUNDS HANDLED BY
THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE
AND FINANCE**

The Reports presented to the 1952 General Conference cover a period of three years and nine months, except as otherwise noted. (The Reports printed in the Journal are for the quadrennium from June 1, 1948, to May 31, 1952. This provision was ordered by the General Conference. See Journal, page 437. Editor.) They are given in the following order:

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13. Advance for Christ—Teaching and Preaching Mission—National Conference on Family Life	1867
14. Receipts and Disbursements for Advance for Christ	1869
15. Advance Specials Fund and Week of Dedication Receipts from Annual Conferences	1870
16. Receipts, Expenses and Disbursements of Week of Dedication ...	1874
17. Receipts, Expenses and Disbursements of Fellowship of Suffering and Service	1874
18. Gammon Theological Seminary Fund	1875
19. Episcopal Secretaries Reserve Pension Fund	1876

WORLD SERVICE
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Quadrennium June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

RECEIPTS

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
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Received by Treasurer	\$ 7,701,565.44	\$ 7,778,785.86	\$ 8,111,646.79	\$ 8,138,011.83
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Direct Receipts by Agencies

Board of Missions and Church Extension	54,392.66	77,655.60	81,257.53	103,791.95
Board of Education	24,392.49	27,821.77	27,346.64	16,184.86
Board of Temperance	45,845.64	38,057.00	40,535.28	26,152.05
Board of Hospitals and Homes	258.05	278.05	317.43	297.09
Board of Lay Activities	790.00	5,189.74	931.50	150.00
Commission on World Peace	5,111.38	2,754.97	1,987.09	508.23
Board of Evangelism	1,722.37	1,175.00	745.00	153.00
American Bible Society	18,248.88	12,434.39	16,863.19	19,318.17
Total Receipts	\$ 7,852,327.01	\$ 7,944,152.38	\$ 8,281,630.45	\$ 8,304,567.18

DISBURSEMENTS*Special Gifts*

Board of Missions and Church Extension	\$ 84,507.23	\$ 40,907.67	\$ 56,834.85	\$ 84,669.78
Board of Education	27,001.47	31,002.97	28,889.64	17,662.55
Theological Schools	2,178.44	587.00	2,383.50	1,362.00
Board of Temperance	46,292.09	38,398.10	40,673.23	26,417.77
Board of Hospitals and Homes	1,003.63	912.51	1,096.74	972.23
Board of Lay Activities	811.00	5,189.74	942.50	155.00
Commission on World Peace	7,996.00	4,770.20	2,890.82	1,038.23
Board of Evangelism	1,756.37	2,325.00	945.00	258.00
American Bible Society	8,420.89	6,461.51	10,803.58	11,751.71
Total	\$ 179,967.12	\$ 130,554.70	\$ 145,459.86	\$ 144,287.27

Fixed Payments

Board of Pensions (Illinois) Deaconess Pension	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Board of Pensions (Illinois)	85,771.00	85,771.00	85,771.00	85,771.00
Board of Pensions (Missouri)	61,880.00	61,880.00	61,880.00	61,880.00
Total	\$ 179,651.00	\$ 179,651.00	\$ 179,651.00	\$ 179,651.00

Preferred Charges

General Commission on World Service and Finance	\$ 8,232.25	\$ 8,842.22	\$ 9,385.16	\$ 15,000.00
Central Receiving Treasury	42,192.58	45,684.72	50,003.75	53,966.29
Cooperative Work of Boards	230,291.93	337,746.82	312,783.43	252,970.83
Total	\$ 280,716.76	\$ 392,273.76	\$ 372,172.34	\$ 321,937.12

Distributed on Ratios

Board of Missions and Church Extension	\$ 5,156,574.37	\$ 5,177,796.14	\$ 5,422,804.73	\$ 5,475,964.63
Board of Education	1,096,222.80	1,100,734.28	1,152,820.79	1,164,121.14
Theological Schools	294,249.28	295,460.26	309,444.95	312,474.62
Commission on Ministerial Training	75,725.92	76,037.57	79,635.65	80,416.28
Board of Temperance	158,663.83	159,316.80	166,855.63	168,491.22
Board of Hospitals and Homes	69,956.32	70,244.23	73,568.16	74,289.31
Board of Lay Activities	118,997.87	119,487.60	125,141.73	126,368.41
Commission on World Peace	64,907.93	65,175.06	68,259.12	68,928.23
Board of Evangelism	86,543.91	86,900.07	91,012.16	91,904.30
American Bible Society	90,149.90	90,520.91	94,804.33	95,733.65
Total	\$ 7,211,992.13	\$ 7,241,672.92	\$ 7,584,347.25	\$ 7,658,691.79
Total Disbursements	\$ 7,852,327.01	\$ 7,944,152.38	\$ 8,281,630.45	\$ 8,340,567.18

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DISTRIBUTION OF WORLD
SERVICE FUNDS TO BOARDS AND AGENCIES OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH**

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952			June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951			June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952			%
	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	%	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952	%	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	%	
Distribution on Ratio	(a) \$ 7,211,992.13	82.5		\$ 7,241,672.92	70.4		\$ 7,584,347.25	63.0		64.9
Fixed Payments	(b) 179,651.00	2.0		179,651.00	1.7		179,651.00	1.5		1.5
Special Gifts and Advance	(c) 1,353,414.89	15.5		2,874,840.50	27.9		4,268,107.56	35.5		33.6
Total	\$ 8,745,058.02			\$ 10,296,164.42			\$ 12,032,105.81			
Board of Missions and Ch. Ext....	(a) \$ 5,156,574.37			\$ 5,177,796.14			\$ 5,422,804.73			
Board of Missions and Ch. Ext....	(c) 1,257,955.00			2,785,193.47			4,179,482.55			
Total	\$ 6,414,529.37	73.4		\$ 7,962,989.61	77.4		\$ 9,602,287.28	79.8		79.5
Board of Education	(a) \$ 1,096,222.80			\$ 1,100,734.28			\$ 1,152,820.79			
Board of Education	(c) 27,001.47			31,002.97			28,889.64			
Total	\$ 1,123,224.27	12.8		\$ 1,131,737.25	11.0		\$ 1,181,710.43	9.8		10.0
Theological Schools	(a) \$ 294,249.28			\$ 295,460.26			\$ 309,444.95			
Theological Schools	(c) 2,178.44			587.00			2,383.50			
Total	\$ 296,427.72	3.4		\$ 296,047.26	2.9		\$ 311,828.45	2.6		2.7
Comm. on Ministerial Training...	(a) \$ 75,725.92	.9		\$ 76,037.57	.7		\$ 79,635.65	.7		.7
Board of Temperance	(a) \$ 158,663.83			\$ 159,316.80			\$ 166,855.63			
Board of Temperance	(c) 46,292.09			38,398.10			40,673.23			
Total	\$ 204,955.92	2.3		\$ 197,714.90	1.9		\$ 207,528.86	1.7		1.6
Board of Hospitals and Homes...	(a) \$ 69,956.32			\$ 70,244.23			\$ 73,568.16			
Board of Hospitals and Homes...	(c) 1,003.63			912.51			1,096.74			
Total	\$ 70,959.95	.8		\$ 71,156.74	.7		\$ 74,664.90	.6		.6

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DISTRIBUTION OF WORLD
SERVICE FUNDS TO BOARDS AND AGENCIES OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH—Continued

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952	%
Board of Lay Activities	\$ 118,997.87	\$ 119,487.60	\$ 125,141.73	\$ 126,368.41	
Board of Lay Activities	811.00	5,189.74	942.50	155.00	
Total	\$ 119,808.87	\$ 124,677.34	\$ 126,084.23	\$ 126,523.41	1.1
Commission on World Peace..... (a)	\$ 64,907.93	\$ 65,175.06	\$ 68,259.12	\$ 68,928.23	
Commission on World Peace..... (c)	7,996.00	4,770.20	2,890.82	1,038.23	
Total	\$ 72,903.93	\$ 69,945.26	\$ 71,149.94	\$ 69,966.46	.6
General Board of Evangelism..... (a)	\$ 86,543.91	\$ 86,900.07	\$ 91,012.16	\$ 91,904.30	
General Board of Evangelism..... (c)	1,756.37	2,325.00	945.00	258.00	
Total	\$ 88,300.28	\$ 89,225.07	\$ 91,957.16	\$ 92,162.30	.8
American Bible Society	\$ 90,149.90	\$ 90,520.91	\$ 94,804.33	\$ 95,733.65	
American Bible Society	8,420.89	6,461.51	10,803.58	11,751.71	
Total	\$ 98,570.79	\$ 96,982.42	\$ 105,607.91	\$ 107,485.36	.9
Deaconess Pension					
Paid Board of Pensions (III.).. (b)	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	.3
Board of Pensions (III.)	\$ 85,771.00	\$ 85,771.00	\$ 85,771.00	\$ 85,771.00	.7
Board of Pensions (Mo.)..... (b)	\$ 61,880.00	\$ 61,880.00	\$ 61,880.00	\$ 61,880.00	.5

PARTICIPATION OF BOARDS IN TOTAL WORLD SERVICE INCOME—1941-52 *

Year	Total	Board of Missions and Church Extension	Board of Education	Theo- logical Schools	Commis- sion on Ministerial Training
1941	\$4,539,953	\$3,112,879 = 68.57%	\$659,738 = 14.53%	\$163,897 = 3.61%	\$40,831 = .90%
1942	4,553,820	3,041,292 = 66.79%	669,796 = 14.71%	168,621 = 3.70%	41,678 = .91%
1943	5,137,246	3,454,665 = 67.24%	752,047 = 14.64%	187,754 = 3.65%	46,599 = .90%
1944	5,898,571	4,037,823 = 68.45%	854,647 = 14.49%	201,640 = 3.42%	52,709 = .89%
1945	6,351,265	4,403,564 = 69.33%	849,450 = 13.37%	226,180 = 3.56%	57,775 = .91%
1946	7,053,858	4,922,820 = 69.79%	936,571 = 13.28%	245,742 = 3.48%	62,912 = .89%
1947	7,547,677	5,239,110 = 69.41%	949,625 = 12.58%	249,932 = 3.31%	64,070 = .85%
1948	7,988,084	5,564,301 = 69.66%	998,778 = 12.50%	263,919 = 3.30%	67,044 = .84%
1949	7,852,327	5,241,081 = 66.75%	1,123,225 = 14.30%	296,427 = 3.78%	75,726 = .96%
1950	7,944,152	5,218,704 = 65.69%	1,131,737 = 14.25%	296,047 = 3.73%	76,038 = .96%
1951	8,281,630	5,479,640 = 66.16%	1,181,710 = 14.27%	311,828 = 3.77%	79,636 = .96%
1952	8,304,567	5,560,634 = 66.96%	1,181,784 = 14.23%	313,837 = 3.78%	80,416 = .97%

Year	Board of Temper- ance	Board of Hospitals and Homes	Board of Lay Activities	Commission on World Peace	Board of Evangelism	American Bible Society
1941	\$123,671 = 2.72%	\$117,790 = 2.59%	\$65,329 = 1.44%	\$32,924 = .73%	\$36,747 = .81%	\$53,806 = 1.19%
1942	126,788 = 2.73%	94,506 = 2.07%	66,684 = 1.46%	38,962 = .86%	37,510 = .82%	58,165 = 1.28%
1943	137,734 = 2.68%	103,583 = 2.70%	74,559 = 1.45%	46,291 = .90%	42,050 = .81%	61,160 = 1.18%
1944	152,237 = 2.58%	106,315 = 1.80%	84,336 = 1.43%	50,836 = .86%	47,440 = .80%	70,530 = 1.20%
1945	161,631 = 2.55%	54,851 = .86%	90,790 = 1.43%	60,397 = .95%	66,145 = 1.04%	79,849 = 1.26%
1946	178,343 = 2.53%	58,507 = .83%	98,861 = 1.40%	82,273 = 1.17%	71,899 = 1.02%	103,213 = 1.46%
1947	214,306 = 2.84%	60,205 = .80%	100,666 = 1.33%	142,352 = 1.89%	87,227 = 1.16%	88,015 = 1.17%
1948	196,930 = 2.46%	62,957 = .79%	105,355 = 1.32%	108,577 = 1.36%	92,707 = 1.16%	86,126 = 1.08%
1949	204,956 = 2.61%	70,960 = .90%	119,809 = 1.53%	72,904 = .93%	88,300 = 1.12%	98,571 = 1.26%
1950	197,715 = 2.49%	71,156 = .90%	124,678 = 1.57%	69,945 = .88%	89,225 = 1.12%	96,982 = 1.22%
1951	207,529 = 2.51%	74,665 = .90%	126,084 = 1.52%	71,150 = .86%	91,957 = 1.11%	105,608 = 1.28%
1952	194,909 = 2.35%	75,262 = .91%	126,523 = 1.52%	69,967 = .84%	92,162 = 1.11%	107,485 = 1.29%

Year	Board of Pensions (Ill.) (Deaconess)	Board of Pensions (Illinois)	Board of Pensions (Missouri)	General Commission on W. S. and F.	Central Receiving Treasury	Co-opera- tive Work of Boards
1941		\$53,080 = 1.17%	\$44,914 = .99%	\$3,250 = .07%	\$31,097 = .68%	
1942		54,181 = 1.19%	45,845 = 1.01%	3,115 = .07%	28,958 = .64%	
1943		60,579 = 1.18%	51,150 = .99%	3,226 = .06%	26,694 = .52%	
1944		61,250 = 1.04%	51,150 = .87%	5,019 = .09%	25,721 = .44%	
1945	\$30,000 = .47%	66,500 = 1.05%	50,000 = .79%	3,559 = .06%	34,814 = .55%	115,760 = 1.82%
1946	30,000 = .43%	66,535 = .94%	50,000 = .71%	5,052 = .07%	37,428 = .53%	103,702 = 1.47%
1947	30,000 = .40%	66,500 = .88%	50,000 = .66%	5,416 = .07%	36,186 = .48%	164,067 = 2.17%
1948	30,000 = .38%	66,500 = .83%	50,000 = .63%	13,870 = .17%	36,936 = .46%	244,084 = 3.06%
1949	32,000 = .41%	85,771 = 1.09%	61,880 = .79%	8,232 = .10%	42,193 = .54%	230,292 = 2.93%
1950	32,000 = .40%	85,771 = 1.08%	61,880 = .78%	8,842 = .11%	45,685 = .57%	337,747 = 4.25%
1951	32,000 = .39%	85,771 = 1.04%	61,880 = .75%	9,385 = .11%	50,004 = .59%	312,783 = 3.78%
1952	32,000 = .39%	85,771 = 1.03%	61,880 = .75%	15,000 = .18%	53,966 = .65%	252,971 = 3.04%

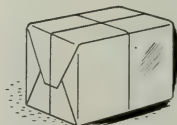
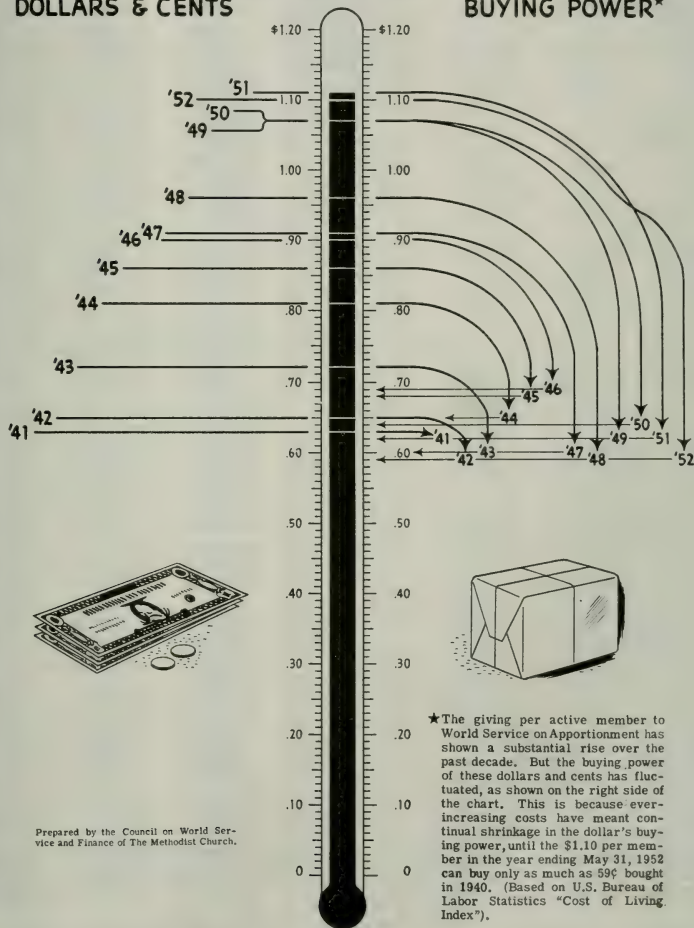
* Includes World Service on Apportionment and World Service Special Gifts but does not include the "Advance for Christ and His Church" funds for the Board of Missions and Church Extension, initiated in 1948-49.

WORLD SERVICE ON APPORTIONMENT GIVING PER ACTIVE MEMBER

Year Ending May 31

DOLLARS & CENTS

BUYING POWER*



Prepared by the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church.

★The giving per active member to World Service on Apportionment has shown a substantial rise over the past decade. But the buying power of these dollars and cents has fluctuated, as shown on the right side of the chart. This is because ever-increasing costs have meant continual shrinkage in the dollar's buying power, until the \$1.10 per member in the year ending May 31, 1952 can buy only as much as 59¢ bought in 1940. (Based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics "Cost of Living Index").

WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS ON APPORTIONMENT

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION.	\$2,246,331.99	\$2,358,654.58	\$2,381,743.96	\$2,450,011.18
BOSTON AREA	165,930.24	170,799.72	172,518.32	176,172.49
Maine	18,900.24	19,283.04	20,512.03	22,114.05
New England	75,176.14	81,561.96	83,676.07	85,637.01
New England Southern	56,515.49	52,147.39	49,778.13	48,378.82
New Hampshire	15,338.37	17,807.33	18,552.09	20,042.61
NEW YORK AREA	428,428.96	457,722.79	465,725.51	486,190.00
Newark	120,992.28	144,443.32	140,220.72	152,402.43
New York	61,186.65	72,284.02	69,993.59	68,154.48
New York East	155,367.00	149,552.32	155,822.27	162,788.27
Troy	90,883.03	91,443.13	99,688.93	102,844.82
PHILADELPHIA AREA	411,004.40	440,906.78	441,104.70	461,609.64
New Jersey	145,877.40	151,496.47	151,329.15	158,525.52
Philadelphia	162,286.71	170,045.84	173,089.80	181,181.36
Wyoming	102,840.29	119,364.47	116,685.75	121,902.76
PITTSBURGH AREA	428,892.54	470,746.96	471,445.25	470,309.47
Erie	110,422.52	159,002.54	159,868.17	142,082.17
Pittsburgh	181,899.79	192,607.00	180,493.68	197,173.50
West Virginia	136,570.23	119,137.42	131,083.40	131,053.80
SYRACUSE AREA	293,210.81	295,542.00	299,306.07	304,437.64
Central New York	122,091.80	125,541.14	127,290.70	123,917.55
Genesee	124,776.57	124,232.26	126,225.30	132,451.50
Northern New York	46,342.44	45,768.60	45,790.07	48,068.59
WASHINGTON AREA	518,865.04	522,936.33	531,644.11	551,291.94
Baltimore	263,903.35	267,119.00	266,138.64	272,858.04
Central Pennsylvania	166,797.94	166,791.33	172,717.62	184,664.65
Peninsula	87,212.75	86,767.00	90,246.85	91,128.25
Puerto Rico Provisional	951.00	2,259.00	2,541.00	2,641.00
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION.	\$1,361,199.26	\$1,437,297.59	\$1,526,750.49	1,481,393.82
ATLANTA AREA	210,736.37	203,574.92	222,990.39	215,293.67
North Georgia	111,500.50	103,514.99	122,801.39	115,104.67
South Georgia	99,235.87	100,059.93	100,189.00	100,189.00
BIRMINGHAM AREA	117,876.01	129,988.58	138,622.36	130,304.52
Alabama	43,971.20	46,460.10	45,336.00	45,852.44
North Alabama	73,904.81	83,528.48	93,286.36	84,452.08
CHARLOTTE AREA	227,530.54	265,428.25	262,113.75	273,778.75
South Carolina	97,510.25	116,327.42	116,632.84	118,836.72
Western North Carolina	130,020.29	149,100.83	145,480.91	154,942.03
JACKSON AREA	78,584.63	79,492.55	95,995.01	77,630.74
Mississippi	40,855.44	39,179.06	50,257.69	35,941.18
North Mississippi	37,729.19	40,313.49	45,737.32	41,689.56
JACKSONVILLE AREA	125,213.94	124,768.78	127,211.60	128,118.16
Cuba	234.72	354.87	193.09	536.45
Florida	124,979.22	124,413.91	127,018.51	*127,581.71
LOUISVILLE AREA	149,092.60	144,061.62	182,306.05	168,331.42
Kentucky	37,907.35	43,226.32	44,088.93	47,054.66
Louisville	35,603.21	44,448.60	43,333.26	46,191.40
Memphis	75,582.04	56,386.70	94,883.86	75,085.36
NASHVILLE AREA	164,802.65	190,254.48	198,773.91	191,796.47
Holston	105,536.50	121,974.00	128,609.75	123,642.62
Tennessee	59,266.15	68,280.48	70,164.16	68,153.85
RICHMOND AREA	287,362.52	299,728.41	298,737.42	296,140.09
North Carolina	68,428.52	77,990.52	79,823.80	79,901.30
Virginia	218,934.00	221,737.89	218,913.62	216,238.79

* Florida (SEJ) has been credited with \$3,710.00 in error. This amount will be transferred to Florida (CJ) in June, 1952.

WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS ON APPORTIONMENT

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951. to May 31, 1952
CENTRAL JURISDICTION	\$ 149,701.08	\$ 143,761.24	\$ 136,288.58	\$ 129,208.40
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	31,470.49	29,519.20	27,253.74	30,258.89
Atlanta	8,251.44	5,569.85	4,494.73	4,867.26
Central Alabama	5,068.05	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
Florida	3,535.00	2,870.00	309.16	*3,243.00
Savannah	3,189.00	2,905.00	2,613.00	3,951.30
South Carolina	9,200.00	10,873.35	12,664.85	11,304.33
South Florida	2,227.00	2,301.00	2,172.00	2,893.00
BALTIMORE AREA	52,081.10	48,331.77	50,262.99	50,515.01
Delaware	21,118.50	20,608.00	22,475.45	22,839.60
East Tennessee	3,699.90	3,140.77	3,207.00	3,006.00
North Carolina	8,619.00	8,645.00	8,642.00	8,619.00
Washington	18,643.70	15,938.00	15,938.54	16,050.41
NEW ORLEANS AREA	48,117.91	41,391.27	37,517.55	17,010.88
Louisiana	14,547.82	9,416.77	9,258.75	14.80
Mississippi	8,368.95	8,003.18	7,996.08	7,996.08
Texas	9,257.82	9,230.32	9,230.32	4,000.00
Upper Mississippi	6,713.00	5,508.00	5,510.00	
West Texas	9,230.32	9,233.00	5,522.40	5,000.00
SAINT LOUIS AREA	18,031.58	24,519.00	21,254.30	31,423.62
Central West	6,005.32	9,441.00	7,937.30	14,369.67
Lexington	9,323.16	10,662.00	10,582.00	13,205.00
Southwest	705.00	1,816.00	1,220.00	1,547.95
Tennessee	1,998.10	2,600.00	1,515.00	2,301.00
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION	\$2,437,370.12	\$2,374,723.34	\$2,535,084.38	2,519,088.16
CHICAGO AREA	509,279.06	447,134.19	500,081.19	477,975.09
Illinois	227,204.05	193,901.78	221,893.60	204,368.97
Rock River	202,741.54	176,428.87	178,629.53	179,837.00
Southern Illinois	79,333.47	76,803.54	99,558.06	93,769.12
DES MOINES AREA	225,635.06	255,767.68	260,981.84	275,484.47
Iowa-Des Moines	120,181.75	126,048.00	129,877.88	141,782.27
North Iowa	105,453.31	129,719.68	131,103.96	133,702.20
DETROIT AREA	308,869.47	297,493.30	313,560.64	323,887.51
Detroit	189,773.89	190,180.52	194,333.68	200,872.25
Michigan	119,095.58	107,312.78	119,226.96	123,015.26
INDIANA AREA	480,892.18	475,768.79	475,329.28	479,500.32
Indiana	166,476.45	167,199.50	169,883.46	167,458.10
North Indiana	224,955.27	212,374.64	208,343.88	213,563.52
Northwest Indiana	89,460.46	96,194.65	97,101.94	98,478.70
OHIO AREA	603,621.44	596,786.08	672,223.90	643,952.50
North-East Ohio	306,406.20	249,847.73	365,734.92	336,032.40
Ohio	291,215.24	346,938.35	306,498.98	307,920.10
SAINT PAUL AREA	190,477.66	190,113.64	182,761.61	194,323.79
Dakota	29,981.00	26,187.30	24,315.80	34,550.51
Minnesota	138,083.16	137,393.34	137,266.51	137,856.30
North Dakota	22,383.50	26,533.00	21,179.30	21,916.98
WISCONSIN AREA	118,625.25	111,659.66	130,145.92	123,964.48
West Wisconsin	41,308.25	35,495.63	41,323.00	41,324.03
Wisconsin	77,317.00	76,164.03	88,822.92	82,640.45
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION	\$ 920,792.69	\$ 949,893.16	\$ 986,269.11	\$ 995,332.43
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	150,341.56	141,075.28	178,110.07	174,002.40
Little Rock	52,488.63	42,950.27	69,660.79	59,162.48

* Florida (CJ) should be credited with \$3,710.00 more than figure shown. Adjustment will be made in June, 1952.

WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS ON APPORTIONMENT

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
Louisiana	47,860.95	44,395.24	53,505.76	57,368.62
North Arkansas	49,991.98	53,729.77	54,943.52	57,491.30
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	168,664.00	181,785.58	176,473.38	180,464.55
Central Texas	45,920.50	49,208.00	41,701.65	46,626.13
North Texas	53,428.23	63,042.12	65,345.00	65,376.46
Northwest Texas	69,315.27	69,535.46	69,426.73	68,462.00
HOUSTON AREA	187,053.41	187,072.17	188,479.87	186,954.04
Rio Grande	5,011.00	5,021.00	5,026.00	5,011.00
Southwest Texas	77,116.72	77,218.67	78,693.50	77,122.78
Texas	104,925.69	104,832.50	104,760.37	104,820.26
KANSAS-NEBRASKA AREA	227,023.89	240,760.85	244,997.14	257,828.14
Central Kansas	80,387.86	94,313.19	95,130.90	100,744.64
Kansas	63,424.00	64,685.29	66,237.00	64,316.12
Nebraska	83,212.03	81,762.37	83,629.24	92,767.38
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	103,709.86	105,566.31	105,507.55	103,755.45
East Oklahoma	24,635.30	26,700.85	26,394.01	24,621.20
Indian Mission	399.50	682.63	984.97	616.58
New Mexico	31,081.48	30,790.41	30,644.14	30,661.42
West Oklahoma	47,592.95	47,392.42	47,484.43	47,856.25
SAINT LOUIS AREA	84,000.60	93,632.97	92,701.10	92,307.81
Missouri	19,234.86	21,154.93	23,893.53	21,271.34
St. Louis	37,079.45	45,550.63	41,446.57	44,372.58
Southwest Missouri	27,686.29	26,927.41	27,361.00	26,663.89
WESTERN JURISDICTION	\$ 552,695.92	\$ 547,161.48	\$ 564,213.12	584,378.84
DENVER AREA	111,350.91	105,563.22	103,178.10	104,095.62
Colorado	63,828.76	60,793.18	58,433.52	65,534.85
Montana	32,461.99	30,442.99	30,591.89	23,177.67
Wyoming State	15,060.16	14,327.05	14,152.69	15,383.10
LOS ANGELES AREA	212,245.81	209,345.56	211,144.91	211,595.81
Hawaii Mission	3,753.16	1,313.48	2,966.17	3,221.98
Latin American Provisional	1,331.45	1,166.08	1,250.58	1,390.03
Southern California-Arizona	207,161.20	206,866.00	206,928.16	206,983.80
PORTLAND AREA	147,111.63	144,238.66	155,417.61	164,572.57
Alaska Mission	899.00	1,208.51	1,240.04	2,048.50
Idaho	17,777.80	10,570.51	17,142.91	20,025.32
Oregon	49,682.45	54,804.00	59,020.00	56,740.00
Pacific Northwest	78,752.38	77,655.64	78,014.66	85,758.75
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	81,987.57	88,014.04	94,472.50	104,114.84
California-Nevada	78,119.49	84,182.60	90,178.44	100,030.80
California-Oriental Provisional	687.00	687.00	696.60	687.00
Pacific Japanese Provisional	3,181.08	3,144.44	3,597.46	3,397.04
MISCELLANEOUS	4,268.83	2,106.29	5,820.95	867.08
RECAPITULATION				
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$2,246,331.99	\$2,358,654.58	\$2,381,743.96	\$2,450,011.18
Southeastern Jurisdiction	1,361,199.26	1,437,297.59	1,526,750.49	1,481,393.82
Central Jurisdiction	149,701.08	143,761.24	136,288.58	129,208.40
North Central Jurisdiction	2,437,370.12	2,374,723.34	2,535,084.38	2,519,088.16
South Central Jurisdiction	920,792.60	949,893.16	986,269.11	995,332.43
Western Jurisdiction	552,695.92	547,161.48	564,213.12	584,378.84
Miscellaneous	4,268.83	2,106.29	5,820.95	867.08
WHOLE CHURCH	\$7,672,359.89	\$7,813,597.68	\$8,136,170.59	\$8,160,279.91

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

RECEIPTS

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
Income from Bonds	\$ 20,089.30	\$ 17,181.90	\$ 15,520.34	\$ 16,791.00
Receipts from Church	748,874.99	864,054.91	952,358.26	1,012,417.79
Total Receipts	\$ 768,964.29	\$ 881,236.81	\$ 967,878.60	\$ 1,029,208.86
Balance Forward June 1	1,303,557.45	1,182,333.85	1,128,496.31	1,201,413.22
Totals	\$ 2,072,521.74	\$ 2,063,570.66	\$ 2,096,374.91	\$ 2,230,622.08

EXPENSES

SUPPORT OF BISHOPS

Salaries—Effective Bishops	\$ 344,625.00	\$ 342,000.00	\$ 342,000.00	\$ 342,000.00
Episcopal Residence Maintenance ..	68,343.31	69,460.40	69,603.40	67,798.32
Maintenance of Bishops' Offices ..	95,066.17	97,699.92	97,896.02	97,653.12
Travel Expenses, Postage and Tele- grams	88,283.84	80,264.49	96,145.17	104,003.94
Bishops' Retirement Allowances ..	65,700.00	62,700.00	57,600.00	55,500.00
Allowances for Bishops' Widows ..	56,634.84	55,734.84	52,934.84	48,559.84
Payments to Families Account of Bishops' Death	2,700.00	1,875.00	900.00	1,700.00
Grants-in-Aid to Central Conference	114,002.83	103,464.21	122,492.93	116,699.58
Travel Expense for Central Confer- ence Bishops' Wives and Children			1,633.76	631.87
Central Conference Bishops' Travel to Council of Bishops	13,536.65	3,520.72	7,276.72	15,222.37
Travel—Bishops Affiliated Autonomous Methodist				4,156.10
Overseas Travel Authorized by General Conference			19,242.78	10,118.94
Special Travel Authorized by Council of Bishops	11,927.06	11,147.89	409.51	2,990.15
Moving Expenses	16,584.29	262.74	4,841.35	1,127.36
Totals	\$ 877,403.99	\$ 828,130.21	\$ 872,976.48	\$ 868,161.59

COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

Secretarial Expenses	\$ 1,624.07	\$ 1,404.33	\$ 1,654.60	\$ 3,453.77
Official Forms and Supplies	781.88	668.90	725.09	487.21
Transportation Bureau	3,081.00	2,996.64	3,369.68	3,375.92
General Expenses	578.85	165.81	4,800.46	1,555.38
Sec'y Pension Plan	1,138.94	3,365.47	2,640.37	2,467.62
Sec'y Pension Fund Reserve		91,476.14		
Totals	\$ 7,204.74	\$ 100,077.29	\$ 13,190.20	\$ 11,339.90

MISCELLANEOUS

Printing and Supplies	\$ 219.40	\$ 411.36	\$ 510.68	
Postage and Telegrams	160.48	122.34	866.57	\$ 132.01
Share of Central Treasury Expense	4,924.28	6,033.15	7,017.76	8,555.54
Audit	275.00	300.00	400.00	500.00
Totals	\$ 5,579.16	\$ 6,866.85	\$ 8,795.01	\$ 9,187.55
Total Expenses	\$ 890,187.89	\$ 935,074.35	\$ 894,961.69	\$ 888,689.04
Balance in Treasury May 31 ..	1,182,333.85	1,128,496.31	1,201,413.22	1,341,933.04
Cash in Bank and in Transit	\$ 229,333.85	\$ 305,496.31	\$ 378,413.22	\$ 468,160.96
Securities	953,000.00	823,000.00	823,000.00	873,772.08
Totals	\$ 1,182,333.85	\$ 1,128,496.31	\$ 1,201,413.22	\$ 1,341,933.04

EPISCOPAL FUND RECEIPTS
JUNE 1, 1948 TO MAY 31, 1952

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
NORTHEASTERN JURIS.	\$159,278.63	\$186,096.23	\$193,349.59	\$206,739.96
BOSTON AREA	15,120.62	17,666.11	18,702.61	18,619.29
Maine	3,280.56	3,266.33	3,806.39	4,150.73
New England	6,346.87	7,404.75	7,734.25	8,119.85
New England Southern	3,676.05	4,448.80	4,611.95	4,581.36
New Hampshire	1,817.14	2,546.23	2,550.02	1,767.35
NEW YORK AREA	34,254.39	36,563.21	38,269.64	43,769.23
Newark	8,620.75	9,543.00	9,246.66	12,053.34
New York	7,564.95	7,910.62	8,136.40	8,861.04
New York East	10,025.43	10,234.13	11,772.00	13,103.00
Troy	8,043.26	8,875.46	9,114.58	9,751.85
PHILADELPHIA AREA	27,136.98	32,476.46	33,372.96	37,082.25
New Jersey	9,440.38	11,554.96	11,345.96	13,314.50
Philadelphia	11,335.60	13,391.50	14,164.00	15,093.00
Wyoming	6,361.00	7,530.00	7,863.00	8,674.75
PITTSBURGH AREA	35,417.82	42,761.23	44,218.68	45,765.95
Erie	5,989.00	8,307.88	8,889.56	8,925.86
Pittsburgh	12,410.96	15,371.45	15,116.78	15,275.38
West Virginia	17,017.96	19,081.90	20,212.34	21,564.71
SYRACUSE AREA	17,545.00	21,308.75	22,163.50	22,660.00
Central New York	6,177.00	7,377.00	7,658.00	7,992.00
Genesee	6,943.00	8,557.00	9,098.00	9,405.00
Northern New York	4,425.00	5,374.75	5,407.50	5,263.00
WASHINGTON AREA	29,803.82	35,320.47	36,622.20	38,843.24
Baltimore	13,532.48	15,964.16	16,543.91	17,586.80
Central Pennsylvania	8,102.34	9,777.31	10,100.29	10,684.44
Peninsula	8,039.00	9,339.00	9,648.00	10,180.00
Puerto Rico Provisional	130.00	240.00	330.00	392.00
SOUTHEASTERN JURIS.	\$193,801.06	\$208,721.06	\$233,283.04	\$253,297.60
ATLANTA AREA	23,552.86	25,630.81	26,556.76	33,196.65
North Georgia	13,324.25	14,200.41	16,499.84	17,992.22
South Georgia	10,228.61	11,430.40	10,056.92	15,204.43
BIRMINGHAM AREA	22,680.24	24,941.47	30,629.92	30,664.84
Alabama	8,711.93	9,435.85	13,769.44	12,449.50
North Alabama	13,968.31	15,505.62	16,860.48	18,215.34
CHARLOTTE AREA	36,351.66	37,983.23	40,896.00	45,670.37
South Carolina	17,594.89	16,391.35	17,768.53	20,230.34
Western North Carolina	18,756.77	21,591.88	23,127.47	25,440.03
JACKSON AREA	13,017.34	16,929.05	19,875.64	18,332.13
Mississippi	7,041.29	9,618.01	10,848.24	9,971.63
North Mississippi	5,976.05	7,311.04	9,027.40	8,360.50
JACKSONVILLE AREA	13,220.70	16,374.12	17,815.50	19,211.88
Cuba	83.05	97.10	106.55	106.52
Florida	13,137.65	16,277.02	17,708.95	19,105.36
LOUISVILLE AREA	22,996.25	25,665.10	30,799.02	32,529.41
Kentucky	7,042.08	8,321.64	8,404.67	9,477.34
Louisville	6,937.25	7,893.44	8,250.92	10,095.10
Memphis	9,016.92	8,450.02	14,143.43	12,956.97
NASHVILLE AREA	28,200.82	24,371.58	26,606.92	28,891.72
Holston	20,005.75	15,854.54	16,779.52	18,946.93
Tennessee	8,195.07	8,517.04	9,827.40	9,944.79
RICHMOND AREA	33,781.19	37,825.70	40,103.28	44,800.60
North Carolina	11,785.19	14,066.68	14,616.30	17,030.19
Virginia	21,996.00	23,759.02	25,486.98	27,770.41

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	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
CENTRAL JURIS.	\$ 22,897.81	\$ 24,858.47	\$ 25,948.23	\$ 22,962.78
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	2,188.63	6,216.75	5,708.01	5,944.25
Atlanta	1,002.63	786.50	812.68	844.45
Central Alabama		700.00	1,000.00	700.00
Florida	296.00	451.00	526.00	
Savannah	519.00	462.00	762.00	652.00
South Carolina		3,420.00	2,346.53	3,317.00
South Florida	371.00	397.25	260.80	430.80
BALTIMORE AREA	9,517.14	9,204.00	10,763.77	10,993.97
Delaware	3,938.00	4,436.00	4,683.00	5,006.00
East Tennessee	600.00	500.00	650.00	560.00
North Carolina	1,314.00	548.00	1,730.00	605.50
Washington	3,665.14	3,720.00	3,700.77	4,822.47
NEW ORLEANS AREA	8,105.54	4,975.93	2,821.14	1,927.56
Louisiana	2,911.72		1,001.33	
Mississippi	1,506.00	712.49	859.79	
Texas	2,118.82	1,234.22	960.02	1,200.00
Upper Mississippi		1,082.22		727.56
West Texas	1,569.00	1,947.00		
SAINT LOUIS AREA	3,086.50	4,461.79	6,655.31	4,097.00
Central West		1,316.29	2,569.31	132.00
Lexington	2,486.00	2,131.50	2,703.00	2,610.00
Southwest	100.50	325.00	433.00	497.00
Tennessee	500.00	689.00	950.00	858.00
NORTH CENTRAL JURIS.	\$178,836.55	\$219,260.81	\$245,276.85	\$249,909.91
CHICAGO AREA	38,980.39	49,297.07	51,499.56	52,615.36
Illinois	12,465.42	23,065.27	21,738.12	23,179.42
Rock River	18,538.00	17,180.00	18,716.00	18,325.00
Southern Illinois	7,976.97	9,051.80	11,045.44	11,110.94
DES MOINES AREA	23,207.94	28,274.67	29,148.73	33,231.79
Iowa-Des Moines	11,148.84	13,403.69	14,138.23	15,163.88
North Iowa	12,059.10	14,870.98	15,010.50	18,067.91
DETROIT AREA	24,204.36	32,406.91	30,648.01	33,764.59
Detroit	17,506.83	18,322.32	18,517.48	19,768.60
Michigan	6,697.53	14,084.59	12,130.53	13,995.99
INDIANA AREA	27,270.60	31,076.02	38,288.00	37,561.19
Indiana	10,155.00	10,151.00	17,293.00	15,582.00
North Indiana	10,310.00	12,508.00	12,289.00	12,836.00
Northwest Indiana	6,805.60	8,417.02	8,706.00	9,143.19
OHIO AREA	37,791.79	52,511.56	53,964.82	55,484.37
North-East Ohio	16,160.90	18,472.36	22,630.21	23,267.92
Ohio	21,630.89	34,039.20	31,334.61	32,216.45
SAINT PAUL AREA	17,028.75	13,837.00	28,471.00	24,104.00
Dakota	3,190.00	3,140.00	7,000.00	6,800.00
Minnesota	11,254.75	6,952.00	18,273.00	13,786.00
North Dakota	2,584.00	3,745.00	3,198.00	3,518.00
WISCONSIN AREA	10,352.72	11,857.58	13,256.73	13,148.61
West Wisconsin	4,748.72	3,745.66	5,505.48	5,814.36
Wisconsin	5,604.00	8,111.92	7,751.25	7,334.25
SOUTH CENTRAL JURIS.	\$146,710.27	\$168,906.33	\$192,045.12	\$211,165.41
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	23,218.81	25,151.34	30,464.52	35,971.38
Little Rock	6,871.45	6,716.61	9,051.24	8,913.56
Louisiana	8,558.04	9,529.61	12,288.96	16,605.63
North Arkansas	7,789.32	8,905.12	9,124.32	10,452.19

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	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	27,435.99	33,681.53	39,677.47	39,410.88
Central Texas	8,818.12	11,962.88	12,247.81	12,634.18
North Texas	8,798.10	10,055.35	14,449.38	12,425.35
Northwest Texas	9,819.77	11,663.30	12,980.28	14,351.35
HOUSTON AREA	26,405.01	25,910.35	32,947.77	35,777.67
Rio Grande	667.61	693.94	1,752.17	.....
Southwest Texas	10,106.65	8,270.19	13,278.49	13,000.00
Texas	15,630.75	16,946.22	17,917.11	22,777.67
KANSAS-NEBRASKA AREA	29,868.59	34,745.41	37,330.18	39,825.82
Central Kansas	11,715.23	13,771.55	14,340.05	15,432.89
Kansas	7,437.23	8,041.72	9,301.58	9,695.69
Nebraska	10,716.13	12,932.14	13,688.55	14,697.24
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	19,563.00	24,352.90	24,609.15	31,111.03
East Oklahoma	6,150.00	9,123.01	6,967.07	11,510.73
Indian Mission . . . . .	.....	140.00	149.70	84.99
New Mexico	4,368.00	5,419.00	5,795.00	6,468.00
West Oklahoma	9,045.00	9,670.89	11,697.38	13,047.31
SAINT LOUIS AREA	20,218.87	25,064.80	27,016.03	29,068.63
Missouri	6,072.21	7,379.05	8,130.92	8,681.88
St. Louis	7,301.32	8,498.96	8,998.22	9,947.68
Southwest Missouri	6,845.34	9,186.79	9,886.89	10,439.07
WESTERN JURIS.	\$ 46,605.40	\$ 55,719.59	\$ 62,116.63	\$ 65,154.66
DENVER AREA	9,617.86	10,571.85	12,440.92	12,816.33
Colorado	6,087.30	6,298.50	8,127.00	9,045.58
Montana	2,426.06	2,936.80	2,973.32	2,256.00
Wyoming State	1,104.50	1,336.50	1,340.60	1,514.75
LOS ANGELES AREA	12,115.95	13,236.93	16,600.94	17,727.07
Hawaii Mission . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....
Latin American Provisional	234.10	237.09	243.22	242.36
Southern California-Arizona	11,881.85	12,999.84	16,357.72	17,484.71
PORTLAND AREA	14,529.25	15,466.26	17,930.02	19,133.96
Alaska Mission	89.00	97.00	45.00	.....
Idaho	2,363.50	1,151.00	2,317.00	3,174.00
Oregon	4,472.88	4,921.38	6,058.29	5,979.92
Pacific Northwest	7,603.87	9,296.88	9,509.73	9,980.04
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	10,342.34	16,444.55	15,144.75	15,477.30
California-Nevada	9,922.34	16,056.55	14,569.25	15,030.30
California Oriental Provisional	110.00	130.00	127.50	140.00
Pacific Japanese Provisional	310.00	258.00	448.00	307.00
MISCELLANEOUS	745.27	492.42	338.80	3,187.47
RECAPITULATION				
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$159,278.63	\$186,096.23	\$193,349.59	\$ 206,739.96
Southeastern Jurisdiction	193,801.06	208,721.06	233,283.04	253,297.60
Central Jurisdiction	22,897.81	24,858.47	25,948.23	22,962.78
North Central Jurisdiction	178,836.55	219,260.81	245,276.85	249,909.91
South Central Jurisdiction	146,710.27	168,906.33	192,045.12	211,165.41
Western Jurisdiction	46,605.40	55,719.59	62,116.63	65,154.66
Miscellaneous	745.27	492.42	338.80	3,187.47
WHOLE CHURCH	\$748,874.99	\$864,054.91	\$952,358.26	\$1,012,417.79

EPISCOPAL FUND RECEIPTS

OVERSEAS CONFERENCES

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

Conference	1948-1949	1949-1950	1950-1951	1951-1952 5-31-52
<i>Southern Asia Central Conf.</i>				
Lucknow Area				
Burma		\$ 109.00		
<i>Northern Europe Central</i>				
Stockholm Area				
Finland Prov.	\$ 51.80			
<i>Central and Southern Europe</i>				
Geneva				
Switzerland				\$2,257.50
<i>Africa Provisional</i>				
Elisabethville Area				
Angola Provisional		183.35		195.90
Central Congo Provisional	119.18	71.44	\$ 93.13	107.62
Rhodesia	231.32	101.00	99.30	108.12
S. E. Africa Provisional		27.63	23.10	23.80
S. Congo Provisional	192.97			348.03
<i>South Eastern Asia Provisional</i>				
Monrovia Area				
Liberia	150.00		123.27	146.50
Totals	<u>\$ 745.27</u>	<u>\$ 492.42</u>	<u>\$ 338.80</u>	<u>\$3,187.47</u>

Note: Annual Conferences located within Central Conferences usually make their payments for the Episcopal Fund to the Episcopal Fund Treasurer of the Central Conference. These payments are not shown above. Receipts by Treasurers of the Central Conferences from their Annual Conferences are taken into consideration in the making of remittances from the Central Treasury of the Episcopal Fund to the Treasurers of the Central Conferences.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS**

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

RECEIPTS

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
Balance on Hand June 1, 1951	\$ 144,506.31	\$ 208,543.54	\$ 279,787.65	\$ 370,830.10
Interest Received on Investment	395.50	172.08		7,934.50
Receipts from Churches	351,977.80	422,376.27	466,396.40	477,892.20
Totals	\$ 496,879.61	\$ 631,091.89	\$ 746,184.05	\$ 856,656.80

EXPENSES

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
GENERAL EXPENSES				
Stationery and Supplies	\$ 6.66	\$ 41.20	\$ 21.38	\$ 475.10
Printing	99.50	113.10	273.98	158.10
Postage and Telegrams	67.10	99.49	83.95	83.10
Share—Central Treasury Expenses	2,312.22	2,946.71	3,434.97	4,037.10
Audit	145.00	160.00	160.00	220.10
Mailing Cost	37.98	40.62	46.65	30.10
Total General Expenses	\$ 2,668.46	\$ 3,401.12	\$ 4,020.93	\$ 5,004.10

**GENERAL CONFERENCE AND
COMMITTEE EXPENSES**

Transportation Bureau	\$ 383.66	\$ 1,371.04	\$ 1,539.92	\$ 1,160.10
Legal Expense	542.00	410.58		267.10
General Minutes and Statistics	32,639.36	29,849.77	29,688.83	35,638.10
Daily Christian Advocate	21,584.94	5.10		
Commissions and Committees				
To Study Deaconess Work	339.21	1,423.11	816.41	242.10
To Study Establishment of a Methodist Headquarters	642.48		2,009.84	
On Worship	776.71	1,552.63	955.55	1,334.10
Methodist Ecumenical Council	1,795.52	1,204.48	3,000.00	
On Rules	181.59		349.22	
On Church Union	659.69	1,077.35	2,121.36	1,953.10
On Structure of Methodism Overseas	706.67	447.94	190.07	16,065.10
To Study the Ministry	639.92	946.00	894.84	1,699.10
To Study the Question of Social Action	546.13	886.84	976.45	38.10
On Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks	755.69	521.45	6.55	872.10
On Study of Race				
On Church Survey	23,031.44	85,203.37	83,592.09	30,292.10
Judicial Council	1,354.22	1,533.78	1,886.30	4,881.50
To Study Education in the Nation's Capital	429.61	28.16	147.70	523.50
On Pension Legislation		82.53	1,755.99	2,715.70
On Entertainment of the General Conference	1,355.31	2,629.69	1,110.58	136.10
Executive Committee—Methodist Protestant Church		32.76		
Interest Expense on Securities			74.14	
To Study Relation Between Bd. of Educ. Editorial Div. and Bd. of Education				
To Study the Local Church		386.30	295.21	
Delegates Travel	3.19	3,024.05	3,259.40	4,921.40
Overseas Delegates Travel	33,946.83	700.00		
Delegates Per Diem	45.00			

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS
OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND (Continued)**

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
General Conference Journal	19.79	11,478.54		
Lay Pension Plan	14,019.78	7,836.80	15,034.78	12,745.16
Association of Methodist Historical Societies	6,000.00	5,697.27	6,000.00	6,000.00
General Conference Expense	4,174.11	466.55	321.36	357,914.76
Total General Conference and Committee Expense	<u>\$ 146,572.85</u>	<u>\$ 158,796.09</u>	<u>\$ 156,026.59</u>	<u>\$ 479,402.58</u>

PAID ON BUDGET RATIO

National Council of The Churches of Christ in the United States of America	\$ 66,119.22	\$ 85,446.86	\$ 96,888.69	\$ 111,668.64
Commission on Public Information	50,635.68	70,431.94	80,739.83	93,056.33
World Council of Churches	22,339.86	33,228.23	37,677.70	43,425.25
Totals	<u>\$ 139,094.76</u>	<u>\$ 189,107.03</u>	<u>\$ 215,306.22</u>	<u>\$ 248,150.22</u>
Total Expenses Paid	<u>\$ 149,241.31</u>	<u>\$ 162,197.21</u>	<u>\$ 160,047.52</u>	<u>\$ 732,557.29</u>
BALANCE IN TREASURY MAY 31 ..	\$ 208,543.54	\$ 279,787.65	\$ 370,830.31	\$ 124,099.59
Cash on Hand and in Transit	\$ 158,543.54	\$ 154,787.65	\$ 145,873.44	\$ 124,099.59
Government Bonds and Securities	50,000.00	125,000.00	224,956.87	-0-
TOTALS	<u><u>\$ 208,543.54</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 279,787.65</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 370,830.31</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 124,099.59</u></u>

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND RECEIPTS

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
NORTHEASTERN JURIS.	\$106,862.50	\$141,823.64	\$145,129.69	\$150,676.85
BOSTON AREA	8,304.91	10,577.14	11,143.12	12,113.42
Maine	725.67	1,087.65	1,235.74	1,577.31
New England	4,764.24	4,804.73	5,014.89	4,800.40
New England Southern	2,416.69	3,685.78	4,000.00	3,855.90
New Hampshire	398.31	998.98	892.49	1,879.81
NEW YORK AREA	13,931.21	25,854.22	30,349.16	33,129.81
Newark	3,763.61	8,122.35	11,957.11	12,707.60
New York	3,464.00	3,464.00	3,464.00	3,464.00
New York East	4,121.70	8,311.62	9,485.46	10,362.95
Troy	2,581.90	5,956.25	5,442.59	6,595.26
PHILADELPHIA AREA	19,230.16	26,788.17	26,825.39	28,897.74
New Jersey	5,274.16	9,575.17	9,111.39	10,501.74
Philadelphia	8,954.00	8,954.00	8,954.00	8,954.00
Wyoming	5,002.00	8,259.00	8,760.00	9,442.00
PITTSBURGH AREA	21,907.44	27,354.94	27,679.08	30,627.83
Erie	5,339.62	8,193.73	8,786.83	7,761.16
Pittsburgh	10,368.79	12,302.41	12,171.49	16,001.02
West Virginia	6,199.03	6,858.80	6,720.76	6,865.65
SYRACUSE AREA	16,523.15	17,342.00	18,660.50	15,933.00
Central New York	7,263.00	8,084.00	8,367.00	6,397.00
Genesee	6,677.15	7,042.00	7,706.00	6,827.00
Northern New York	2,583.00	2,216.00	2,587.50	2,709.00
WASHINGTON AREA	26,965.63	33,907.17	30,472.44	29,975.05
Baltimore	12,415.71	19,067.89	15,129.44	13,584.58
Central Pennsylvania	10,455.92	10,748.28	11,163.00	12,005.47
Peninsula	4,049.00	4,045.00	4,055.00	4,045.00
Puerto Rico Provisional	45.00	46.00	125.00	340.00
SOUTHEASTERN JURIS.	\$ 65,013.77	\$ 70,168.51	\$ 77,540.00	\$ 80,184.43
ATLANTA AREA	9,215.57	10,220.41	11,592.58	11,119.55
North Georgia	4,237.06	5,001.86	6,186.89	5,816.72
South Georgia	4,978.51	5,218.55	5,405.69	5,302.83
BIRMINGHAM AREA	5,635.52	6,339.81	6,619.39	5,778.11
Alabama	1,930.52	2,534.81	3,014.39	2,073.11
North Alabama	3,705.00	3,805.00	3,605.00	3,705.00
CHARLOTTE AREA	12,130.40	14,598.08	13,841.00	14,005.00
South Carolina	4,282.40	6,750.08	5,993.00	6,157.00
Western North Carolina	7,848.00	7,848.00	7,848.00	7,848.00
JACKSON AREA	2,963.95	4,330.40	5,045.06	4,241.42
Mississippi	1,465.94	2,357.82	2,615.95	2,121.63
North Mississippi	1,498.01	1,972.58	2,429.11	2,119.79
JACKSONVILLE AREA	6,482.20	6,291.20	6,280.09	6,291.68
Cuba	14.83	92.20	81.14	92.68
Florida	6,467.37	6,199.00	6,198.95	6,199.00
LOUISVILLE AREA	7,355.92	7,474.19	8,449.62	9,298.39
Kentucky	1,862.00	2,481.50	2,325.00	2,906.25
Louisville	1,530.74	1,764.12	2,066.89	2,525.87
Memphis	3,963.18	3,228.57	4,057.73	3,866.27
NASHVILLE AREA	7,515.45	9,519.21	10,192.98	11,310.48
Holston	5,642.20	5,914.01	6,487.15	7,710.25
Tennessee	1,873.25	3,605.20	3,705.83	3,600.23
RICHMOND AREA	13,714.76	11,395.21	15,519.28	18,139.80
North Carolina	2,635.39	4,119.97	4,212.78	4,223.91
Virginia	11,079.37	7,275.24	11,306.50	13,915.89

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND RECEIPTS—Continued

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
CENTRAL JURIS.	\$ 4,654.56	\$ 5,568.46	\$ 10,312.34	\$ 11,050.73
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	1,396.28	795.21	3,118.84	1,898.08
Atlanta	363.28	373.21	319.41	504.65
Central Alabama	200.00	110.00	620.00	310.00
Florida	187.00	152.00	16.00	424.00
Savannah	270.00	.....	810.00	.....
South Carolina	376.00	.....	1,239.43	228.50
South Florida .....	.....	160.00	114.00	430.93
BALTIMORE AREA	1,930.28	2,198.00	2,505.00	2,676.97
Delaware	650.00	1,003.00	983.00	1,102.00
East Tennessee .....	.....	138.00	.....	659.25
North Carolina .....	.....	.....	.....	563.00
Washington	1,280.28	1,057.00	1,522.00	352.72
NEW ORLEANS AREA	755.00	1,244.00	2,812.00	3,990.68
Louisiana .....	.....	279.00	1,192.00	1,788.00
Mississippi	228.00	.....	914.00	457.00
Texas	382.00	104.00	104.00	946.68
Upper Mississippi .....	.....	582.00	291.00	291.00
West Texas	145.00	279.00	311.00	508.00
SAINT LOUIS AREA	573.00	1,331.25	1,876.50	2,485.00
Central West .....	.....	449.00	798.00	749.00
Lexington	563.00	646.00	945.50	1,359.00
Southwest	10.00	69.00	63.00	163.00
Tennessee .....	.....	167.25	70.00	214.00
NORTH CENTRAL JURIS.	\$106,344.80	\$127,493.76	\$ 1,529.24	\$152,255.55
CHICAGO AREA	24,757.56	25,062.84	24,622.64	22,498.17
Illinois	8,025.62	10,624.10	11,710.27	9,136.01
Rock River	10,992.00	10,605.00	8,920.00	8,421.00
Southern Illinois	5,739.94	3,833.74	3,992.37	4,941.16
DES MOINES AREA	6,837.47	9,573.90	14,154.08	11,214.57
Iowa-Des Moines	3,283.52	4,216.33	9,043.33	3,641.72
North Iowa	3,553.95	5,357.57	5,110.75	7,572.85
DETROIT AREA	12,321.86	20,230.92	21,834.58	22,691.31
Detroit	8,368.25	12,864.89	14,770.80	16,060.66
Michigan	3,953.61	7,366.03	7,063.78	6,630.65
INDIANA AREA	25,997.25	23,733.16	25,172.23	25,153.36
Indiana	10,117.00	7,141.00	9,121.00	8,793.00
North Indiana	11,143.00	11,143.00	10,821.23	11,464.77
Northwest Indiana	4,737.25	5,449.16	5,230.00	4,895.59
OHIO AREA	21,856.99	36,130.83	43,018.74	54,672.08
North-East Ohio	12,879.36	16,993.41	20,851.00	21,342.90
Ohio	8,977.63	19,137.42	22,167.74	33,329.18
SAINT PAUL AREA	9,091.36	6,753.40	17,305.00	9,129.00
Dakota	1,416.60	954.40	1,155.00	1,055.00
Minnesota	6,675.76	3,497.00	13,567.00	8,074.00
North Dakota	999.00	2,302.00	2,583.00	.....
WISCONSIN AREA	5,482.31	6,008.71	6,816.73	6,897.06
West Wisconsin	1,760.31	2,053.71	2,861.73	2,942.06
Wisconsin	3,722.00	3,955.00	3,955.00	3,955.00
SOUTH CENTRAL JURIS.	\$ 43,007.61	\$ 46,401.35	\$ 49,297.77	\$ 50,634.60
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	6,469.14	6,926.80	9,151.65	10,813.85
Little Rock	1,988.50	2,225.65	3,630.42	3,062.43
Louisiana	2,626.85	2,128.65	2,658.00	3,528.14
North Arkansas	1,853.79	2,572.50	2,863.23	4,223.28

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND RECEIPTS—Continued

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	6,558.39	7,146.77	8,790.41	7,821.06
Central Texas	2,035.14	2,558.86	2,297.00	2,297.00
North Texas	872.91	922.00	2,834.00	1,878.00
Northwest Texas	3,650.34	3,665.91	3,659.41	3,646.06
HOUSTON AREA	9,770.56	9,867.73	8,718.23	9,910.00
Rio Grande	129.00	250.00	376.00	305.00
Southwest Texas	4,072.00	4,072.00	4,072.00	4,072.00
Texas	5,569.56	5,545.73	4,270.23	5,533.00
KANSAS-NEBRASKA AREA	10,945.30	13,132.00	12,332.00	12,332.00
Central Kansas	3,997.00	5,597.00	4,797.00	4,797.00
Kansas	3,244.00	3,244.00	3,244.00	3,244.00
Nebraska	3,704.30	4,291.00	4,291.00	4,291.00
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	5,245.00	4,990.00	5,948.83	4,543.17
East Oklahoma	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,303.00	1,297.00
Indian Mission	8.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
New Mexico	1,613.00	1,362.00	1,624.00	1,612.00
West Oklahoma	2,324.00	2,324.00	3,017.83	1,630.17
SAINT LOUIS AREA	4,019.22	4,338.05	4,356.65	5,214.52
Missouri	789.82	799.61	888.62	1,207.15
St. Louis	1,765.40	2,304.44	2,089.03	2,628.37
Southwest Missouri	1,464.00	1,234.00	1,379.00	1,379.00
WESTERN JURIS.	\$ 25,581.10	\$ 30,592.94	\$ 30,906.80	\$ 31,244.92
DENVER AREA	5,273.65	5,435.00	6,500.18	5,798.82
Colorado	3,030.25	2,695.70	3,749.28	3,527.10
Montana	1,595.40	2,091.30	2,102.90	1,623.72
Wyoming State	648.00	648.00	648.00	648.00
LOS ANGELES AREA	10,905.82	11,258.31	11,271.41	11,312.17
Hawaii Mission	67.81	17.00	34.00	17.00
Latin American Provisional	67.81	75.70	83.64	73.31
Southern California-Arizona	10,838.01	11,165.61	11,153.77	11,221.86
PORTLAND AREA	7,185.15	8,727.08	8,937.00	9,488.92
Alaska Mission	14.00	31.00	15.00	5.00
Idaho	918.00	450.00	468.00	1,836.00
Oregon	2,582.15	3,279.08	4,135.00	3,328.92
Pacific Northwest	3,671.00	4,967.00	4,319.00	4,319.00
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	2,216.48	5,172.55	4,198.21	4,645.01
California-Nevada	2,133.48	5,103.55	4,104.21	4,565.01
California Oriental Provisional	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00
Pacific Japanese Provisional	47.00	33.00	58.00	44.00
MISCELLANEOUS	513.46	327.61	285.80	1,845.04
RECAPITULATION				
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$106,862.50	\$141,823.64	\$145,129.69	\$150,676.85
Southeastern Jurisdiction	65,013.77	70,168.51	77,540.00	80,184.43
Central Jurisdiction	4,654.56	5,568.46	10,312.34	11,050.73
North Central Jurisdiction	106,344.80	127,493.76	152,924.00	152,255.55
South Central Jurisdiction	43,007.61	46,401.35	49,297.77	50,634.60
Western Jurisdiction	25,581.10	30,592.94	30,906.80	31,244.92
Miscellaneous	513.46	327.61	285.80	1,845.04
Whole Church	\$351,977.80	\$422,376.27	\$466,396.40	\$477,892.12

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND RECEIPTS

OVERSEAS CONFERENCES PAYING
ON ADMINISTRATION FUND
June 1, 1948 through May 31, 1952

Conference	1948-1949	1949-1950	1950-1951	1951-1952
<i>Central China</i>				
Foochow Conference		\$ 27.94		
East China			\$ 6.59	
Yenping		13.57	6.54	
<i>Southern Asia</i>				
Bombay Conference		14.55	16.51	\$ 32.52
Gujarat Conference		25.69	10.16	9.47
Delhi		66.64	53.58	56.00
North India		30.30	26.11	83.80
Hyderabad		35.58	18.60	42.87
South India	\$ 44.25		32.21	30.11
Bengal	7.58			
Burma		42.00		27.00
Lucknow	8.79	12.00	12.21	11.58
Central Provinces				78.11
<i>Northern Europe Central</i>				
Danish	215.00			
Finland	20.20			
<i>Africa Provisional</i>				
Central Congo Provisional	51.89	32.24	39.82	46.14
Rhodesia	102.25			42.30
S. E. Africa		27.10	21.47	21.14
S. Congo Provisional	63.50			191.50
Liberia			42.00	74.50
<i>Central and Southern Europe</i>				
Switzerland				1,098.00
Totals	<u>\$ 513.46</u>	<u>\$ 327.61</u>	<u>\$ 285.80</u>	<u>\$1,845.04</u>

CRUSADE FOR CHRIST
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Through May 31, 1952

RECEIPTS

From Churches and Conferences	\$27,023,582.56	
Interest on Bonds	773,176.27	
Total Receipts		\$27,796,758.83

DISBURSEMENTS**OFFICE EXPENSES**

Executive Director	\$ 31,020.82	
House Rent—Associate Director	7,425.00	
Travel (Including Committees)	55,207.70	
Other Salaries	45,230.62	
Secretarial	21,178.44	
Office Rent	4,333.75	
Telephone and Telegraph	6,849.89	
Supplies	11,139.17	
Equipment	1,390.69	
Exchange and Messenger Service ..	1,288.83	
Audit	3,210.00	
Master Reporting	713.84	
Insurance	1,225.17	\$ 190,213.92

LITERATURE EXPENSES

Printing and Art Work	\$453,462.16	
Envelopes	20,077.29	
Mailing Cost	144,791.27	
Dupligrathing	684.25	
Postage and Express	216,162.41	835,177.38

VISUAL AID EXPENSES

Photography	\$ 7,266.47	
Kodachrome Slides	21,926.10	29,192.57

**DISTRIBUTED TO AGENCIES FOR
ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Board of Evangelism	\$122,000.00	
New World Order	10,000.00	
Board of Lay Activities	109,500.00	241,500.00

OTHER EXPENSES

Advertising and Methodist Information	\$ 28,547.31	
Area Promotion	267,088.32	
Discount on Note	220.00	
Dist. Supt. Conferences	74,399.13	
Youth Work	8,002.45	
Radio	2,299.69	
Pension Plan	5,993.86	386,550.76

Total Expenses	\$ 1,682,634.63	
Paid on Distribution	25,469,218.55	

Total Disbursements 27,151,853.18

Balance Due on Distribution	\$ 591,364.01	
Undistributed Investment Income	36,176.27	
Reserve for Expense	17,365.37	

Balance \$ 644,905.65

**CRUSADE FOR CHRIST
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

Through May 31, 1952

	Distribution through 2-29-1952	Paid on Distribution	Balance Available
FOREIGN FIELDS			
Division of Foreign Missions	\$ 8,328,962.19	\$ 8,321,425.20	\$ 7,536.99
Woman's Division Foreign Department	4,159,268.98	3,626,019.48	533,249.50
Scholarships for National Leaders	560,302.52	560,302.52	
Methodist Committee for Overseas			
Relief	2,241,210.10	2,241,210.10	
HOME FIELDS			
Section of Home Missions	1,529,247.89	1,529,247.89	
Woman's Division			
Home Department	1,222,749.63	1,222,749.63	
Department of Christian Social			
Relations	26,060.58	26,037.00	23.58
Section of Church Extension	2,267,270.68	2,257,886.79	9,383.89
BOARD OF EDUCATION			
Division of Local Church	679,672.89	677,273.53	2,399.36
Gammon Theological Seminary	544,009.85	544,009.85*	
Unallocated Funds	22,013.10	16,998.24	5,014.86
Other Negro Institutions	283,552.04	279,030.50	4,521.54
Other Educational Institutions	1,587,597.79	1,558,363.50	29,234.29
Scholarships	560,302.53	560,302.53	
Methodist Committee on Chaplains	453,454.14	453,454.14	
OTHER FIELDS OF SERVICE			
Reserved Contingent Fund	1,344,726.06	1,344,726.06	
American Bible Society	250,181.59	250,181.59	
Totals	<u>\$26,060,582.56</u>	<u>\$25,469,218.55</u>	<u>\$ 591,364.01</u>

Above Distribution Includes

Regular Receipts	\$25,023,582.56
From Expense Reserve	300,000.00
Income from Investments	737,000.00

* Includes Reserve of \$500,000.00.

**EXPENSE STATEMENT
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH**

June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

RECEIPTS

Contribution of Boards and Committees		\$710,065.70
Interest Received on Investment (U. S. Bonds)	\$ 2,023.88	
Accrued Interest on Bonds (Deduction)	-322.56	1,701.32
Sale of Hymn Leaflets		12.67
Sale of Decals		1,398.47
Div. of Foreign Missions—Share of Administration Expense (Credit)	\$ 14,007.06	
Div. of Home Missions—Share of Administration Expense (Credit)	7,003.53	
M.C.O.R.—Share of Administration Expense (Credit)	2,334.51	23,345.10
Transfer of Teaching & Preaching Mission Per Memo 11-27-50 (Deduction)		-9,100.00
		<u>\$727,423.26</u>

EXPENSES

GENERAL OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Executive Director	\$ 27,566.50	
House Rent	4,683.50	
Associate Director	18,301.39	
House Rent	4,649.84	
Travel	3,350.88	
Secretarial Help	34,009.66	
Office Rent and Storage Space	9,314.55	
Supplies	3,744.76	
Equipment	5,783.45	
Postage and Express	127.95	
Telephone and Telegraph	1,098.84	
Mailing Cost (Labor)	4,588.36	
Treasurer's Report	10,472.03	
Pension Reserve	6,872.17	
Contingent Fund	1,117.92	
Audit	1,250.00	
Insurance and Blue Cross	1,605.30	
Employer's Social Security Tax	288.81	\$138,825.91

GENERAL PROMOTION

District Superintendent Meeting	\$101,838.00	
Travel—Committee	12,184.77	
Travel—Office	2,861.00	
Secretarial Help	17,351.91	
General Printing and Art Work	128,212.12	
Supplies	7,767.15	
Postage and Express	73,230.31	
Mailing Cost (Labor)	25,598.09	
Telephone and Telegraph	936.62	
Advertising	9,911.79	
Audio Visual	155.66	
Area Promotion	157,456.72	
Exchange and Messenger Service	671.02	
Employer's Social Security Tax	138.51	\$538,313.67
Teaching and Preaching Mission—June 1, 1948 through May 31, 1949	\$ 50,283.68	
Total		<u>\$727,423.26</u>
Balance—(Overdrawn)		<u>-0-</u>
Bonds	\$101,080.00	
Cash (Overdrawn)	12,357.21	
General Office and Promotion		-0-
Teaching and Preaching Mission		\$ 95,677.27
National Conference on Family Life (Overdrawn)		6,954.48
	<u>\$ 88,722.79</u>	<u>\$ 88,722.79</u>

TEACHING AND PREACHING MISSION
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH
June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1952

RECEIPTS

Study Guide Booklets	\$ 228.63	
Study Guide Booklets Sales	900.91	
Faith Booklet Sales	\$319,084.67	
Less Amount for Nat'l Conf. on Family Life per Memo 10-6-50	-25,000.00	294,084.67
Mass Meeting Collection		14,269.96
Our Sales of "Young Men for Tomorrow's Ministry"		297.20
Sale of Other Publications		381.18
"Endless Line of Splendor" Sales		149,695.31
"Our Mission" Sales		108.60
Sale of Scrap Literature		269.00
Sale—"Our Mission to the World" (Oxnam)		1,380.38
		<u>\$461,615.84</u>
Transfer from General Fund per memo 11-27-50		9,100.00
Total Receipts		<u>\$470,715.84</u>

EXPENSES

Travel	\$ 5,979.41	
European Visitation by Executive Director of Advance	121.15	
Study Books and Guides	3,413.34	
Covering Letters	210.00	
Supplies	954.14	
Contingencies	1,273.22	
Postage and Express	21,244.12	
Mailing Cost (Labor)	7,124.79	
Telephone and Telegraph	329.47	
General Printing	6,712.44	
Faith Booklet Cost	149,870.15	
Mass Meeting Cost	14,219.96	
"Our Church" Book Costs	8,028.66	
"Our Church" Printing	516.74	
"Our Ministry" Book Costs	7,146.96	
"Our Ministry" Printing	8,639.00	
"Our Ministry" Honoraria	900.00	
"Our Ministry" Postage and Labor	2,903.26	
"Our Ministry" Travel	51.43	
"Our Ministry" Telephone and Telegraph	47.27	
Cost—"Young Men for Tomorrow's Ministry"	786.10	
"Endless Line of Splendor" Book Costs prior 1-1-50 and "Misc. Present Costs"	59,340.55	
"Endless Line of Splendor" Printing	13,099.06	
"Endless Line of Splendor" Postage and Labor	2,898.10	
"Endless Line of Splendor" Telephone and Telegraph	28.80	
"Endless Line of Splendor" Advertising	948.96	
"Endless Line of Splendor" Spanish Edition	50.00	
"Our Mission" Cost	239.53	
"Our Mission" Postage and Labor	780.02	
Travel	53.39	
Telephone and Telegraph	20.31	
Advertising	130.89	
Telephone and Telegraph	64.85	
Printing and Art Work	9,703.99	
Postage	55.04	
Book Cost: "Our Mission to the World"	4,964.95	
General Conference Pageant	25,190.89	
Council of Bishops' Projects	16,997.63	\$375,038.57
Balance		<u>\$ 95,677.27</u>

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH**

June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1952

RECEIPTS

From Faith Booklet Sales (Memo 10-6-50)	\$ 25,000.00
Funds Contributed by Division of Home Missions and W.S.C.S. (Credit)	2,000.00
Contingencies (Collections)	1,134.71
Registration Fees (Credit)	10,929.31
Sale: The Book "The Family's Faith in the Future"	3,685.00
Sale: Recordings of Nat'l Conference (Electric Transcription)	499.45
Sale: Commitment Cards	194.85
Total Receipts	\$ 43,443.32

EXPENSES

OFFICE PROMOTION

Travel	\$ 299.96	
Telephone	439.55	
Printing, Postage and Labor	19,533.05	
Extra Secretarial Help	572.19	
Contingencies	32.29	
Travel Paid from Receipts (Above)	2,000.00	\$ 22,877.04

CONFERENCE EXPENSE

Medinah Hall and Assembly Hall	\$ 2,637.25	
Honoraria	2,365.20	
Registration of Delegates	161.90	
Displays	129.00	
Contingencies	547.81	
Registration Fees Paid from Travel Pool	8,880.00	
Cost: Book "The Family's Faith in the Future"	7,162.99	
Travel of Speakers and Other Invited Guests to Nat'l Conf. on Family Life	3,496.83	
Cost: Recordings of Nat'l Conference (Electri- cal Transcriptions)	1,379.23	
Cost: Commitment Cards	760.55	\$ 27,520.76
Total Expense		\$ 50,397.80
Balance (Expenses over Receipts)		\$ 6,954.48

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH
June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952

RECEIPTS

By Central Treasury	\$ 8,006,275.67	
Division of Foreign Missions	3,782,151.10	
Division of Home Missions	1,019,862.87	
Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief	258,251.99	\$13,066,541.63
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DISBURSEMENTS

DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Received Direct	\$ 3,782,151.10	
Designated through Central Treasury ..	4,727,842.31	\$ 8,509,993.41
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DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS

Received Direct	\$ 1,019,862.87	
Designated through Central Treasury ..	1,441,351.04	
Designated through Central Treasury		
Conf. Initiated Projects	884,973.87	3,346,187.78
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OVERSEAS RELIEF

Received Direct	\$ 258,251.99	
Designated through Central Treasury ..	604,971.32	863,223.31
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Total Distributed	\$12,719,404.50	
Undistributed	347,137.13	13,066,541.63
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**STATEMENT
ADVANCE SPECIALS FUND AND WEEK OF DEDICATION
OFFERING**

June 1, 1948 through May 31, 1952

AREAS AND CONFERENCES	Advance Specials from June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952	1949, 1950 and 1951 Week of Dedication	1952 Week of Dedication	Conference Totals
NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION	\$2,087,262.38	\$ 462,894.56	\$ 111,098.63	\$2,661,255.57
BOSTON AREA	108,215.86	34,978.11	8,276.00	151,469.97
Maine	13,454.64	5,512.25	1,298.21	20,265.10
New England	73,927.64	16,984.24	4,497.39	95,409.27
New England Southern	11,779.03	9,883.67	1,876.21	23,538.91
New Hampshire	9,054.55	2,597.95	604.19	12,256.69
NEW YORK AREA	294,398.35	100,339.10	27,975.80	422,713.25
Newark	111,264.35	38,245.81	10,227.74	159,737.90
New York	56,839.94	18,016.74	6,095.55	80,952.23
New York East	86,943.73	23,715.34	6,874.10	117,533.17
Troy	39,350.33	20,361.21	4,778.41	64,489.95
PHILADELPHIA AREA	330,374.04	85,783.23	23,320.14	439,477.41
New Jersey	93,196.21	22,636.69	5,832.20	121,665.10
Philadelphia	185,200.32	43,778.89	12,581.94	241,561.15
Wyoming	51,977.51	19,367.65	4,906.00	76,251.16
PITTSBURGH AREA	801,940.14	100,427.81	21,826.71	924,194.66
Erie	140,954.18	30,823.60	6,444.58	178,222.36
Pittsburgh	318,742.09	36,737.37	8,165.88	363,645.34
West Virginia	342,243.87	32,866.84	7,216.25	382,326.96
SYRACUSE AREA	230,152.71	60,931.01	12,581.44	303,665.16
Central New York	83,442.19	17,777.26	3,452.83	104,672.28
Genesee	102,757.16	29,237.08	6,494.50	138,488.74
Northern New York	43,953.36	13,916.67	2,634.11	60,504.14
WASHINGTON AREA	322,181.28	80,435.30	17,118.54	419,735.12
Baltimore	119,739.39	28,302.34	5,611.11	153,652.84
Central Pennsylvania	116,888.60	28,029.21	5,964.66	150,882.47
Peninsula	84,240.79	23,843.50	5,503.00	113,587.29
Puerto Rico Provisional	1,312.50	260.25	39.77	1,612.52
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION	\$3,461,369.39	\$ 722,658.59	\$ 155,251.13	\$4,339,279.11
ATLANTA AREA	325,209.33	97,104.67	20,460.86	442,774.86
North Georgia	186,304.35	57,448.08	13,203.77	256,956.20
South Georgia	138,904.98	39,656.59	7,257.09	185,818.66
BIRMINGHAM AREA	170,138.98	51,298.11	11,088.09	232,525.18
Alabama	55,465.15	22,132.21	6,021.10	83,618.46
North Alabama	114,673.83	29,165.90	5,066.99	148,906.72
CHARLOTTE AREA	551,101.04	121,924.60	36,674.72	709,700.36
South Carolina	198,072.64	46,581.28	13,660.92	258,314.84
Western North Carolina	353,028.40	75,343.32	23,013.80	451,385.52
JACKSON AREA	167,317.13	123,863.82	29,082.13	320,263.08
Mississippi	95,356.61	72,248.98	15,000.00	182,605.59
North Mississippi	71,960.52	51,614.84	14,082.13	137,657.49
JACKSONVILLE AREA	421,713.23	56,398.73	16,319.03	494,430.99
Cuba	145.00	1,175.67		1,320.67
Florida	421,568.23	55,223.06	16,319.03	493,110.32

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OFFERING**

June 1, 1948 through May 31, 1952

AREAS AND CONFERENCES	Advance Specials from June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952	1949, 1950 and 1951 Week of Dedication	1952 Week of Dedication	Conference Totals
LOUISVILLE AREA	475,448.14	66,234.31	6,566.66	548,249.11
Kentucky	113,630.78	19,832.46	2,416.00	135,879.24
Louisville	119,898.78	17,285.47	1,577.37	138,761.62
Memphis	241,918.58	29,116.38	2,573.29	273,608.25
NASHVILLE AREA	267,928.03	102,243.79	8,671.16	378,842.98
Holston	127,042.11	70,580.58	46.50	197,669.19
Tennessee	140,885.92	31,663.21	8,624.66	181,173.79
RICHMOND AREA	1,082,513.51	103,590.56	26,388.48	1,212,492.55
North Carolina	162,229.84	28,569.79	6,431.20	197,230.83
Virginia	920,283.67	75,020.77	19,957.28	1,015,261.72
CENTRAL JURISDICTION	\$ 148,771.32	\$ 27,963.65	\$ 2,293.13	\$ 179,028.10
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	5,917.80	1,385.37	166.13	7,469.30
Atlanta	5,370.00	474.07	25.13	5,869.20
Central Alabama	10.00	150.00	.....	160.00
Florida	43.00	343.30	.....	386.30
Savannah	59.30	106.00	.....	165.30
South Carolina	165.00	165.50	141.00	471.50
South Florida	270.50	146.50	.....	417.00
BALTIMORE AREA	33,825.96	12,797.29	1,212.00	47,835.25
Delaware	10,039.00	3,336.00	812.00	14,187.00
East Tennessee	1,905.96	1,144.00	.....	3,049.96
North Carolina	6,100.00	600.00	.....	6,700.00
Washington	15,781.00	7,717.29	400.00	23,898.29
NEW ORLEANS AREA	88,558.27	10,016.00	5.00	98,579.27
Louisiana	25,634.52	2,500.00	.....	28,134.52
Mississippi	10,477.75	1,746.15	.....	12,223.90
Texas	24,187.00	2,370.83	.....	26,557.83
Upper Mississippi	8,340.00	1,437.92	.....	9,777.92
West Texas	19,919.00	1,961.10	5.00	21,885.10
SAINT LOUIS AREA	20,469.29	3,764.99	910.00	25,144.28
Central West	4,131.29	1,134.23	.....	5,265.52
Lexington	16,091.50	2,105.65	766.00	18,963.15
Southwest	34.00	136.00	44.00	214.00
Tennessee	212.50	389.11	100.00	701.61
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION	\$3,628,177.78	\$ 546,297.21	\$ 136,605.31	\$4,311,080.30
CHICAGO AREA	610,764.75	98,274.87	21,358.24	730,397.86
Illinois	242,729.12	29,990.33	5,968.20	278,687.65
Rock River	239,113.86	48,560.17	9,527.50	297,201.53
Southern Illinois	128,921.77	19,724.37	5,862.54	154,508.68
DES MOINES AREA	465,777.06	60,820.31	16,046.81	542,644.18
Iowa-Des Moines	241,268.96	31,001.65	9,155.50	281,426.11
North Iowa	224,508.10	29,818.66	6,891.31	261,218.07
DETROIT AREA	251,934.25	47,407.18	11,033.26	310,374.69
Detroit	137,473.25	29,732.18	7,584.08	174,789.51
Michigan	114,461.00	17,675.00	3,449.18	135,585.18

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OFFERING**

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AREAS AND CONFERENCES	Advance Specials From June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952	1949, 1950 and 1951	1952	Conference Totals
		Week of Dedication	Week of Dedication	
INDIANA AREA	735,509.41	64,235.67	14,068.80	813,813.88
Indiana	295,377.36	27,717.25	5,828.00	328,922.61
North Indiana	314,938.94	25,383.52	6,335.00	346,657.46
Northwest Indiana	125,193.11	11,134.90	1,905.80	138,233.81
OHIO AREA	1,059,978.82	201,540.54	55,400.48	1,316,919.84
North-East Ohio	451,153.37	109,447.43	27,115.59	587,716.39
Ohio	608,825.45	92,093.11	28,284.89	729,203.45
SAINT PAUL AREA	331,133.12	48,439.73	12,925.68	392,498.53
Dakota	76,986.75	12,915.90	2,989.33	92,891.98
Minnesota	197,205.85	28,783.83	7,627.00	233,616.68
North Dakota	56,940.52	6,740.00	2,309.35	65,989.87
WISCONSIN AREA	173,080.37	35,578.91	5,772.04	204,431.32
West Wisconsin	62,191.48	12,481.33	2,449.69	77,122.50
Wisconsin	110,888.89	13,097.58	3,322.35	127,308.82
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION	\$2,868,326.86	\$ 590,740.08	\$ 142,801.33	\$3,601,868.27
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	475,686.09	88,416.77	26,190.77	590,293.63
Little Rock	128,770.25	26,129.51	9,830.55	164,730.31
Louisiana	190,552.39	38,775.64	11,024.65	240,352.68
North Arkansas	156,363.45	23,511.62	5,335.57	185,210.64
DALLAS-FORTH WORTH AREA	652,970.27	88,132.23	25,082.39	766,184.89
Central Texas	222,826.94	23,152.26	7,886.75	253,865.95
North Texas	191,682.54	29,476.14	6,216.58	227,375.26
Northwest Texas	238,460.79	35,503.83	10,979.06	284,943.68
HOUSTON AREA	551,877.87	66,448.23	11,551.66	629,877.76
Rio Grande	12,793.08	2,644.06	1,010.83	16,447.96
Southwest Texas	285,385.10	34,730.01	10,049.31	330,164.42
Texas	253,699.69	29,074.17	491.52	283,265.38
KANSAS-NEBRASKA AREA ..	449,512.51	141,823.67	36,429.00	627,765.18
Central Kansas	218,166.37	91,739.55	22,584.73	332,490.65
Kansas	104,598.74	20,732.83	4,506.52	129,838.09
Nebraska	126,747.40	29,351.29	9,337.75	165,436.44
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	361,730.94	97,183.65	17,220.96	476,135.55
East Oklahoma	122,263.72	33,781.02	5,786.46	161,831.20
Indian Mission		338.93	82.62	421.55
New Mexico	61,363.32	22,457.63	5,329.50	89,150.45
West Oklahoma	178,103.90	40,606.07	6,022.38	224,732.35
SAINT LOUIS AREA	376,549.18	108,735.53	26,326.55	511,611.26
Missouri	82,345.51	19,292.70	5,224.44	106,862.65
St. Louis	149,099.22	46,937.16	11,122.66	207,159.04
Southwest Missouri	145,104.45	42,505.67	9,979.45	197,589.57

**STATEMENT
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OFFERING**

June 1, 1948 through May 31, 1952

AREAS AND CONFERENCES	Advance Specials from June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1952	1949, 1950 and 1951 Week of Dedication	1952 Week of Dedication	Conference Totals
WESTERN JURISDICTION				
DENVER AREA	\$ 868,646.10	\$ 180,262.62	\$ 32,872.87	\$1,081,781.59
Colorado	117,709.40	27,272.67	6,021.58	151,003.65
Montana	79,955.00	15,798.26	3,895.13	99,648.39
Wyoming State	20,320.85	8,616.89	1,392.75	30,330.49
	17,433.55	2,857.52	733.70	21,024.77
LOS ANGELES AREA	401,619.34	79,998.57	13,875.43	495,493.34
Hawaii Mission	9,545.57	1,773.27	1,152.33	12,471.17
Latin American Provisional	3,949.88	624.68	100.42	4,674.98
Southern California- Arizona	388,123.89	77,600.62	12,622.68	478,347.19
PORTLAND AREA	205,834.11	38,496.67	6,247.95	250,578.73
Alaska Mission	5,848.00	654.62		6,502.62
Idaho	26,454.30	3,984.11	806.50	31,244.91
Oregon	70,660.22	14,165.83	1,287.08	86,113.13
Pacific Northwest	102,871.59	19,692.11	4,154.37	126,718.07
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	143,483.25	34,494.71	6,727.91	184,705.87
California-Nevada	136,801.32	31,889.42	5,805.57	174,496.31
California Oriental Provisional	3,065.50	925.65	306.16	4,297.31
Pacific Japanese Provisional	3,616.43	1,679.64	616.18	5,912.25
MISCELLANEOUS	3,987.80	12.85	10.00	4,010.65
RECAPITULATION				
Northeastern Jurisdiction	2,087,262.38	462,894.56	111,098.63	2,661,255.57
Southeastern Jurisdiction	3,461,369.39	722,658.59	155,251.13	4,339,279.11
Central Jurisdiction	148,771.32	27,963.65	2,293.13	179,028.10
North Central Jurisdiction	3,628,177.78	546,297.21	136,605.31	4,311,080.30
South Central Jurisdiction	2,868,326.86	590,740.08	142,801.33	3,601,868.27
Western Jurisdiction	868,646.10	180,262.62	32,872.87	1,081,781.59
Miscellaneous	3,987.80	12.85	10.00	4,010.65
WHOLE CHURCH	\$13,066,541.63	\$2,530,829.56	\$ 580,932.40	\$16,178,303.59

* Note: "The reports as above listed in many cases do not represent the full Advance Fund program for the past quadrennium. Because the Advance program was late in being presented to the annual conferences in the first year of the 1948-52 quadrennium, many conferences will not complete their first quadrennium undertaking until after the close of the World Service fiscal year."

WEEK OF DEDICATION FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS
March 20, 1949 to May 31, 1952

	1949	1950	1951	1952
Receipts from Conferences	\$946,012.58	\$688,578.15	\$896,321.83	\$581,007.40
EXPENSES PAID	<u>65,302.38</u>	<u>98,177.35</u>	<u>91,042.39</u>	<u>83,995.05</u>
PAID				
Korean Relief—First Claim			<u>\$100,000.00</u>	
PAID ON BUDGET RATIO				
Division of Foreign Missions....	\$484,390.61	\$324,720.44	\$387,903.69	\$ 92,406.65
Division of Home Missions	220,177.55	147,600.20	176,319.87	42,003.02
Methodist Committee for				
Overseas Relief	<u>176,142.04</u>	<u>118,080.16</u>	<u>141,055.88</u>	<u>33,602.42</u>
TOTAL PAID ON BUDGET				
RATIO	<u>\$880,710.20</u>	<u>\$590,400.80</u>	<u>\$705,279.44</u>	<u>\$168,012.09</u>
Balance in Treasury	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$329,000.26</u>

FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING AND SERVICE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS
June 1, 1948 through May 31, 1952

	June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949	June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952
Receipts from Churches and				
Conferences	\$417,597.80	\$372,724.03	\$418,396.37	\$483,672.58
Balance Forward June 1	25,130.20	25,195.53	33,195.05	31,710.24
Total	<u>\$442,728.00</u>	<u>\$397,929.56</u>	<u>\$451,591.42</u>	<u>\$515,382.82</u>
Expenses Paid	\$ 20,906.67	\$ 15,339.06	\$ 19,923.32	\$ 23,103.47
PAID on Budget Ratio				
Methodist Committee for				
Overseas Relief	198,312.92	174,692.71	199,978.94	\$221,142.29
Methodist Commission on				
Camp Activities	99,156.44	87,346.37	99,989.46	110,571.13
Methodist Commission on				
Chaplains	99,156.44	87,346.37	99,989.46	110,571.13
Total Disbursements	<u>\$417,532.47</u>	<u>\$364,724.51</u>	<u>\$419,881.18</u>	<u>\$465,388.02</u>
Balance in Treasury May 31..	<u>\$ 25,195.53</u>	<u>\$ 33,195.05</u>	<u>\$ 31,710.24</u>	<u>\$ 49,994.80</u>

**GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND
BALANCE SHEET—MAY 28, 1952**

ASSETS.

Demand deposit in General Commission bank account			\$ 12,185.03
Foreign taxes refundable			78.00
Investment securities—at cost, as annexed:			
United States Government obligations	\$100,000.00		
Other securities (market quotations \$469,720.25 at May 28, 1952):			
Bonds	\$168,327.91		
Notes	71,596.67		
Preferred stocks	38,920.81		
Common stocks	147,472.82	426,318.21	526,318.21 (A)
			<u>\$538,581.24</u>

FUND PRINCIPAL

Balance, May 28, 1952	<u>\$538,581.24</u>
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the period from June 1, 1951 to May 28, 1952

Receipts from interest and dividends	\$ 20,063.64	
Less: Custodian fee and miscellaneous charges	701.28	
	<u>\$ 19,362.36</u>	
Net gains on security transactions during the year	18,308.46	\$ 37,670.82
Disbursements to Gammon Theological Seminary for current operations		<u>15,000.00</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements		<u>\$ 22,670.82</u>
Balance of fund, May 31, 1951		<u>515,910.42</u>
Balance, May 28, 1952		<u>\$538,581.24</u>

NOTES: (A) In accordance with a decision of the General Conference, cash in the amount of \$11,680.59 and all securities were transferred to the Board of Education of The Methodist Church as at May 29, 1952.

(B) Purchases and sales of securities, except for the net gain realized thereon, are excluded from the above statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

**EPISCOPAL SECRETARIES' PENSION FUND
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1952**

ASSETS

Demand deposit in General Commission bank account			
Investment securities—at cost:			
United States Government obligations		\$35,758.50	
Other securities (market quotations \$61,951.56 at May 31, 1952):			
Bonds	\$39,136.39		
Notes	1,993.56		
Preferred stocks	4,615.90		
Common stocks	17,611.09	63,356.94	\$99,115.44
			<u>\$99,478.97</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$	5.12
Reserve for pensions (prior years' services)		99,473.85
		<u>\$99,478.97</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended May 31, 1952

Receipts from interest and dividends (less custodian fees and miscellaneous expenses of \$119.83)	\$	3,118.65
Gain on sale of securities	1,010.71	\$ 4,129.36
Disbursements made for pensions		<u>206.61</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements (Note A)		\$ 3,922.75
Balance of fund, May 31, 1951		95,551.10
Balance of fund, May 31, 1952		<u>\$99,473.85</u>

NOTE (A): Purchases and sales of securities (other than the gain on sales) are excluded from the above statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

PART III—UNIFORM ANNUITY RATES

The General Conference of 1948 made it the duty of the General Commission on World Service and Finance to "establish standardized annuity rates and formulate policies for writing of annuities by institutions and Agencies under auspices of The Methodist Church" (Paragraph 770, 1948 *Discipline*).

Each General Board, Educational Institution, Hospital, Home, Ministerial Pension Fund and Wesley Foundation was questioned in detail about its annuity practices. The results of this study are available on request.

Annuity rates are set in co-operation with the other denominations of the National Council of Churches. These rates are listed on the next page.

Information regarding taxation and reporting of income from annuities has been sent to all institutions which reported interest in an annuity program. This Report is available on request.

All organizations issuing annuities are cautioned to use the rates on the following page, and to be guided by the recommendations of the National Council of Churches. These recommendations are in the booklets, "Annuity Agreements of Charitable Organizations," especially No. 45 (50c), No. 46 (\$1.00), and No. 47 (\$1.00). They may be secured from the National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Organizations of limited resources should exercise extreme care in their annuity program, and may shift the responsibility by reinsuring annuity contracts, using only the gift portion of the purchase price for organization purposes.

Adopted for use in The Methodist
Church by General Commission
on World Service and Finance,
July 10, 1941 and July 9, 1946

TWO LIVES—JOINT LIFE AND SURVIVOR
Calculated on Basis Recommended to Interdenominational Conference October 4, 1939
Basis: Combined Annuity Mortality Table—Interest at 3½%—Two Females
Ages Set Back Two Years—Residuum 70%—Rates Modified at Younger Ages
AGE OF OLDER LIFE

AGE OF YOUNGER		LIFE	
35	2.5	80	5.8
36	2.6	79	5.8
37	2.6	78	5.7
38	2.6	77	5.6
39	2.6	76	5.5
40	3.0	75	5.4
41	3.1	74	5.4
42	3.2	73	5.3
43	3.3	72	5.3
44	3.4	71	5.2
45	3.5	70	5.1
46	3.6	69	5.0
47	3.7	68	4.9
48	3.8	67	4.8
49	3.9	66	4.7
50	4.0	65	4.6
51	4.1	64	4.5
52	4.2	63	4.4
53	4.3	62	4.4
54	4.4	61	4.3
55	4.5	60	4.2
56	4.5	59	4.1
57	4.6	58	4.0
58	4.7	57	3.9
59	4.7	56	3.8
60	4.7	55	3.7
61	4.8	54	3.6
62	4.8	53	3.5
63	4.9	52	3.4
64	5.0	51	3.3
65	5.1	50	3.2
66	5.1	49	3.1
67	5.2	48	3.0
68	5.2	47	2.9
69	5.4	46	2.8
70	5.5	45	2.7
71	5.5	44	2.6
72	5.6	43	2.5
73	5.8	42	2.4
74	5.8	41	2.3
75	6.0	40	2.2
76	6.0	39	2.1
77	6.3	38	2.0
78	6.5	37	1.9
79	6.7	36	1.8
80	7.0	35	1.7

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BENEVOLENCE STUDY

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METHODIST GIVING INCREASES

The chart on the following page, "METHODIST GIVING PER ACTIVE MEMBER," shows the total giving per active Methodist, compared with the income of the average American over 15.

Since the value of the dollar fluctuated between 1940 and 1951, the only way to compare the various years was to express the data in dollars of the same buying power.

The U. S. Department of Labor's "Cost of Living Index," now called the "Consumer's Price Index," was used to convert all figures into dollars of 1935-39 buying power.

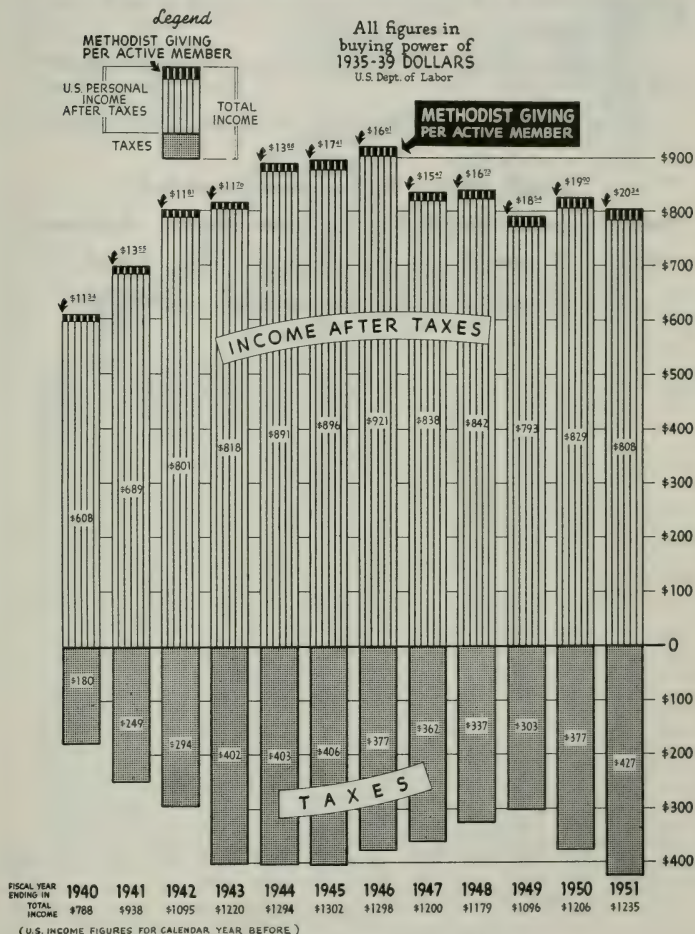
You will notice that the average American's total income went up 57%, income after taxes went up 33%, while the total giving was increasing 79%.

Methodist giving increased from 1.44% to 1.65% of total income.

After taxes, Methodist giving went up from 1.87% to 2.52% of income.

METHODIST GIVING PER ACTIVE MEMBER

Compared with U.S. PERSONAL INCOME Per Person 15 and Over



WORLD SERVICE DECREASES

The chart on next page, "WORLD SERVICE GIVING PER ACTIVE METHODIST," shows that the World Service share of total Methodist giving has *decreased* from 5.64% to 3.05%!

The World Service share of total benevolences has *decreased* from 36.99% to 20.39%!

On the basis of giving per active member (dollars of equal buying power),

Total giving has almost doubled!

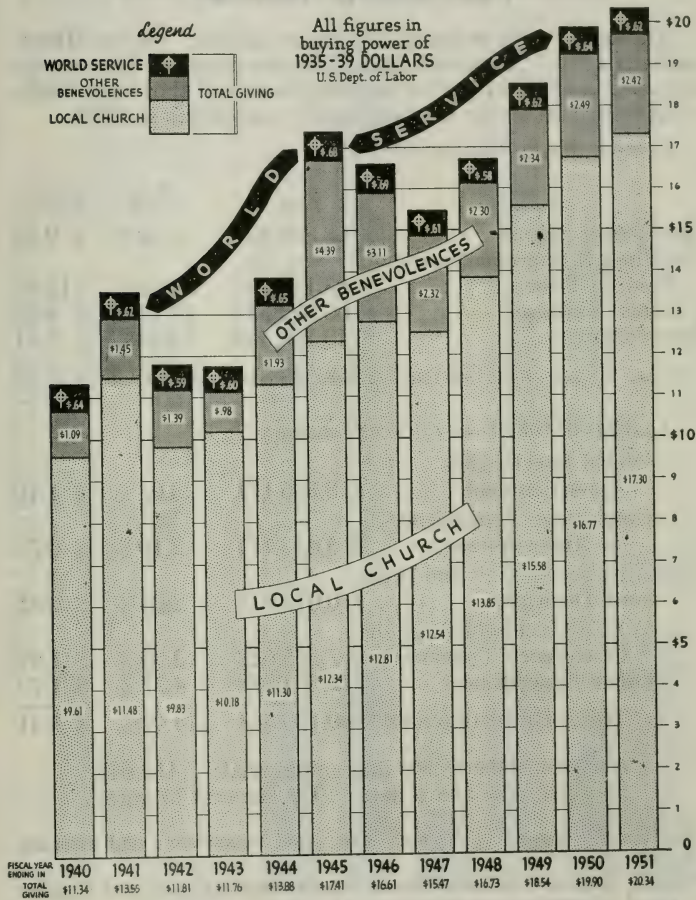
Local church expenditures have almost doubled!

Other Benevolences have more than doubled!

But World Service has actually declined!

WORLD SERVICE GIVING PER ACTIVE METHODIST

As a Part of TOTAL BENEVOLENCES and of
TOTAL METHODIST GIVING Per Active Methodist



Sources: 1940-51 General Minutes, 1940-51 Annual Reports of the World Service Commission,
U. S. Department of Labor Cost of Living Indexes

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METHODIST GIVING**TOTAL, PROPORTIONATE and
PER ACTIVE MEMBER**

The three charts on succeeding pages, namely, "TOTAL METHODIST GIVING," "PROPORTIONATE DISTRIBUTION OF METHODIST GIVING," and "GIVING PER ACTIVE MEMBER," shows the Methodist contributions for the Conference year ending in 1950.

Comparable figures for 1951 are:

	<i>Total</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Per Active Member</i>
Ministerial Support	\$ 68,834,461	26.62%	\$ 9.28
Buildings & Improvements and Paid on Debt	\$ 93,196,438	34.69%	\$12.57
Current Expense	\$ 66,472,554	24.75%	\$ 8.97
Benevolences	\$ 40,120,363	14.94%	\$ 5.41
TOTAL METHODIST GIVING..	\$268,623,814	100.00%	\$36.23

Analysis of the "Benevolences" shows:

World Service on Apportionment	\$ 8,136,171	3.03%	\$ 1.10
Conference Benevolences on Apportionment	\$ 5,643,171	2.10%	\$ 0.76
Advance Specials and Week of Dedication	\$ 6,011,811	2.24%	\$ 0.81
WSCS Cash Sent through Conference Treasurer	\$ 7,525,622	2.80%	\$ 1.01
Other Benevolences	\$12,803,588	4.77%	\$ 1.73
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$40,120,363	14.94%	\$ 5.41

Active members, lay and ministerial: 7,413,644
Source of the above data: 1951 General Minutes

"Ministerial Support" is the cash salary paid to ministers and associate ministers.

"Current Expense" includes Church School Administration, and Connectional Funds.

"World Service on Apportionment" is the amount actually received by the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

"Advance Specials" in the charts, as above, includes "Week of Dedication" offering.

TOTAL METHODIST GIVING

Conference Year Ending in 1951

Ratio { World Service
Conference
Advance Specials
W.S.C.S.
All Others

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS AND PAID ON DEBT CURRENT EXPENSES

BENEVOLENCES

② \$136,171
C 1,018,596
A 660,690
† 1,347,407
O 2,314,585
\$40,120,363

WHOLE CHURCH

\$268,623,814

\$ MILLIONS

\$68,834,461 \$93,196,438 \$66,472,552

N.E.

\$52,147,265

S.E.

\$70,594,525

Central

\$6,081,875

N.C.

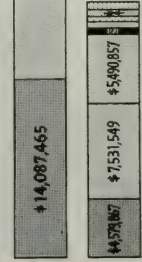
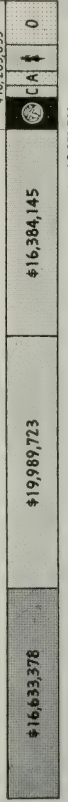
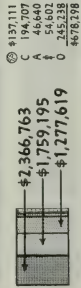
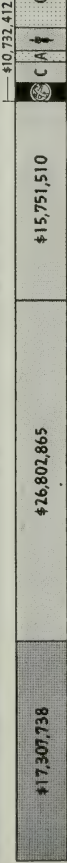
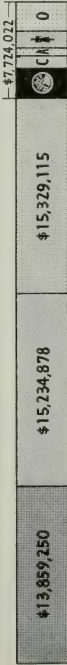
\$63,212,279

S.C.

\$56,278,700

Western

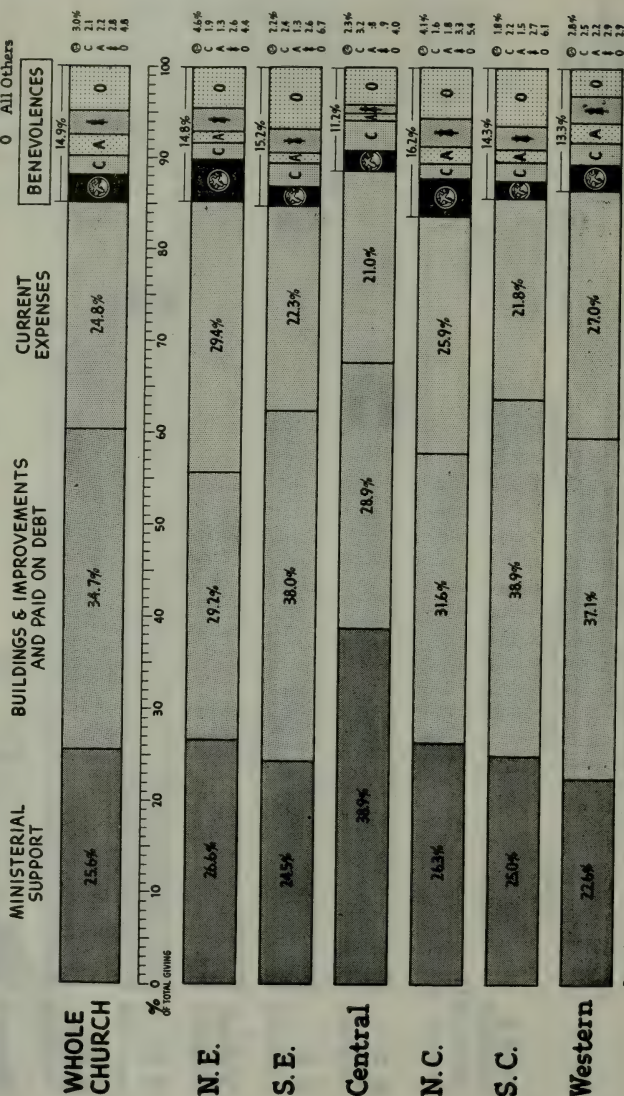
\$20,309,170



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PROPORTIONATE DISTRIBUTION OF METHODIST GIVING

Conference Year Ending in 1951



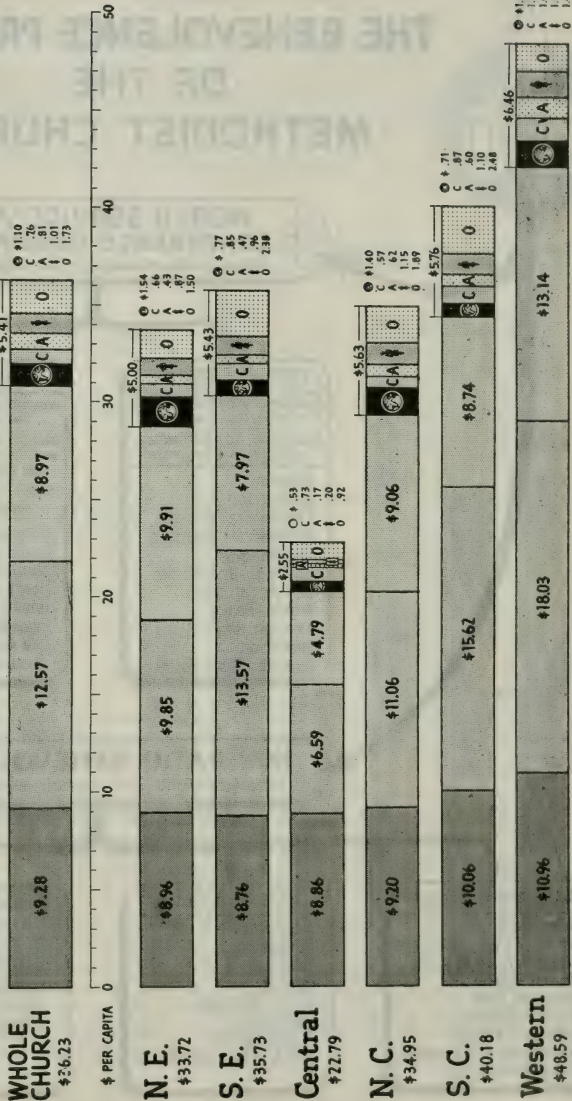
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GIVING PER ACTIVE MEMBER

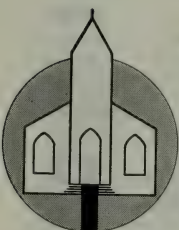
Conference Year Ending in 1951

Ratio { C World Service
 A Conference
 A Advance Specials
 W.S.C.S.
 O All Others

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS AND PAID ON DEBT CURRENT EXPENSES BENEVOLENCES



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THE BENEVOLENCE PROGRAM OF THE METHODIST CHURCH



WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

(Raised on Apportionment - Distributed on Ratio)

WORLD SERVICE

*Apportioned to Annual Conferences
by the General Conference
Distribution Ratio determined
by the General Conference*

Missions
Education
Theological Schools
Ministerial Training
Temperance
Hospitals and Homes
Lay Activities
World Peace
Evangelism
Pensions
American Bible Society

CONFERENCE

*Amount determined by the
Annual Conference
World Service Apportionment added,
and the total apportioned by
the Annual Conference
Distribution Ratio voted by
Annual Conference*

Ministerial Sustentation
Conference Missions
Education
Hospitals
Homes
Evangelism
Lay Activities
And many more

NON-RATIO BENEVOLENCES

(Special Gifts Not on Apportionment or Ratio)

Methodism-wide Causes

Advance Specials
Week of Dedication
World Service Specials
Youth Fund
Student Day
Race Relations
Overseas Relief
Commission on Chaplains
Camp Activities

Conference Causes

Missions
Education
Hospitals
Homes
Lay Activities
Pensions
Temperance
And many more

Woman's Society of Christian Service

Foreign Fields
Home Fields
Christian Social
Relations and Local
Church Activities

METHODIST BENEVOLENCES

The phase of Methodist activities which ministers to needs outside the local church parish is called Benevolences. The Methodist Benevolence program beyond the local church may be divided into two major groups:

I. World Service and Conference Benevolences

II. Non-ratio Benevolences

I. *World Service and Conference Benevolences* are those which constitute the basic continuing Benevolence program of The Methodist Church beyond the local church.

A. The *World Service* program is the Methodism-wide Benevolent activity of our Church. The causes to be supported, the relative amounts (ratio) for each cause, the total amount to be raised annually, and the method of apportionment in allotting this goal among the Annual Conferences are determined by the General Conference. The World Service Agencies and the plan of division of World Service receipts for the 1948-52 quadrennium are:

1. First claims: The General Commission on World Service and Finance

The Central Receiving Treasury
The Co-operative Work of the Boards
Board of Pensions (fixed amount)
Deaconess Pensions (fixed amount)

2. The balance is distributed:

Board of Missions and Church Extension	71.5%
Board of Education	15.2%
Theological Schools	4.08%
Commission on Ministerial Training	1.05%
Board of Temperance	2.2%
Board of Hospitals and Homes .....	.97%
Board of Lay Activities	1.65%
Commission on World Peace .....	.9%
Board of Evangelism	1.2%
American Bible Society	1.25%

B. The *Conference Benevolence* program is the basic continuing Benevolence program within the Annual Conference. The Budget for each cause is approved by the Annual Conference. The receipts are distributed on a ratio determined by vote of the Annual Conference.

The World Service Apportionment (as determined by the General Conference) is sent to the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance. This Commission combines the approved Conference Benevolence Budget and the World Service Apportionment into one sum called "World Service and Conference Benevolences." This amount is apportioned among the charges in the manner determined by the Annual Conference.

II. *Non-ratio Benevolences* are funds raised outside the World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget. They are usually raised for specific causes.

A. Methodism-wide non-ratio Benevolences are for causes anywhere in our Church. Special gifts may be made by individuals, churches, or Conferences to the General Boards and Agencies of the Church for the over-all program of the Boards, or for specified projects of the Boards.

Included are :

- Advance Fund Specials
- Week of Dedication
- World Service Specials
- Youth Fund
- Student Day
- Race Relations Day
- Overseas Relief
- Commissions on Chaplains
- Camp Activities

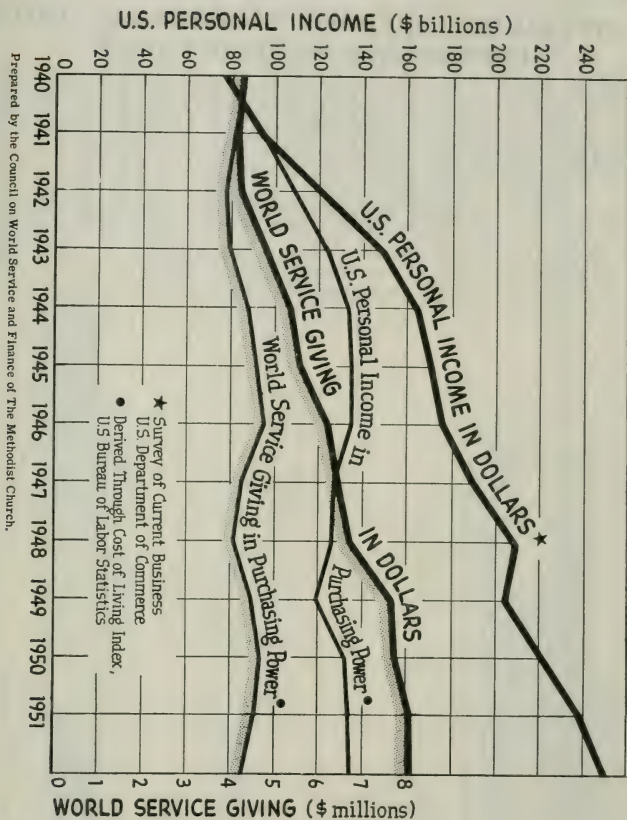
B. Conference non-ratio Benevolences are raised outside the Conference's apportioned Benevolence Budget for additional support of its Boards, Agencies and Institutions.

C. The Woman's Society of Christian Service raises Benevolences for its world-wide Benevolent Activities. These funds are from the local Woman's Societies, including Wesleyan Service Guilds and one-half the Youth Fund. The monies are sent through the District and Conference Treasurers. They are disbursed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service or the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The departments of the Woman's Division are :

Foreign Fields

Home Fields

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities



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METHODIST SUPPORT TO GENERAL AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

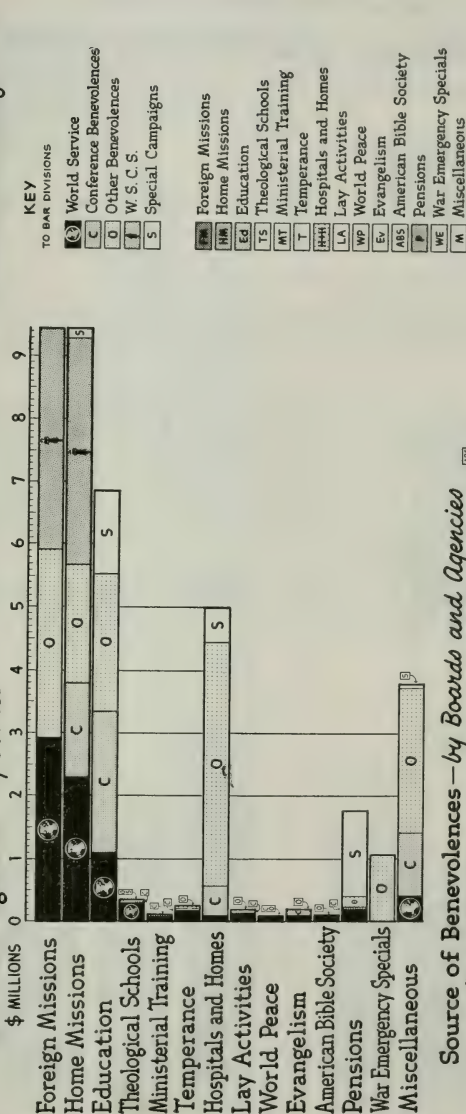
The top section of the chart, "Boards and Agencies—by Source," next page, shows how each of the causes of the Church secured its funds. Each cause includes the Conference level Boards and Agencies, as well as the general level Boards. The total amount received and the amount from each source are shown for each cause.

The bottom section, "Source of Benevolences—by Boards and Agencies" shows how the major fund raising efforts of the Church distributed their gifts among the Benevolent Causes. This is the reverse of the above, with the same data presented in the opposite manner. The total amount raised and distributed to each cause is shown for each fund raising method.

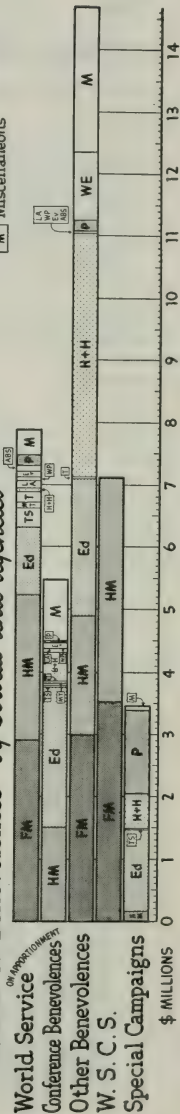
METHODIST SUPPORT TO GENERAL AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

Boards and Agencies — by Source

Conference Year Ending in 1950



Source of Benevolences — by Boards and Agencies



TOTAL GENERAL BENEVOLENCE GIVING

General Benevolences are those beyond the Annual Conference level.

Included are:

World Service (on apportionment)
World Service Specials
Week of Dedication offering
Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, Fellowship of Suffering and Service,
Camp Activities, Chaplains
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Crusade for Christ
Advance for Christ and His Church

On the left, "Total Giving in Dollars," the giving for the first three years of each quadrennium of The Methodist Church is shown in dollars. The total amount of money collected by these various means is listed, just as their reports show.

On the right, "Total Giving in Buying Power," the same information is presented, but we have adjusted for the fluctuations in the value of the dollar. Rapidly rising costs over the last decade require that we consider not only the number of dollars contributed, but also the buying power of these contributions. Each dollar in each three-year period will buy the same amount of goods and services as the others, as shown here. The U. S. Department of Labor's "Cost of Living Index" was used to convert all figures to the buying power of the 1935-39 dollar.

The total giving for the General Benevolences as shown on the left side is compared with the buying power of those gifts on the right side.

TOTAL GENERAL BENEVOLENCE GIVING

During the first three years of each quadrennium of The Methodist Church

Total Giving in DOLLARS

(shown in \$ thousands)

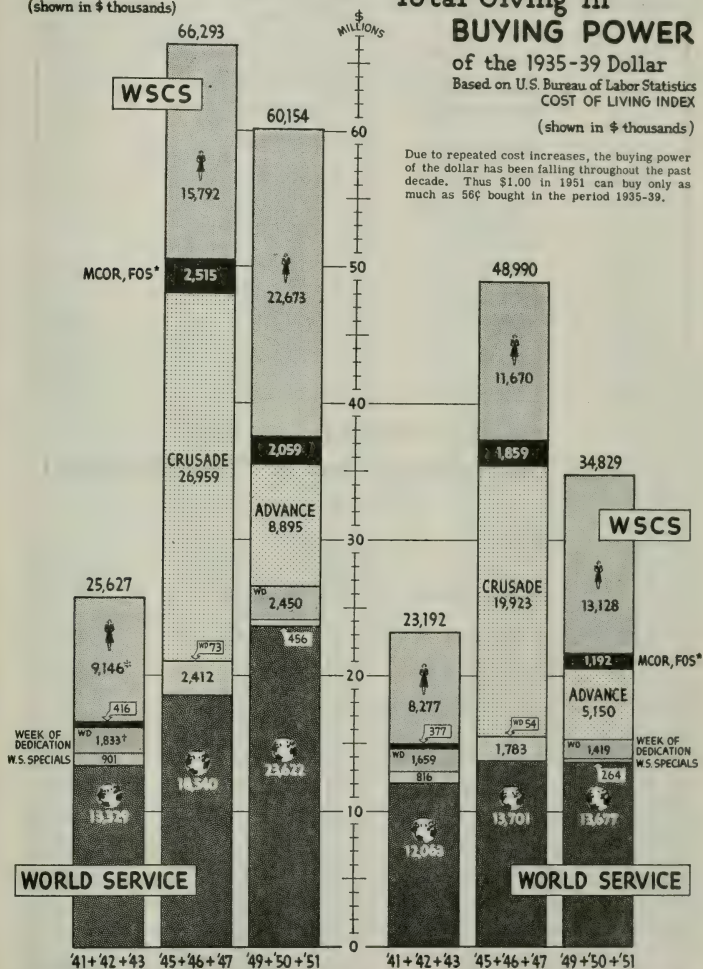
Total Giving in BUYING POWER

of the 1935-39 Dollar

Based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
COST OF LIVING INDEX

(shown in \$ thousands)

Due to repeated cost increases, the buying power of the dollar has been falling throughout the past decade. Thus \$1.00 in 1951 can buy only as much as 56¢ bought in the period 1935-39.



*Includes Camp Activities, Chaplains

* WSCS Jun 1-Dec 31, 1940 not available

*Includes Day of Compassion \$928,416.08

Share of WORLD SERVICE
in "World Service and Conference Benevolences"

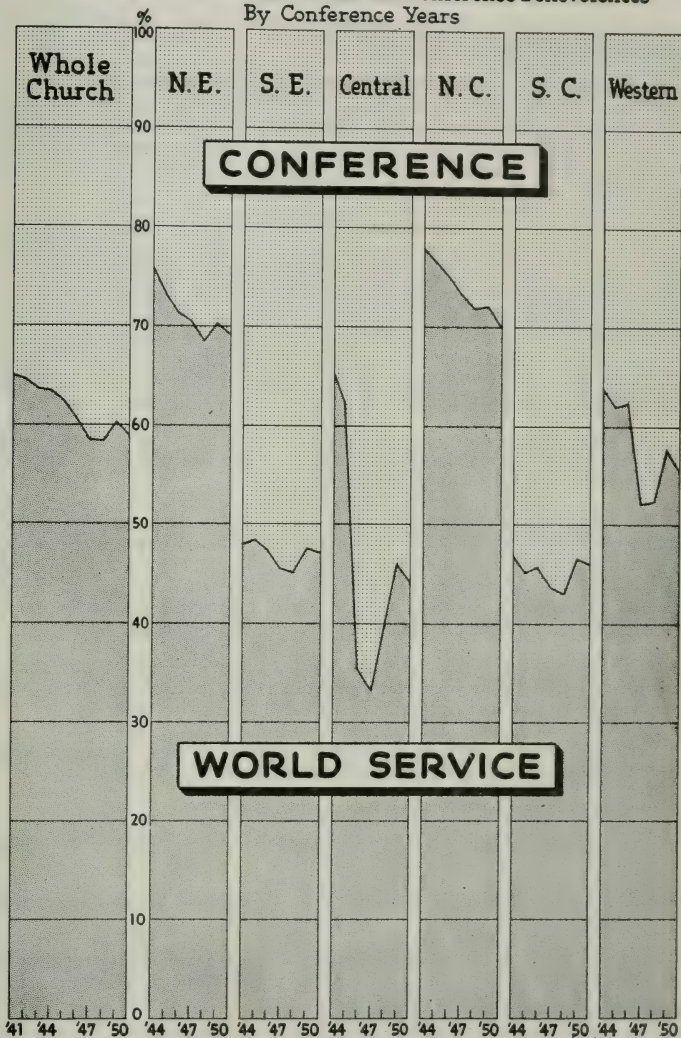
<i>Year Ending in</i>	<i>World Service</i>	<i>World Service and Conference Benevolences</i>	<i>% for World Service</i>
1940	\$4,300,404	\$ 5,675,400	76%
1941	\$4,166,262	\$ 6,005,915	69%
1942	\$4,324,150	\$ 6,481,112	67%
1943	\$4,838,687	\$ 7,494,808	65%
1944	\$5,439,296	\$ 8,753,746	62%
1945	\$5,803,049	\$ 9,573,596	61%
1946	\$6,284,286	\$10,362,982	61%
1947	\$6,453,112	\$10,555,583	61%
1948	\$6,826,563	\$11,585,049	59%
1949	\$7,672,360	\$12,908,816	59%
1950	\$7,813,598	\$13,199,992	59%
1951	\$8,136,171	\$13,779,342	59%

Share of WORLD SERVICE
**in "Total Benevolences" and in "Total Methodist
Giving"**

<i>Year Ending in</i>	<i>Total Benevolences</i>	<i>% for World Service</i>	<i>Total Methodist Giving</i>	<i>% for World Service</i>
1940	\$11,552,411	37%	\$ 75,608,889	5.69%
1941	\$13,710,694	30%	\$ 89,677,752	4.65%
1942	\$14,525,686	30%	\$ 93,567,050	4.62%
1943	\$12,791,395	38%	\$ 95,269,974	3.78%
1944	\$21,598,525	25%	\$116,223,876	4.68%
1945	\$43,153,260	13%	\$148,286,227	3.91%
1946	\$34,580,544	18%	\$151,196,586	4.16%
1947	\$31,076,049	21%	\$164,138,457	3.93%
1948	\$33,755,557	20%	\$196,435,168	3.48%
1949	\$36,590,188	21%	\$229,297,111	3.35%
1950	\$38,508,675	20%	\$244,676,674	3.19%
1951	\$40,120,363	20%	\$268,623,814	3.03%

BENEVOLENCES ON APPORTIONMENT

Division between World Service and Conference Benevolences
By Conference Years



Does Not Include Crusade

CONCLUSIONS

This brief study of the General Benevolences of The Methodist Church covers the period from 1940 to 1952.

At the close of the first quadrennium, the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance to the General Conference stated, "It is apparent from a study of the distribution of the Benevolence income of the whole Church that there does not exist in The Methodist Church any consistent plan for making a Benevolence policy applicable to the Church as a whole."

Two things of great importance occurred during the 1944-48 quadrennium. In the first place, the Crusade, with its goal of \$25,000,000.00, set the Church to a common task and revealed the strength and resources of the membership. In the second place, the Church became World Service-conscious. With most of the money for the Crusade raised in the first two years of the quadrennium, the local churches continued their enlarged giving by substantial increases in their gifts to World Service and Conference Benevolences. This is evidenced by the fact that the receipts for 1947-48 were 25.5% above those of 1944-45.

The quadrennium now closing has been distinguished by a further rise in World Service and in significant giving for "The Advance for Christ and His Church," and for "The Week of Dedication."

The following facts may indicate a trend in the general Benevolence giving of the Church. In 1948-49, forty-four Annual Conferences paid in full or overpaid their Apportionment for World Service. In 1949-50, this had increased to fifty-six and in 1950-51 to sixty-one. Of these sixty-one Annual Conferences, thirteen decreased their overpayments. At the same time, gifts for "Advance Specials" totaled \$4,350,940.92 for 1950-51.

In 1948-49, with World Service Apportionments increased one third, the Church paid 97.08% of the Apportionment. In 1949-50, 98.86% of the Apportionment was paid, and in 1950-51, it was paid 102.95%.

The trend would seem to be toward payment of the World Service Apportionment in full, with additional gifts directed to "Advance Specials."

In view of this probable trend, it is well to note:

- a. The average Methodist increased his support to the local church during the past decade.
- b. Mr. Average Methodist has increased his support to his Conference Benevolences.
- c. The giving of Mr. Average Methodist to World Service has *decreased* both in terms of per cent of total giving and in terms of the purchasing power of his World Service gifts.

At the Annual Conference level, it should be noted that :

- a. An increasing number of prior claims are being placed in the World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget and are being paid from first receipts before the World Service and Conference Benevolence dollar is divided. Some of these items, such as the General Administration Fund, should be apportioned separately from World Service and Conference Benevolences. Other items should be included in Conference Benevolences.
- b. Annual Conferences are including many new projects in their Conference Expenses. These include many of an administrative nature which should be apportioned separately.
- c. A more defensible plan of apportioning World Service to the Annual Conferences should be adopted by the General Conference. The present plan of apportioning to each Annual Conference a percentage increase over the preceding quadrennium brings many inequities into the Apportionments.
- d. There is a gradual leveling of the ratio between World Service and Conference Benevolences with an average ratio of 59% for World Service and 41% for Conference Benevolences.

Further conclusions are :

- a. The dollar in 1952 will buy about 13% less than in 1948.
- b. In the past four years, the active membership of our Church has increased by 5%.
- c. Many new avenues of work are opening to our World Service Agencies.

All of the foregoing points to the need for a substantial increase in our World Service goals for the next quadrennium.

REAL COST OF A CHARITABLE GIFT — AFTER TAX (FOR 1952)

Here is what you actually pay out in cash for your charitable gift. The first line below is the amount of your gift. That gives you a tax saving according to your income. Find your income at the left, then the table to the right shows you the real cost of each gift. It is the initial cash outlay, less the tax saved by making the gift.

If the income after deductions (excluding the contribution) and exemptions for a

Single, Married

Person is	\$50	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
\$	500	\$	1,000	\$39	78	\$156	\$233	\$311	\$389	\$566	\$754	\$1,065	\$1,320	\$1,580	\$1,840	\$2,100	\$2,360
1,000	2,000	39	78	156	233	311	389	566	754	1,065	1,320	1,580	1,840	2,100	2,360	2,620	2,880
2,000	4,000	39	78	156	233	311	389	566	754	1,065	1,320	1,580	1,840	2,100	2,360	2,620	2,880
3,000	6,000	38	75	151	226	302	377	556	744	1,050	1,300	1,560	1,820	2,080	2,340	2,600	2,860
4,000	8,000	38	75	151	226	302	377	556	744	1,050	1,300	1,560	1,820	2,080	2,340	2,600	2,860
5,000	10,000	36	71	142	213	284	355	533	710	1,035	1,280	1,540	1,800	2,060	2,320	2,580	2,840
6,000	12,000	36	71	142	213	284	355	533	710	1,035	1,280	1,540	1,800	2,060	2,320	2,580	2,840
7,000	14,000	33	66	132	198	264	330	495	660	990	1,320	1,650	1,980	2,310	2,640	2,970	3,300
8,000	16,000	33	66	132	198	264	330	495	660	990	1,320	1,650	1,980	2,310	2,640	2,970	3,300
9,000	18,000	31	62	124	186	248	310	465	620	930	1,240	1,560	1,880	2,200	2,520	2,840	3,160
10,000	20,000	31	62	124	186	248	310	465	620	930	1,240	1,560	1,880	2,200	2,520	2,840	3,160
11,000	22,000	29	58	116	174	232	290	435	580	870	1,160	1,450	1,740	2,030	2,320	2,610	2,900
12,000	24,000	29	58	116	174	232	290	435	580	870	1,160	1,450	1,740	2,030	2,320	2,610	2,900
13,000	26,000	26	52	104	156	208	260	390	520	780	1,040	1,320	1,600	1,880	2,160	2,440	2,720
14,000	28,000	26	52	104	156	208	260	390	520	780	1,040	1,320	1,600	1,880	2,160	2,440	2,720
15,000	30,000	24	47	94	141	188	235	353	470	705	940	1,180	1,420	1,660	1,900	2,140	2,380
16,000	32,000	24	47	94	141	188	235	353	470	705	940	1,180	1,420	1,660	1,900	2,140	2,380
18,000	36,000	22	44	88	132	176	220	330	440	660	880	1,120	1,360	1,600	1,840	2,080	2,320
20,000	40,000	21	41	82	123	164	205	308	410	615	820	1,040	1,260	1,480	1,700	1,920	2,140
22,000	44,000	19	38	76	114	152	190	285	380	570	760	1,000	1,200	1,400	1,600	1,800	2,000
24,000	48,000	17	34	68	102	136	170	255	340	510	680	900	1,100	1,300	1,500	1,700	1,900
26,000	52,000	17	34	68	102	136	170	255	340	510	680	900	1,100	1,300	1,500	1,700	1,900
28,000	56,000	17	33	66	99	132	165	248	330	495	660	990	1,320	1,660	2,000	2,340	2,680
30,000	60,000	17	33	66	99	132	165	248	330	495	660	990	1,320	1,660	2,000	2,340	2,680
40,000	80,000	14	28	56	84	112	140	210	280	420	560	840	1,120	1,400	1,680	2,000	2,320
50,000	100,000	13	25	50	75	100	125	188	250	375	500	750	1,000	1,250	1,500	1,750	2,000
60,000	120,000	12	23	46	69	92	115	173	230	345	460	690	920	1,150	1,425	1,700	2,000
70,000	140,000	10	20	40	60	80	100	150	200	300	400	600	800	1,000	1,200	1,400	1,600
80,000	160,000	9	17	34	51	68	85	128	170	255	340	510	680	850	1,020	1,190	1,360
90,000	180,000	8	15	30	45	60	75	113	150	225	300	450	600	750	900	1,050	1,200
100,000	200,000	6	12	24	36	48	60	90	120	180	240	360	480	600	720	840	960
150,000	300,000	5	10	20	30	40	50	75	100	150	200	300	400	500	600	700	800
200,000	400,000	5	9	18	27	36	45	68	90	135	180	270	360	450	540	630	720

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF TREASURER'S REPORT

THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1952

Assets

Demand deposit and cash on hand, including \$1,862,636.89 received from June 1 to 6, 1952	\$3,282,516.38
Accounts receivable—costumes, shipping service, and transportation bureau	4,663.10
Foreign taxes refundable	78.00
Deferred charges:	
Postage inventory	\$ 654.92
Insurance	1,947.95
	2,602.87
Trust fund assets:	
Demand deposit	\$4,794.57
United States Government bonds	3,137.00
Alice L. Lee fund—cash	500.00
Eva H. Smith fund—cash	500.00
M. I. Trostle fund—United States Government bonds	5,000.00
	13,931.57
	<u>\$3,303,791.92</u>

Liabilities and Funds

Accounts payable—supplies	\$ 2,504.59
Salary deductions for pensions and income tax	3,105.78
World Service receipts payable to organizations	1,777,418.48
Collections held for other funds:	
Episcopal	\$287,413.22
General Administration	86,302.31
Crusade for Christ	18,503.52
Fellowship of Suffering and Service	49,994.80
Advance for Christ and His Church	696,321.64
North Central Jurisdiction	4,683.12
1952 Week of Dedication	329,000.26
Special Committees on War Relief	7,073.18
Gammon Theological Seminary	582.44
Episcopal Secretaries' Pension	363.53
Flood Relief	2,611.17
	1,482,849.19
Reserves:	
World Council of Churches	\$ 132.75
Ecumenical Conference	132.75
Annual audit	750.02
Chicago area promotion for World Service	1,212.00
Pension for World Service treasurer	4,147.54
Equipment purchases:	
Central Treasury	\$3,048.18
Cooperative Service Department	2,334.36
	5,382.54
Undistributed collections—designated gifts	12,224.71
Trust funds:	
M. I. Trostle	\$ 5,000.00
World Service permanent funds	3,146.25
Others	5,785.32
	13,931.57
	<u>\$3,303,791.92</u>

The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois. We have examined the balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the World Service Fund of The Methodist Church for the year ended May 31, 1952. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the above balance sheet and accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church at May 31, 1952, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

Chicago, Illinois, July 14, 1952.

	Receipts and Distribution		Thereof		Total		Payable		Payments and	
	Special	Gifts	On Ratio	Gifts	Total	Total	May 31, 1951	May 31, 1952	Direct	Retained
Receipts:										
Received by Treasurer (excluding)										
\$883,052.69 received from June 1 to										
7, 1951, and including \$1,045,573.79 re-										
ceived from June 1 to 6, 1952) . . .	\$	\$	\$8,138,011.83	\$	\$8,148,028.22					
Reported by boards			22,268.08		156,538.96					
Total			\$8,160,279.91		\$8,304,567.18					
Administrative and cooperative expenses:										
The General Commission on World										
Service and Finance	\$	\$	15,000.00		\$					
Central Receiving Treasury			53,966.29		252,970.83					
Cooperative work of boards			252,970.83		\$					
Total			\$ 321,937.12		\$					
Remainder distributable to participating										
organizations			\$7,838,342.79		\$7,982,630.06					
Distributions of fixed payments to organizations:										
Board of Pensions (Illinois)			\$	\$	\$					
Board of Pensions (Illinois) for Dea-										
conesses' Pensions			32,000.00		32,000.00					
Board of Pensions (Missouri)			61,880.00		61,880.00					
Total			\$ 179,651.00		\$					
Ratio distribution to organizations:										
Bd. of Miss. and Ch. Ext.	71.50%		\$5,475,964.63	\$	\$5,560,634.41					
Board of Education	15.20		1,164,121.14		1,181,783.69					
Theological schools	4.08		312,474.62		313,836.62					
Com. on Min. Training	1.05		80,416.28		80,416.28					
Board of Temperance	2.20		168,491.22		194,908.99					
Bd. of Hospitals and Homes . . . . .	.97		74,289.31		75,261.54					
Board of Lay Activities	1.65		126,368.41		126,523.41					
Commission on World Peace . . . . .	.90		68,928.23		69,966.46					
Board of Evangelism	1.20		91,904.30		92,162.30					
American Bible Society	1.25		95,733.65		107,485.36					
Total	100.00%		\$7,658,691.79		\$7,802,979.06					
Total to participating organizations			\$7,838,342.79		\$7,982,630.06					
<p>The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>We have examined the balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the World Service Fund of The Methodist Church for the year ended May 31, 1952. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.</p> <p>In our opinion, the above balance sheet and accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church at May 31, 1952, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.</p> <p>Chicago, Illinois, July 14, 1952.</p>										
							\$1,679,275.85	\$9,661,905.91	\$7,884,487.43	\$1,777,418.48

EPISCOPAL FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH **BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1952**

A S S E T S

Demand deposit	\$ 165,152.98
Demand deposit in General Commission bank account (including \$139,374.44 received from June 1 to 6, 1952)	287,413.22
United States Government obligations—at cost	873,772.08
Advances for salaries and expenses of bishops	63,973.73
	<u>\$1,390,312.01</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND PRINCIPAL

Accounts payable for expenses	\$ 7,013.66	
Salary deductions for pensions	1,303.28	\$ 8,316.94
Reserves:		
China Central Conference unclaimed grants-in-aid	\$ 30,702.03	
Bishop Chen—unclaimed salary and personal deposit	9,360.00	40,062.03
Fund balance		<u>1,341,933.04</u>
		<u>\$1,390,312.01</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended May 31, 1952

Receipts:

Conferences (excluding \$114,172.40 received from June 1 to 7, 1951 and including \$139,374.44 received from June 1 to 6, 1952)	\$1,012,417.79	
Interest on bonds (less custodian charges of \$399.12)	16,391.95	\$1,028,809.74

Disbursements:

Support of bishops:		
Bishops' salaries	\$ 342,000.00	
Retired bishops' allowances	55,500.00	
Allowances to bishops' widows	48,559.84	
House rent and expense of Episcopal residences	67,798.32	
Travel expenses, postage and telegrams	104,003.94	
Allowance for bishops' office expenses	97,653.12	
Grants-in-aid to Central Conference	116,699.58	
Central Conference bishops' travel to Council of Bishops	15,854.24	
Special travel authorized by General Conference	10,118.94	
Travel—Bishops affiliated, Autonomous Methodist	4,156.10	
Special travel authorized by Council of Bishops	2,990.15	
Payments to deceased bishops' families	1,700.00	
Moving expenses	1,127.36	\$ 868,161.59
Council of Bishops—expenses		10,940.78
Miscellaneous expenses, including share of Central Treasury expense of \$8,555.54		9,187.55
Total disbursements		<u>888,289.92</u>

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements (Note A)

\$ 140,519.82

Balance of fund, May 31, 1951	1,201,413.22
Balance of fund, May 31, 1952	<u>\$1,341,933.04</u>

NOTE(A): Purchases and sales of securities and changes in advances, liabilities and reserves are excluded from the above statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Episcopal Fund of The Methodist Church as of May 31, 1952, and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at May 31, 1952, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Chicago, Illinois.
 July 14, 1952.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1952

ASSETS

Demand deposit	\$ 36,053.96
Demand deposit in General Commission bank account (including \$50,683.74 received from June 1 to 6, 1952)	86,302.31
Advances	5,476.55
	<u>\$ 127,832.82</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 3,733.23
Distributable balances:	
General Conference	\$ 97,596.54
Commission on Public Information	9,938.64
Federal Council of Churches	11,923.15
World Council of Churches	4,641.26
	<u>124,099.59</u>
	<u>\$ 127,832.82</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended May 31, 1952

Receipts from conferences (excluding \$59,859.86 received from June 1 to June 7, 1951 and including \$50,683.74 received from June 1 to 6, 1952)	\$473,688.48	
Add: Prior year's receipts reclassified	4,203.64	\$477,892.12
Interest income (less custody fee of \$85.39)		7,934.45
		<u>\$485,826.57</u>
General expenses, including share of Central Treasury expense of \$4,037.17		4,619.51
Balance available for budget allowances		<u>\$481,207.06</u>
Disbursements under budget allowances:		
General Conference expenses:		
General minutes and statistical office	\$ 34,614.09	
Lay pension plan	12,745.16	
Transportation Bureau and miscellaneous conference expense	1,545.60	
Commissions and committees	71,676.66	
Direct conference expenses:		
Entertainment committee	\$ 8,661.83	
United States delegates travel	145,944.84	
United States delegates per diem	99,004.76	
Overseas delegates travel	75,915.40	
Overseas delegates per diem	11,538.49	
Miscellaneous	18,140.73	
	<u>359,206.05</u>	479,787.56
Federal Council of Churches		111,668.64
Commission on Public Information		93,056.33
World Council of Churches		43,425.25
		<u>727,937.78</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements		<u>(\$246,730.72)</u>
Balance of fund, May 31, 1951		370,830.31
Balance of fund, May 31, 1952		<u>\$124,099.50</u>

NOTE A: Purchases and sales of securities are excluded from the above statement of cash receipts and disbursements, as well as changes in advances and accounts payable.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois. We have examined the balance sheet of the General Administration Fund of The Methodist Church as of May 31, 1952, and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at May 31, 1952, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Chicago, Illinois.
July 14, 1952.

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CRUSADE FOR CHRIST FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET—JUNE 30, 1952

ASSETS

Demand deposits	\$ 22,689.02
Demand deposit in World Service Commission bank account	18,502.74
	<u>\$ 41,191.76</u>

LIABILITIES

Reserves arising from Crusade funds (other than that for Gammon Theological Seminary):	
German Central Conference, as annexed	\$ 5,000.00
World Council of Churches, as annexed	28,144.24
Miscellaneous, as annexed	5,000.00
	<u>\$ 38,144.24</u>
Fund balance:	
Distributable to boards and agencies, as annexed	\$ 1,835.35
Reserved for expenses	1,212.17
	<u>3,047.52</u>
	<u>\$ 41,191.76</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the thirteen months ended June 30, 1952

Receipts:

Interest collected	\$ 45,978.00
Transfer from unallocated funds	14.86
	<u>\$ 45,992.86</u>

Expenses paid:

Investment committee expense and custody account charges	\$ 145.26
Travel	21.83
Audit	200.00
Salaries	600.00
Miscellaneous	8.61
	<u>\$ 975.70</u>

	<u>\$ 45,017.16</u>
Disbursements to participating organizations, as annexed	1,208,676.91
Excess of disbursements over receipts	(\$1,163,659.75)
Balance in treasury, May 31, 1951	1,166,707.27
	<u>\$ 3,047.52</u>
Balance in treasury, June 30, 1952	

NOTE: (A) Purchases and sales of securities are excluded from the above statement of cash receipts and disbursements, as well as changes in the reserves.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Crusade for Christ Fund of The Methodist Church as of June 30, 1952, and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the thirteen months then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at June 30, 1952, and the results of its operations for the thirteen months then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

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CRUSADE FOR CHRIST OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES
For the thirteen months ended June 30, 1952

Reserve for German Central Conference

Balance, May 31, 1951 (arising from Crusade for Christ fund)	\$ 2,000.00	
Transfer from Crusade for Christ Contingent Reserve	40,702.01	
		<u>\$ 42,702.01</u>
Deduct:		
Contribution for reconstruction of destroyed German Methodist Churches	\$ 36,702.01	
Contribution to Ecumenical Centre, Frankfort, Germany	1,000.00	37,702.01
Balance, June 30, 1952		<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

Reserve for World Council of Churches

Balance, May 31, 1951 (arising from Crusade for Christ funds)	\$ 60,751.01	
Disbursements charged to reserve:		
Monthly payments to the World Council of Churches	\$ 27,083.29	
Traveling expenses of Methodist members of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches	5,523.48	32,606.77
Balance, June 30, 1952		<u>\$ 28,144.24</u>

Miscellaneous Reserves Arising from Crusade for Christ Funds

Balance, May 31, 1951, of amounts transferred from the Crusade for Christ Fund by action of the Budget Committee of the Crusade for Christ for purposes indicated:		
Wesley Foundations	\$ 21,750.00	
Provisional Conference of the Geneva Area in Europe	5,000.00	\$ 26,750.00
Less: Disbursements for Wesley Foundations		\$ 21,750.00
Balance, June 30, 1952		<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Crusade for Christ Fund of The Methodist Church as of June 30, 1952, and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the thirteen months then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at June 30, 1952, and the results of its operations for the thirteen months then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Chicago, Illinois.
July 14, 1952.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

WEEK OF DEDICATION FUNDS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1952

ASSETS

Demand deposit in General Commission bank account (including \$108,679.73 received from June 1 to 6, 1952)	\$329,000.26
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LIABILITIES

Balance distributable to:	
Division of Foreign Missions	\$180,950.14
Division of Home Missions	82,250.07
Committee for Overseas Relief	65,800.05
	<u>\$329,000.26</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH AND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended May 31, 1952

	1951 Week of Dedication	1952 Week of Dedication	Total
Receipts from conferences (excluding \$47,866.02 received from June 1 to 7, 1951 and including \$108,679.73 received from June 1 to 6, 1952)	\$ 80,802.56	\$580,932.40	\$661,734.96
Sale of scrap literature		75.00	75.00
Total receipts	<u>\$ 80,802.56</u>	<u>\$581,007.40</u>	<u>\$661,809.96</u>
Expenses:			
Travel	\$ 364.28	\$ 695.62	\$ 1,059.90
Printing and art work	1,594.24	40,308.13	41,902.37
Envelopes		4,564.84	4,564.84
Supplies		3,525.06	3,525.06
Postage and express	1,630.45	19,037.32	20,667.77
Mailing cost (labor only)	751.63	15,587.49	16,339.12
Advertising		262.79	262.79
Miscellaneous	360.75	13.80	374.55
Total expenses	<u>\$ 4,701.35</u>	<u>\$ 83,995.05</u>	<u>\$ 88,696.40</u>
Balance available for distribution	<u>\$ 76,101.21</u>	<u>\$497,012.35</u>	<u>\$573,113.56</u>
Disbursements under pro rata distribution:			
Board of Foreign Missions	\$140,498.03	\$ 92,406.65	\$232,904.68
Board of Home Missions	63,862.75	42,003.02	\$105,865.77
Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief	51,090.18	33,602.42	84,692.60
	<u>\$255,450.96</u>	<u>\$168,012.09</u>	<u>\$423,463.05</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements	(\$179,349.75)	\$329,000.26	\$149,650.51
Balance payable at May 31, 1951	<u>179,349.75</u>		<u>\$179,349.75</u>
Balance payable at May 31, 1952		<u>\$329,000.26</u>	<u>\$329,000.26</u>

The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Week of Dedication Funds of The Methodist Church as of May 31, 1952, and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the funds at May 31, 1952, and the results of their operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

Chicago, Illinois.
July 14, 1952.

FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING AND SERVICE FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1952

ASSETS

Demand deposit in General Commission bank account (including \$30,001.88 received from June 1 to 6, 1952)	\$ 49,994.80
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LIABILITIES

Distributable balances:	
Committee for Overseas Relief	\$ 24,997.40
Commission on Camp Activities	12,498.70
Commission on Chaplains	12,498.70
	<u>\$ 49,994.80</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended May 31, 1952

Receipts (excluding \$13,145.55 received from June 1 to 7, 1951 and including \$30,001.88 received from June 1 to 6, 1952):		
From conferences	\$482,357.66	
Reported by Committee for Overseas Relief	1,314.92	\$483,672.58
Expenses paid		
Postage	\$ 5,354.75	
Printing and art work	9,111.91	
Envelopes	4,440.60	
Mailing	2,444.38	
Advertising in <i>Advocate</i>	924.31	
Telephone and telegraph	578.88	
Audit	200.00	
Miscellaneous	48.64	23,103.47
Balance available for distribution		\$460,569.11
Disbursements under pro rata distribution:		
Committee for Overseas Relief	\$221,142.29	
Methodist Commission on Camp Activities	110,571.13	
Methodist Commission on Chaplains	110,571.13	442,284.55
Excess of receipts over disbursements		\$ 18,284.56
Balance of fund, May 31, 1951		31,710.24
Distributable balance, May 31, 1952		<u>\$ 49,994.80</u>

The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service Fund of The Methodist Church as of May 31, 1952, and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at May 31, 1952, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Chicago, Illinois.
July 14, 1952.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

**ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH
FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1952**

ASSETS

Demand deposit in World Service Commission bank account (including \$472,499.42 received from June 1 to 6, 1952) ..	\$696,321.64
United States Government obligations—at cost (purchased for expense reserve)	101,080.00
Amounts receivable from boards for reimbursement of general office and promotion expense	13,109.96
	<u>\$810,511.60</u>

LIABILITIES AND EXPENSE RESERVE

Accounts payable for expenses	\$ 10,795.29	
Salary deductions for pensions	189.28	\$ 10,984.57
Reserve for advance promotion in the Chicago area		7,290.35
Distributable to boards:		
Division of Foreign Missions	\$221,903.04	
Division of Home Missions	40,171.69	
Committee on Overseas Relief	23,373.76	
Conference initiated and administered gifts	70,928.27	
Unallocated	347,137.13	703,513.89
Expense reserve		88,722.79
		<u>\$810,511.60</u>

The General Commission on World Service
and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Advance for Christ and His Church Fund of The Methodist Church as of May 31, 1952 and the related statements of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the above balance sheet and accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at May 31, 1952, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

Chicago, Illinois.
July 14, 1952.

**ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH FUND OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF EXPENSE RESERVE CASH RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS**

For the year ended May 31, 1952 and the
four years ended May 31, 1952

RECEIPTS

	Year Ended May 31, 1952	Four Years Ended May 31, 1952
Contributions of boards and agencies	\$ 1,978.00	\$ 710,065.70
Interest on United States Government obligations		1,701.32
Reimbursement from boards of a portion of general office and promotion expense	23,345.10	23,345.10
Collections from mass meetings		14,269.96
Sales:		
Detalcomanias	17.26	1,398.47
Endless Life of Splendor	36,342.21	149,695.31
Study guide booklets	235.78	1,129.54
Faith Booklets	15,224.67	319,084.67
Families Faith in the Future	3,685.00	3,685.00
Other publications	2,753.75	2,874.33
Scrap sales	20.00	269.00
Miscellaneous contributions and offerings	14,115.02	14,115.02
Total receipts	\$ 97,716.79	\$ 1,241,633.42

DISBURSEMENTS

General office and administration expense	\$ 40,230.05	\$ 138,825.91
General promotion expense	45,308.74	538,313.67
Teaching and preaching mission expense	63,759.04	423,049.03
National Conference on Family Life	44,178.00	52,722.02
Total disbursements	\$ 193,475.83	\$ 1,152,910.63
Excess of receipts over disbursements (Note A)	(\$95,759.04)	\$ 88,722.79
Expense reserve at May 31, 1951	184,481.83	
Expense reserve at May 31, 1952	\$ 88,722.79	\$ 88,722.79

NOTE: (A) The statement for the four years ended May 31, 1952, excludes from the receipts and disbursements \$24,692.10 for expenses of boards which were reimbursed by them. The above statements also exclude the changes in accounts receivable and payable and in the reserve for advance promotion in the Chicago area.

The General Commission on World Service
and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Advance for Christ and His Church Fund of The Methodist Church as of May 31, 1952 and the related statements of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the above balance sheet and accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at May 31, 1952, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Chicago, Illinois.
July 14, 1952.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

**ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH FUND
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF DISTRIBUTABLE CASH RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS**

For the year ended May 31, 1952 and the four years ended May 31, 1952

	Year Ended May 31, 1952	Four Years Ended May 31, 1952
Receipts from conferences:		
Received by treasurer (including \$472,499.42 received from June 1 to 6, 1952 and excluding \$322,457.13 received from June 1 to 7, 1951)	\$ 2,865,621.82	\$ 8,006,275.67
Reported by boards	1,306,179.90	5,060,265.96
Total receipts	<u>\$ 4,171,801.72</u>	<u>\$13,066,541.63</u>
Disbursements to boards:		
Division of Foreign Missions:		
Received direct	\$ 1,029,786.10	\$ 3,782,151.10
Disbursed by Central Treasury	1,602,950.52	4,505,939.27
	<u>\$ 2,632,736.62</u>	<u>\$ 8,288,090.37</u>
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension:		
Received direct	\$ 224,875.85	\$ 1,019,862.87
Disbursed by Central Treasury	374,936.99	1,401,169.35
Disbursed by Central Treasury —Conference initiated projects	514,178.95	1,113,991.79
	<u>814,055.60</u>	<u>3,235,087.82</u>
Committee on Overseas Relief:		
Received direct	\$ 51,517.95	\$ 258,251.99
Disbursed by Central Treasury	194,772.48	581,597.56
	<u>\$ 246,290.43</u>	<u>\$ 839,849.55</u>
Total disbursements	<u>\$ 3,993,018.84</u>	<u>\$12,363,027.74</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements	\$ 178,782.88	\$ 703,513.89
Undistributed balance, May 31, 1951	524,731.01	
Undistributed balance, May 31, 1952	<u>\$ 703,513.89</u>	<u>\$ 703,513.89</u>

The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Advance for Christ and His Church of The Methodist Church as of May 31, 1952 and the related statements of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the above balance sheet and accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at May 31, 1952, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Chicago, Illinois,
July 14, 1952.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

**NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION FUND
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1952

ASSETS

Demand deposit		\$ 62,469.01
Demand deposit in General Commission bank account (including \$2,871.58 received from June 1 to 6, 1952)		4,683.12
Advance		20.00
Investment securities—at cost:		
United States Government obligations	\$ 18,000.00	
General Motors Acceptance Corporation notes (par value \$15,000)	14,876.87	32,876.87
		<u>\$100,049.00</u>

FUND PRINCIPAL

Balance, May 31, 1952	<u>\$100,049.00</u>
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended May 31, 1952

Receipts from conferences (excluding \$2,302.47 received from June 1 to 7, 1951 and including \$2,871.58 received from June 1 to 6, 1952)	\$ 19,942.01	
Less: Prior year's receipts reclassified	4,203.64	\$ 15,738.37
Interest collected		1,439.70
		<u>\$ 17,178.07</u>
Expenses paid		1,097.52
Excess of receipts over disbursements		\$ 16,080.55
Balance of fund, May 31, 1951		83,968.45
Balance of fund, May 31, 1952		<u>\$100,049.00</u>

NOTE (A): Purchases and sales of securities are excluded from the above statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the North Central Jurisdiction Fund of The Methodist Church as of May 31, 1952 and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the above balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at May 31, 1952, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Chicago, Illinois.
July 14, 1952.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

**GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND
BALANCE SHEET—MAY 28, 1952**

ASSETS

Demand deposit in General Commission bank account			\$ 12,185.03
Foreign taxes refundable			78.00
Investment securities—at cost, as annexed:			
United States Government obligations	\$100,000.00		
Other securities (market quotations \$469,720.25 at May 28, 1952):			
Bonds	\$168,327.91		
Notes	71,596.67		
Preferred stocks	38,920.81		
Common stocks	147,472.82	426,318.21	526,318.21 (A)
			<u>\$538,581.24</u>

FUND PRINCIPAL

Balance, May 28, 1952	<u>\$538,581.24</u>
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the period from June 1, 1951 to May 28, 1952

Receipts from interest and dividends	\$ 20,063.64	
Less: Custodian fee and miscellaneous charges	701.28	
	<u>\$ 19,362.36</u>	
Net gains on security transactions during the year	18,308.46	\$ 37,670.82
Disbursements to Gammon Theological Seminary for current operations		<u>15,000.00</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements		<u>\$ 22,670.82</u>
Balance of fund, May 31, 1951		<u>515,910.42</u>
Balance, May 28, 1952		<u>\$538,581.24</u>

NOTES: (A) In accordance with a decision of the General Conference, cash in the amount of \$11,680.59 and all securities were transferred to the Board of Education of The Methodist Church as at May 29, 1952.

(B) Purchases and sales of securities, except for the net gain realized thereon, are excluded from the above statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

The General Commission on World Service
and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Gammon Theological Seminary Fund as of May 28, 1952, and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the period from June 1, 1951 to May 28, 1952. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at May 28, 1952, and the result of its operations for the period then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

Chicago, Illinois.
June 26, 1952.

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT SECURITIES

May 28, 1952

Bonds:	Principal Amount or Number of Shares	Cost	Market Quotations
United States Savings bonds, Series G—due September 1, 1961	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	Nonnegotiable
Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., equipment trust J, 2½s, 1958	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,562.50	\$ 24,187.50
Central Maine Power Co., first mortgage, 3½s, 1981	5,000.00	5,088.61	5,212.50
Commercial Credit Corp., 3¼s, 1961	20,000.00	20,325.00	20,450.00
Consumer's Power Co., first mortgage, 3½s, 1981	10,000.00	10,146.70	9,975.00
Florida Power and Light Co., first mortgage, 3s, 1979	25,000.00	25,502.87	23,750.00
Mission Corporation, 15-year debentures, 3¾s, 1966	18,000.00	18,720.00	18,742.50
New York Central Railroad Co., fourth equipment trust of 1949, 2¾s, 1958	25,000.00	24,803.32	24,425.00
Northern States Power Co., first mortgage 2¾s, 1979	15,000.00	15,187.50	14,250.00
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., debentures, 3½s, 1983	15,000.00	15,696.38	14,962.50
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., debentures, 3½s, 1987	3,000.00	3,182.53	2,985.00
Tennessee Gas Transmission Co., debenture, 4½s, 1971	5,000.00	5,112.50	5,337.50
	<u>\$166,000.00</u>	<u>\$168,327.91</u>	<u>\$164,277.50</u>
Notes:			
General Motors Acceptance Corp., 2¼%, June 30, 1952	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 46,698.06	\$ 47,000.00
General Motors Acceptance Corp., 2%, June 30, 1952	25,000.00	24,898.61	25,000.00
	<u>\$ 72,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 71,596.67</u>	<u>\$ 72,000.00</u>
Preferred stocks:			
Pacific Lighting Corp.—no par	100	\$ 10,390.38	\$ 10,250.00
Standard Gas and Electric Co., cumulative, no par, \$7	200	28,530.43	37,500.00
		<u>\$ 38,920.81</u>	<u>\$ 47,750.00</u>
Common stocks:			
Cincinnati Gas and Electric Co., par \$8.50	441	12,444.25	17,199.00
Consolidated Edison Co., no par	400	11,698.38	13,850.00
Continental Oil Company, par \$5	200	5,806.78	12,850.00
El Paso Electric Co., no par	600	8,707.14	13,350.00
Fidelity-Phoenix Fire Insurance Co., par \$10	200	11,090.25	14,900.00
Illinois Power Co., no par	350	11,279.56	13,168.75
Iowa Illinois Gas and Electric Co., no par	200	5,645.50	5,225.00
Jewel Tea Co., Inc., no par	200	11,863.80	13,075.00
Louisville Gas and Electric Co., no par	300	9,037.32	11,025.00
Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Company, par \$1.50	200	5,881.85	9,800.00
Merck & Co., Inc., par 50 cents	300	5,766.27	8,850.00
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., no par	200	4,743.80	5,450.00
Pacific Gas and Electric Co., par. \$25	200	6,879.12	6,675.00
Phelps Dodge Corp., par \$25	200	6,758.08	6,975.00
Public Service Company of Colorado, no par	500	11,862.30	14,125.00
Standard Oil Company of Indiana, par \$25	100	6,895.36	8,100.00
The Texas Co., par \$25	200	11,113.06	11,075.00
		<u>\$147,472.82</u>	<u>\$185,692.75</u>
Total exclusive of United States Savings bonds		<u>\$426,318.21</u>	<u>\$469,720.25</u>

the General Commission on World Service
 and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Gammon Theological Seminary Fund as of May 28, 1952, and our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at May 28, 1952, and the results of its operations for the period ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Chicago, Illinois,
 June 26, 1952.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

**EPISCOPAL SECRETARIES' PENSION FUND
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1952**

ASSETS

Demand deposit in General Commission bank account			
Investment securities—at cost:			
United States Government obligations		\$35,758.50	
Other securities (market quotations \$61,951.56 at May 31, 1952):			
Bonds	\$39,136.39		
Notes	1,993.56		
Preferred stocks	4,615.90		
Common stocks	17,611.09	63,356.94	\$99,115.44
			<u>\$99,478.97</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$	5.12
Reserve for pensions (prior years' services)		99,473.85
		<u>\$99,478.97</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended May 31, 1952

Receipts from interest and dividends (less custodian fees and miscellaneous expenses of \$119.83)	\$	3,118.65
Gain on sale of securities	1,010.71	\$ 4,129.36
Disbursements made for pensions		206.61
Excess of receipts over disbursements (Note A)	\$	3,922.75
Balance of fund, May 31, 1951		95,551.10
Balance of fund, May 31, 1952		<u>\$99,473.85</u>

NOTE (A): Purchases and sales of securities (other than the gain on sales) are excluded from the above statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Episcopal Secretaries' Pension Fund of The Methodist Church as of May 31, 1952, and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the above balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the fund at May 31, 1952, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

Chicago, Illinois.
July 14, 1952.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 437.

PART V.—No. 1

WORLD SERVICE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

In compliance with Paragraphs 741-743 of the 1948 *Discipline*, The General Commission on World Service and Finance presents to the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church the following Report:

The General Commission on World Service and Finance is pleased to report that The Methodist Church has responded splendidly to the increased World Service Budget for the 1948-52 quadrennium. The request was for a 33 1/3 per cent increase above the amount apportioned for 1944-48.

Here is the record for the first three years of the quadrennium:

World Service Apportioned

Annual	\$ 7,903,379.00
Total for three years	\$23,710,137.00

World Service Paid

1948-49	\$ 7,672,359.89
1949-50	7,813,597.68
1950-51	8,136,170.59
Total for three years	\$23,522,128.16

Unpaid	\$ 188,008.84
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If the present rate of giving is maintained through May 31, 1952, the Apportionment for the four years will be paid in full.

The World Service Budget is basic to the total connec-tional program of Methodism. The Program Planning Com-mittee, composed of the Bishops, the Executive Secretaries, the General Commission on World Service and Finance and representatives of the Woman's Division of Christian Ser-vice adopted this statement:

"We regard the World Service Fund as basic in the Church's financial program. World Service Apportionments represent the minimum need of the General Agencies of the

Church, and the payment in full of these Apportionments by local churches and Conferences has prior claim over other Benevolent Appeals."

In preparing this recommendation, The General Commission on World Service and Finance gave careful consideration to the following:

(a) The annual askings of the several World Service Agencies, as presented to the General Commission, totaled \$18,086,964.77. Your Commission carefully studied the several requests and concluded that all were proposing worthwhile and desirable extensions of their programs.

(b) During the quadrennium there has been a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

(c) The active membership of the Church has increased about 4 per cent.

(d) The approved plan for General Benevolences points toward a tendency for the World Service giving to level off at the amount apportioned.

(e) The Apportionments must "be made on the basis of actual expectation and within reasonable reach of our churches." (Recommendation from Planning Committee.)

(f) The Apportionments must be within the limits of a defensible plan of objective Apportionments to the Annual Conferences.

Having given prayerful and sympathetic consideration to all the involvements concerned, the General Commission on World Service and Finance recommends to the General Conference that the annual World Service Budget for the 1952-1956 quadrennium be fixed at \$9,660,000.00.

(See Part V, Number 2 for Plan of Apportionment to the Annual Conference.)

The General Commission on World Service and Finance recommends that all World Service money received beginning with June 1, 1952, be distributed in accordance with the following schedule:

I. First claims shall be made on the World Service on Apportionment Funds for (a) the expense of promotion, and (b) for the World Service share of the costs of the Central Treasury and (c) the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

II. Fixed sums shall be paid annually from the World Service receipts as follows:

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To the Board of Pensions, Illinois Corporation	\$115,000.00
To the Board of Pensions, Missouri Corporation	71,000.00
To the Woman's Division of Christian Service	
for Pensions for Deaconesses	45,000.00
To the American University	50,000.00

The Treasurer shall pay one twelfth of the foregoing amount each month to the Boards, Division or Institution indicated.

Allocation for the American University is conditional upon

(1) Title to the institution being vested in The Methodist Church; (2) provision being made in the Charter that it shall not be amended nor shall Trustees be elected except with approval of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church; and (3) that \$50,000 additional shall be provided annually by the Board of Education from monies outside those of the World Service Funds. The \$50,000 shall not be distributed to the American University until all of these conditions have been complied with.

III. The balance of the receipts for the regular World Service Program shall be distributed according to the following ratios:

Board of Missions and Church Extension	62.35%
Board of Education	16.01%
*Theological Schools	8.90%
*Scarritt College	.56%
Ministerial Training	.95%
Board of Temperance	2.06%
Board of Hospitals and Homes	1.11%
Board of Lay Activities	1.67%
Commission on World Peace	.94%
Board of Evangelism	2.22%
American Bible Society	1.39%
Radio, Film and Television	1.84%
	<hr/> 100.00%

* Theological Schools and Scarritt College are limited in any one year to \$800,000 and \$50,000 respectively.

In presenting these recommendations, the General Commission has followed the counsel given it by the Planning Committee as to the needs of our theological schools and of Scarritt College. The Commission on Radio, Films and Television was authorized by the 1948 General Conference, but no funds were provided for its operation. It is believed that the percentage recommended for this Commission affords a minimum operating budget.

In considering the readjustment made with regard to the Board of Missions, it should be pointed out that this Board is the sole beneficiary of the Advance Special gifts which is being recommended for the coming quadrennium, such special gifts having averaged \$3,000,000 per year during the quadrennium just closing. A proposal to open Advance Special gifts to all the Boards and Commissions was seriously considered by the Planning Commission and decision reached to limit these to the one Board so as not to confuse the Church or minimize the especial importance of missions. Such source of additional income having been so limited, it is the judgment of the Commission that some provision for minimum increases must be made for the other worthy Boards and Commissions included in World Service causes.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance, in presenting this recommendation, states most emphatically that it does not consider the sum of \$9,660,000.00 an adequate sum for the work of the World Service Agencies. It therefore calls upon all Annual Conferences and all local churches to consider their Apportionments as a base below which they will not fall rather than a ceiling above which they will not go. The figure of \$9,660,000.00 is given the Church as a minimum challenge. Your Commission expresses the sincere hope that the effort will everywhere be made to enlarge the services of the Church through the help of greatly increased giving to Methodist World Service.

SPECIAL REQUESTS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Adopted, May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 438.

I. Support of Schools, Colleges and Wesley Foundations

The General Commission on World Service and Finance joins with the Council of Bishops, The Council of Secretaries and representatives of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in calling attention to the crisis confronting our Methodist schools and colleges and our Wesley Foundations. They must look to their constituent Conferences for moral and financial support. We believe the cause of Christian higher education should be laid on the conscience of our people, and that each Annual Conference should be encouraged of its own initiative to provide annually, as a minimum, a sum equivalent to 50 cents per church member for the schools and colleges, and 15 cents for the Wesley Foundations, which are its particular responsibility.

We, therefore, recommend: (1) that the General Conference set 50 cents per church member for the schools and colleges and 15 cents for the Wesley Foundations as a minimum goal for each Annual Conference; (2) that each An-

nual Conference determine its participation in this endeavor, and administer the funds thus raised for its schools, colleges, and Wesley Foundations; **and student work approved by the Annual Conference and the General Board of Education**; (3) that each Annual Conference set aside a percentage of funds so raised for aid in special and emergency situations, as may be determined by the Annual Conference concerned, the same to be remitted through the Central Treasury to the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education for administration by them. Such gifts shall receive World Service Special Gift credit.

II. Need for Church Extension

The General Commission calls the attention of the General Conference to the urgent necessity of establishing and housing new congregations if Methodism is to maintain its position of leadership in America and around the world. We found that 600 newly organized congregations are in temporary quarters; that 1,500 new churches should be organized within the quadrennium; and that an adequate building program calls for \$219,215,900.00.

We therefore recommend a Conference-initiated financial program as provided in suggested legislation known as Par. 784B.

PART V.—No. 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR WORLD SERVICE APPORTIONMENTS TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 439.

Par. 749 of the 1948 *Discipline*: "The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall after careful study prepare an equitable schedule of Apportionments by which the total World Service Budget (Par. 742) shall be distributed to the several Annual Conferences and shall present the same to the General Conference for its action and determination."

After a quadrennium of study, inquiry and deliberation, the General Commission on World Service and Finance submits the following recommendations with the hope that they may provide a method for arriving at an equitable plan for making Apportionments to the Annual Conferences.

These recommendations are made after experimentation with almost a score of possible methods of distribution. The plan followed during the preceding two quadrenniums, of

placing a percentage increase upon the giving of the fiscal year 1943-44 has been based only upon the willingness and ability of an Annual Conference to give to World Service in that one year. Succeeding years bring changes in strength of membership and of financial ability. We are aware of the difficulties in planning Apportionments which will be satisfactory to all the Conferences of our extensive connection, but we believe the plan hereinafter proposed comes nearer to solving the problems of fair Apportionments than any previously devised.

We have endeavored to formulate a plan which will present a challenge to the Church, and at the same time will not discourage our people nor weaken the fine World Service morale we have achieved. The plan is simple, equitable and defensible. Our suggested Apportionment, while a figure that represents an increase in amount, is really no more proportionately than was asked during the last quadrennium when allowance is made for inflation and increase in membership.

Our recommendations are:

1. That the apportionment for World Service for the 1952-56 quadrennium be set at \$9,660,000.00 annually.

2. That each Annual Conference shall have the right to fix its acceptance, after the apportionment has been presented and explained by the Bishop and the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.

3. We recommend that the World Service Apportionment be distributed to the Annual Conferences on a decimal derived from the following factors:

- (a) One third on the basis of active membership.

- (b) One third on the basis of total non-building giving (i.e., total for all purposes less amounts paid for debts, buildings, and improvements), and

- (c) One third on the basis of World Service giving on Apportionment. The figures for computing the decimal shall be those covering the first three years of the quadrennium. The figures for (a) and (b) shall be taken from the General Minutes and for (c) from the Reports of The General Commission on World Service and Finance.

4. We recommend, in the interest of fairness as we attempt this first basic schedule of Apportionments since the Uniting Conference, the schedule of Apportionments shall be so adjusted that no Annual Conference shall be apportioned an increase of less than ten per cent, and no Annual

Conference shall be apportioned an increase of more than thirty-five per cent above its Apportionment during the quadrennium 1948-1952.

5. We recommend all Annual Conferences be urged to assume the entire increase in their Apportionment the first year. If an Annual Conference decides it cannot assume the entire amount the first year, we recommend that it take as large a portion of the increase as its faith permits and that it lay plans for assuming the full Apportionment (as computed on the decimal) as early in the quadrennium as possible. The thirty-five per cent maximum increase allows Annual Conferences with large raises in Apportionments to take that step now and then to achieve the full Apportionment as computed as soon as their faith and works permit.

6. That the Apportionments for World Service shall become effective immediately upon the adjournment of the 1952 General Conference.

**PLAN FOR APPORTIONMENT OF WORLD SERVICE
OF APPORTIONMENT GOAL, 1952-56
NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION
(Recommended)**

	Annual Apportion- ment (as Computed on the decimal)	1952-56 Annual Apportion- ment as adjusted*
Boston Area		
Maine	\$ 29,839	\$ 29,839
New England	94,172	100,804
New England Southern	52,294	70,720
New Hampshire	20,789	21,097
New York Area		
Newark	124,734	157,964
New York	84,042	84,042
New York East	151,690	176,338
Troy	98,931	107,554
Philadelphia Area		
New Jersey	136,906	166,989
Philadelphia	176,898	186,442
Wyoming	107,318	153,824
Pittsburgh Area		
Erie	118,967	164,537

* Each Annual Conference's Apportionment was increased a minimum of 10% over the 1948-52 apportionment. No Annual Conference was increased more than 35%.

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Pittsburgh	193,420	215,851
West Virginia	186,739	176,886

Syracuse Area

Central New York	100,930	140,448
Genesee	112,678	145,344
Northern New York	48,486	54,636

Washington Area

Baltimore	236,843	293,813
Central Pennsylvania	154,359	198,576
Peninsula	91,376	91,376
Puerto Rico Prov.	2,926	2,926

N. E. Jurisdiction	\$2,324,337	\$2,740,006
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SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

(Recommended)

	Annual Apportion- ment (as Computed on the decimal)	1952-56 Annual Apportion- ment as adjusted*
Atlanta Area		
North Georgia	\$ 171,483	\$ 141,399
South Georgia	131,159	131,159
Birmingham Area		
Alabama	93,896	61,167
North Alabama	157,162	94,685
Charlotte Area		
South Carolina	168,690	153,010
Western No. Carolina	226,229	200,557
Jackson Area		
Mississippi	88,396	60,630
North Mississippi	72,002	54,927
Jacksonville Area		
Cuba		
Florida	167,740	158,432
Louisville Area		
Kentucky	70,338	59,426
Louisville	81,687	56,645
Memphis	110,806	101,245

* Each Annual Conference's Apportionment was increased a minimum of 10% over the 1948-52 apportionment. No Annual Conference was increased more than 35%.

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Nashville Area

Holston	170,452	164,840
Tennessee	97,778	92,995

Richmond Area

North Carolina	136,573	106,179
Virginia	296,671	295,496

S. E. Jurisdiction	\$2,241,062	\$1,932,792
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CENTRAL JURISDICTION

(Recommended)

	Annual Apportion- ment (as Computed on the decimal)	1952-56 Annual Apportion- ment as adjusted*
Atlantic Coast Area		
Atlanta	\$ 9,797	\$ 9,643
Central Alabama	9,788	7,919
Florida	3,705	4,802
Savannah	4,648	5,614
South Carolina	27,292	20,633
South Florida	3,394	3,394
Baltimore Area		
Delaware	35,319	32,685
East Tennessee	5,557	5,557
North Carolina	11,796	11,636
Washington	33,674	28,184
New Orleans Area		
Louisiana	13,982	13,982
Mississippi	14,540	11,690
Texas	14,905	14,336
Upper Mississippi	11,518	7,436
West Texas	12,789	7,953
Saint Louis Area		
Central West	10,740	10,740
Lexington	23,329	20,320
Southwest	3,610	2,452
Tennessee	4,910	3,105
Central Jurisdiction	\$ 255,293	\$ 222,081

* Each Annual Conference's Apportionment was increased a minimum of 10% over the 1948-52 apportionment. No Annual Conference was increased more than 35%.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION
(Recommended)

	Annual Apportion- ment (as Computed on the decimal)	1952-56 Annual Apportion- ment (as adjusted*
Chicago Area		
Illinois	\$ 231,008	\$ 231,008
Rock River	210,513	210,513
Southern Illinois	95,535	96,880
Des Moines Area		
Iowa-Des Moines	146,164	136,497
North Iowa	156,949	142,011
Detroit Area		
Detroit	200,071	220,754
Michigan	117,472	131,713
Indiana Area		
Indiana	163,806	183,092
North Indiana	175,468	232,024
Northwest Indiana	102,871	105,732
Ohio Area		
North-East Ohio	301,701	344,917
Ohio	342,233	352,818
Saint Paul Area		
Dakota	38,566	29,519
Minnesota	143,425	150,968
North Dakota	25,542	25,827
Wisconsin Area		
West Wisconsin	47,947	47,947
Wisconsin	83,796	83,796
N. C. Jurisdiction	\$2,583,067	\$2,726,016

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION
(Recommended)

	1952-56 Annual Apportion- ment as adjusted*	Annual Apportion- ment (as Computed on the decimal)
Arkansas-Louisiana Area		
Little Rock	\$ 78,262	\$ 75,898

* Each Annual Conference's Apportionment was increased a minimum of 10% over the 1948-52 apportionment. No Annual Conference was increased more than 35%.

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Louisiana	98,752	69,930
North Arkansas	81,060	73,117

Dallas-Fort Worth Area

Central Texas	97,617	58,713
North Texas	116,129	†71,880
Northwest Texas	108,129	92,363

Houston Area

Rio Grande	7,534	6,765
Southwest Texas	109,864	104,057
Texas	172,634	141,394

Kansas-Nebraska Area

Central Kansas	126,851	122,595
Kansas	89,785	82,916
Nebraska	115,593	109,652

Oklahoma-New Mexico Area

East Oklahoma	66,478	33,211
Indian Mission	2,291	101
New Mexico	46,093	41,198
West Oklahoma	92,416	59,385

Saint Louis Area

Missouri	58,145	26,914
St. Louis	77,212	56,965
Southwest Missouri	70,971	35,236

S. C. Jurisdiction	\$1,615,816	\$1,262,290
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WESTERN JURISDICTION
(Recommended)

	Annual Apportion- ment (as Computed on the decimal)	Annual Apportion- ment as adjusted* 1952-56
Denver Area		
Colorado	\$ 73,629	\$ 73,629
Montana	29,524	37,634
Wyoming State	13,756	13,756
Los Angeles Area		
Hawaii Mission	4,513	428
Latin-American Prov.	2,915	2,026
Southern California-Arizona	231,646	231,646

* Each Annual Conference's Apportionment was increased a minimum of 10% over the 1948-52 apportionment. No Annual Conference was increased more than 35%.
† Increased from \$48,006 to \$71,880 at the request of the North Texas delegation.

Portland Area

Alaska Mission	1,330	1,129
Idaho	17,808	19,113
Oregon	56,951	69,331
Pacific Northwest	88,653	89,935

San Francisco Area

California-Nevada	114,598	102,084
Pacific Japanese Prov.	5,102	1,193

Western Jurisdiction\$ 640,425 \$ 641,904

JURISDICTIONAL RECAPITULATION

	1952-56 Annual Apportion- ment as adjusted*	Annual Apportion- ment (as Computed on the decimal)
Northeastern	\$2,324,337	\$2,740,006
Southeastern	2,241,062	1,932,792
Central	255,293	222,081
North Central	2,583,067	2,726,016
South Central	1,615,816	1,262,290
Western	640,425	641,904
Whole Church	\$9,660,000	\$9,525,089

* Each Annual Conference's Apportionment was increased a minimum of 10% over the 1948-52 apportionment. No Annual Conference was increased more than 35%.

PART V.—No. 3

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Pages 440-446.

THE EPISCOPAL FUND BUDGET

(See "Discipline," Paragraphs 761 to 768)

The General Commission on World Service and Finance presents to the General Conference the following recommendation concerning the Episcopal Fund Budget for the quadrennium beginning June 1, 1952.

I. Bishops Elected by Jurisdictional Conferences

1. The salary of an effective Bishop shall be \$10,000.00 per year.

2. The allowance of a retired Bishop or Missionary Bishop shall be \$4,000.00 per year.

3. The allowance for the widow of a deceased Bishop or Missionary Bishop shall be \$2,400.00 per year provided that prior to the death of her husband she had been his wife for a period of at least fifteen years while he was in the effective

ministry of The Methodist Church as a Bishop or a traveling preacher. The allowance for the widow of a deceased Bishop or Missionary Bishop, who, prior to the death of her husband has been his wife for a shorter period than fifteen years while he was an effective minister of The Methodist Church, shall be determined on the basis of that fraction of the said fifteen years during which she was his wife. (See Par. 768, 1948 "*Discipline.*")

4. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall determine the amounts to be allowed for the support of minor children of deceased Bishops and for children who are, at the time of the Bishop's death, of evident mental or physical incapacity to provide for their own self-support.

5. For an Episcopal Residence furnished an effective Bishop, where the residence is held for The Methodist Church by a Board of Trustees there shall be allowed annually the sum needed to cover the cost of maintenance; provided however, that during the period when an Area or Conference is paying off a lien against an Episcopal Residence the fair rental value of the Residence may be paid to the Trustees monthly; the total for the year not to exceed \$2,400.00. When a Conference or Area Committee furnishes an Episcopal Residence, or a Residence is secured by the Bishop himself, there shall be allowed annually the sum needed to cover actual rental cost, provided this shall not exceed \$2,400.00 per year.

6. For Secretarial and office expense each effective Bishop shall be allowed annually a sum not to exceed \$4,000.00.

7. Cost of "official travel" of each effective Bishop shall be paid upon presentation of an itemized statement of expense. "Official travel" shall be interpreted to include all official travel within the assigned Area including the cost of long distance telephone calls, telegrams, and postage, and such official travel outside the Area for the work of The Methodist Church as are not paid for by the General Boards and Commissions. The General Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Church shall pay the travel expense of its Episcopal membership on the same basis as the travel of other members. Travel outside the Area for addresses and lectures for which honorarium is received is not "official travel."

8. Bishops elected by a Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to Areas outside the United States shall be paid the expense of travel of the wife and minor children to the Area headquarters. The travel expense of the Bishop will be paid

to one meeting of the Council of Bishops in the interim between General Conferences. One round-trip passage for his wife will be paid in each quadrennium. Travel expense of minor children will be paid when returning to the United States for college.

9. Travel expense incurred by a retired Bishop resident in the United States in attending the meetings of the General and Jurisdictional Conferences and of the semi-annual meetings of the Council of Bishops shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund.

10. The Council of Bishops shall determine and schedule the travel of its members on official visits to overseas Conferences. The expense of such travel is to be paid from the Episcopal Fund.

11. When the necessity arises, the Council of Bishops may send one of its number to organize and/or to hold an overseas Annual Conference or Conferences and Central Conference or Conferences with the expense for the same paid from the Episcopal Fund.

12. The General Commission on World Service and Finance may authorize, upon certification of need by the Council of Bishops, a Budget providing for the employment of a special stenographer and the other additional expenses incurred by the Secretary of the Council of Bishops in the performance of the special duties of this office.

II. Bishops Elected by Central Conferences

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 445.

1. The General Commission on World Service and Finance, in compliance with Paragraph 574 of the 1948 "*Discipline*," shall make to the Bishops elected by the Central Conferences, or to the Treasurer of the Central Conference Episcopal Fund when so authorized, such remittances as the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall determine. Due consideration shall be given to the representation made by the Central Conferences concerning the needs of each. Each Treasurer of a Central Conference Episcopal Fund shall furnish the Central Treasury with an annual certified public accountant audit of the funds received and disbursed by him. Annual adjustments of balances remaining in the Central Conference treasuries shall be made by the Central Treasury.

2. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall determine what sum shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund for the support of a minister or the widow of a minister who, having been elected by a Central Conference to

serve as a Bishop for one or more terms or for life, shall have reached the time of retirement. Where term episcopacy has been established, the pension provided from the Episcopal Fund shall be only for those years during which a minister has served as a Bishop. Retirement allowances from the Episcopal Fund shall be made only after a minister, elected as a Bishop by a Central Conference, shall have reached the age of retirement as set by the Central Conference or shall have been retired for physical disability. In no case shall automatic retirement take effect before his sixty-fifth birthday.

3. Travel expenses will be paid each effective Bishop of a Central Conference attending the sessions of the General Conference and the meeting of the Council of Bishops held in connection therewith, and one other meeting of the Council of Bishops, during the ensuing quadrennium.

4. Travel expense for one round trip to the United States during the quadrennium will be paid a wife of an effective Bishop of a Central Conference. **Delete:** (*providing the original home of the wife is in the United States*).

III. Reserve for Pensions of Retired Bishops

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 445.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance requests authority from the General Conference to set aside from the current Episcopal Fund the sum of \$250,000.00, the same to be carefully invested in compliance with the Prudent Man Act so the interest therefrom may be added to the principle during the 1952-56 quadrennium. This money is to be the first step in the funding of an adequate reserve for the payment of the pensions of retired Bishops, their widows and minor children. Furthermore, the General Commission on World Service and Finance in co-operation with counsel from the Board of Pensions, requests authority to bring the 1956 General Conference a plan for the funding of an Episcopal Pension Reserve Fund.

IV. Increase or Decrease During Quadrennium

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 445.

The amounts above authorized in I and II are subject to increase or decrease during the quadrennium, if, in the judgment of a three-fourths majority of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, economic conditions make necessary a change.

V. Travel Expense Vouchers

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 445.

Any and all travel expense will be paid only upon the presentation of an itemized statement.

VI. Apportionment for the Episcopal Fund

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 445.

The Apportionment for the quadrennium shall be a sum equal to two per cent of the cash salary (not including house allowance) paid to the minister or ministers of each charge throughout the entire Church, the same to become effective in each Annual Conference at its first session after August 1, 1952. For the Annual Conferences meeting between the adjournment of the General Conference and August 1, 1952, the annual apportionment for the quadrennium 1948-1952 shall apply for the Conference year of 1952-1953. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall be authorized to increase or decrease the rate of apportionment during the quadrennium as may become necessary or advisable, providing that the rate shall not be increased above $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The estimated annual requirement for this Fund during the ensuing quadrennium is \$1,178,700.00. The estimated return upon the foregoing proposed apportionment is \$1,116,810.00. Any annual deficit will be paid from the reserve.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance is directed to alter the provisions of Section VI so as to conform to any legislation that may be adopted by this General Conference.

VII. Determination of Validity of Claims

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 445.

The Executive Committee of the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall act for the Commission, within the authority conferred upon it by the Commission, in determining the validity of any claims upon the Episcopal Fund which may be presented during the ensuing quadrennium.

PART V.—No. 4**THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND**

(Par. 757-760 of 1948 Discipline)

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Pages 446-450.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance recommends the following Annual Budget for the General Administration Fund for the quadrennium beginning June 1, 1952.

1. General Conference Expense	\$105,000
2. Methodist Information	75,000
3. The Statistical Office	32,500

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4. The Transportation Bureau	15,000
5. Methodist Historical Societies	12,000
6. Commission on Church Union	1,500
7. The Judicial Council	5,500
8. World Methodist Council	25,000
9. Religion in American Life	20,000
10. United Church Canvass	2,000
11. Commission on Pensions	750
12. Commission on Worship and Fine Arts	2,500
13. Co-ordinating Council (*)	10,000
14. General Expenses	25,000
TOTAL	\$331,750

(*) See question raised by Charles C. Parlin (*) and Harold C. Case, bottom of page 447, and reply of Foye G. Gibson at top of page 448. Editor.

Items in Budget

1. So many unpredictable factors enter into the cost of a meeting four years hence that your Commission believes it should set aside annually the sum of \$100,000.00 in order to anticipate all of the costs of the 1956 General Conference.

2. Methodist Information is requesting the same annual sum as for the past quadrennium.

3. The primary function of The Statistical Office is the preparation and publication of *The General Minutes*.

4. The Transportation Bureau is the agency of the Church through which the railroads make available the clergy fares and passes. The railroads have been most co-operative with the Methodist Clergy Bureau.

5. The Methodist Historical Societies requested that their allotment be increased from \$6,000.00 annually to \$25,000.00. For the current quadrennium the Commission recommends \$12,000.00 annually.

6. If the Commission on Church Union is continued by the General Conference, \$1,500.00 annually, or a sum not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the quadrennium is recommended.

7. The Judicial Council is supported from the General Administration Fund.

8. The World Methodist Council is the new name for the Ecumenical Methodist Council.

9. Religion in American Life which sponsors the annual November campaign on church attendance and the place of religion in everyday living in co-operation with the National Advertising Council is recommended for a yearly grant of \$20,000.00.

10. The United Church Canvass is recommended for \$2,000.00.

(Note: The Section below on The Methodist Foundation was deleted and referred to the Co-ordinating Council for study and report to the 1956 General Conference. See Resolution of Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Journal, page 675. For Report No. 9, Section V of the Commission on World Service and Finance, see Journal, page 1947, Section 12. Editor.)

The Methodist Foundation as recommended by the Joint Committee for the Council of Bishops and the General Commission on World Service and Finance is included for \$65,000.00 per annum.

11. The Commission on Pensions is recommended for \$750.00.

(Note: See Journal, pages 562, 1379. Editor.)

12. The Commission on Worship and Fine Arts is recommended for \$2,500.00.

(Note: See Report No. 7, General Standing Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship. Journal pages 653 and 1406. Editor.)

13. **Expense of Co-ordinating Council is recommended for \$10,000.00 (See note on page 1932 concerning this fund. Editor).**

14. Twenty-five thousand dollars is placed in this budget to cover the General Administration Fund share of the operation on World Service and Finance and such other costs as may be a charge against the General Administrative Fund.

The above Budget of fourteen items, totaling \$331,750.00, is recommended as the annual amount to be included in the General Administration Fund Budget for the quadrennium beginning June 1, 1952. This Budget is subject, however, to such adjustment as may be made necessary because of the establishment by this General Conference of additional Quadrennial Commissions or Committees.

Recommendations

In connection with the General Administration Fund, the General Commission on World Service and Finance makes the following recommendations:

1. That, as a measure of economy and of co-ordination, The Statistical Office now under the Board of Publication (Par. 1141) be merged with the Department of Surveys and Apportionments of the Central Treasury and that the responsibility for operating this office be placed with the General Commission on World Service and Finance through its Executive Secretary.

2. That the Transportation Bureau be placed under the supervision of the General Commission on World Service and Finance and administered by its Executive Secretary, and that its support be drawn from the General Administra-

tion Fund. It is further recommended that, so far as possible, the purchase of tickets and the planning of revenue travel be placed upon a self-supporting basis.

3. That the Judicial Council have available an annual sum of \$5,500.00, it being understood that if this amount is insufficient in any one year, such additional funds as may be necessary shall be drawn from the General Conference Expense Fund.

4. That the authorized allowance for travel to meetings of the Church shall be first class rail fare, roomette, and meals en route. If travel is by air or automobile, the basis of payment of travel shall be by rail, unless air or auto is less. Travel expense for ministers shall be on the basis of clergy rail fare, when such fare is available.

5. That the accepted mode of travel from overseas to sessions of the General Conference shall be the same as is authorized by the Board of Missions for missionaries and shall be by the most direct route from the place of residence to the seat of the General Conference. Travel in the United States in reaching the seat of the General Conference shall be the same as for residents of the United States.

6. That the several interests included in the Annual Budget of the General Administration Fund shall draw upon the Administration Fund receipts as needed each year, within the limitations of their Budgets and as funds are available for the same; provided that if inflation or deflation during the quadrennium radically changes the costs upon this fund or the receipts for this fund, adjustments may be made within the total framework of the Budget as may be deemed necessary upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

7. That an Annual Conference which in any year overpays its apportionment for the General Administration Fund shall be given credit for the same in the succeeding year and any Conference which fails to pay its apportionment in full for any one or more years shall have the deficit added to the Apportionment of the succeeding year.

8. That the General Administration Fund Budget be apportioned to the Annual Conferences on the basis of one-third of one per cent of the average of the total giving (not including payment of debts, or for building and improvements) as recorded in the 1949, 1950 and 1951 *General Minutes* and that this apportionment shall go into effect immediately upon the adjournment of the General Conference.

PART V.—No. 5

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Pages 450-454.

THE INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CO-OPERATION
FUND

Careful consideration has been given to the askings of The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and of The World Council of Churches. These agencies provide the channel through which The Methodist Church may work co-operatively with the Protestant Churches in the United States and the world. Your Commission believes The Methodist Church should contribute its full share in the leadership and financial support of both Agencies. The General Conference can well rejoice in the advance of Inter-Denominational Co-operation. As an aid toward further growth in co-operation, it is recommended that the Budgets of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. and of The World Council of Churches be apportioned separately from either the World Service Budget or the General Administration Budget. Through a separate apportionment each local church may have the consciousness of being a part of this Inter-Denominational fellowship.

Your Commission, therefore, makes the following recommendations:

A. That the General Conference authorize the rewriting of paragraph 2030 of the 1948 *Discipline* so as to give official recognition of the newly organized National Council of Churches in the United States of America.

B. That the General Conference authorize that a separate Apportionment, to be known as "The Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund," be made to the Annual Conferences; said Apportionment to be the fair Methodist share of support of the two Agencies.

C. That the Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks be authorized to include two columns in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference, the general heading to be "Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund" and the second column the words "Amount Paid."

D. That the General Conference authorize an annual Apportionment of \$285,515.00 to the Annual Conferences, to be divided—

The National Council of Churches of Christ

in the U.S.A.	\$200,000.00
The World Council of Churches (\$5,000.00 is for travel of Methodists on the Executive Committee)	85,515.00
Total	<u>\$285,515.00</u>

These funds to be paid to the respective Agencies on requisition to the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

E. The apportionment of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. of \$200,000.00 is to be applied: \$120,000.00 to the "General Purposes" program; \$50,000.00 to be paid on order of the Methodist Radio, Films, and Television Commission; \$5,000.00 to cover the travel of Methodist members of the Executive Committee of the National Council; and \$25,000.00 to be held in a Reserve Fund to be paid by the General Commission on World Service and Finance, on recommendation of the Council of Secretaries. (*applied on programs approved by the General Commission on World Service and Finance*).

F. That the basis for Apportionment to each Annual Conference be a sum equal to $1/5$ of 1 per cent of the average annual amount of the Annual Conference's total giving for all purposes (not including sums paid on debts or for building and improvements) as reported in the *General Minutes* for the first three years of the 1948-52 quadrennium.

G. That all Methodist Agencies including Annual Conferences and local churches, contributing to either the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. or the World Council of Churches shall channel their contributions through the Central Treasury.

H. Due to differences in terminology, fiscal years, and methods in handling accounts between our Church and the National Council, it has been extremely difficult to determine the full amount of our payments to that body. In an endeavor to bring the facts before you we have had the fullest co-operation of our Boards and of officers of the National Council. The total Methodist giving last calendar year to the on-going or home base program, the payments from our Boards for purchased services or contributions to home or foreign co-operative Inter-Denominational projects amounted to some \$550,000.00.

We expect the Board of Missions, the Board of Educa-

tion, M.C.O.R., the Board of Lay Activities, The Methodist Publishing House, and other Methodist Agencies as they may elect, to continue to purchase services as in the past year and/or to enter into co-operative projects as they may deem desirable or in the best interests of efficiency and economy. However, any and all contributions or payments from The Methodist Church will be channelled as above directed so that we can have an exact and complete record of the total Methodist participation in the work of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A.

PART V.—No. 6

SPECIAL DAYS

(Paragraph 747)

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 457.

In compliance with Paragraph 747 of the 1948 *Discipline* which reads—

“The General Commission shall also recommend to the General Conference the days in connection with the Church-wide observance of which the taking of special offerings shall be authorized, and in the case of each shall recommend whether or not the receipts derived therefrom shall be credited to the contributing church as a part of its World Service apportionment, and charged against the claims of the Board or Agency receiving the same. All such recommendations are subject to the approval of the General Conference.”

The General Commission recommends the observance of the following special days:

(1) “**The Week of Dedication.**” Observed near the beginning of Lent, has an offering for which a special Week of Dedication voucher is issued.

(2) “**The Fellowship of Suffering and Service.**” The offering is taken on World Communion Sunday (first Sunday in October). At the subsequent observances of the Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper, the local church is requested to give one third of its Communion offering for The Fellowship of Suffering and Service. A Fellowship of Suffering and Service voucher is issued for these gifts.

(3) “**World Service Sunday.**” Observed on the fourth Sun-

day in the month, at which time an offering is taken for World Service and Conference benevolences. Full World Service and Conference benevolence credit is given for this offering.

(4) **"Church School Rally Day."** An offering in the Church School for the Conference Board of Education, receives Annual Conference credit only.

(5) **"Race Relations Sunday."** An offering on the second Sunday in February for the benefit of Negro schools related to the Board of Education, receives a Board of Education receipt.

(6) **"Methodist Student Day."** An offering taken (preferably the second Sunday in June) for the support of the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund receives a Board of Education receipt.

PART V.—No. 7

WAR EMERGENCY APPEALS

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 460.

(1) The Fellowship of Suffering and Service. Established by the Council of Bishops as a war emergency near the beginning of the Second World War, this Fund continues to be needed. The appeal is for all or a portion of the Communion offering on World Communion Sunday and subsequent observances of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This offering is sent through the Conference Treasurer to the Central Treasury, where it is divided 50 per cent for Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 25 per cent for the Commission on Chaplains and 25 per cent for the Commission on Camp Activities.

The General Commission on World Services and Finance recognizes the splendid service rendered by The Methodist Church through this program; commends the Council of Bishops for their leadership and recommends to the General Conference the continuance of "The Fellowship of Suffering and Service Offerings" through 1952-56.

(2) The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, better known as M.C.O.R. Foresighted leaders of the 1940 General Conference saw the need for a relief program for Europe. Rapidly the need for relief spread until M.C.O.R. was sending aid to many parts of the world. The funds distributed by M.C.O.R. have brought untold blessings to suffering peoples, especially in the war-devastated areas.

Money for M.C.O.R. comes from (a) The Fellowship of Suffering and Service, (b) Advance Specials, (c) and individual and local church gifts. A limited mail circularization is maintained throughout the year.

The General Commission commends the work of M.C.O.R. and recommends the continuation of this work for the quadrennium 1952-56.

PART V.—No. 8

MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 460.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance presents the following recommendations for which it requests the approval of this General Conference.

1. Annual Conference Benevolences. We view with concern the increasing number of items included under the heading of Conference Benevolences in the World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget and the decreasing percentage being allocated to World Service. In view of this trend, we call upon the Annual Conference Commissions on World Service and Finance to (a) include in the Conference Benevolences only such causes as are clearly of a Benevolence, Educational or Missionary character and (b) urge that money needed for the administrative program of the Conference be apportioned and raised separately from the World Service and Conference Benevolence budget.

2. Budgets. We recommend that the Annual Budget for the General Commission on World Service and Finance be \$15,000.00 and that the Annual Budget for the Central Receiving Treasury be \$72,547.00. In order to permit the Commission to meet changing conditions or emergencies, we recommend that the General Commission be authorized to adjust the foregoing Budgets as the emergencies or needs may require.

3. General Administration Fund. We recommend that the Central Receiving Treasurer keep a record of payments of the General Administration Fund as made by each Annual Conference, and that the deficit or surplus of one or more years be added or subtracted (as the case may be) to the Apportionment of the next succeeding year, the same to be based upon the World Service fiscal year, so that each Annual Conference shall be called upon to pay in full the

amount apportioned for the quadrennium. We recommend that any credit or deficit accruing to an Annual Conference at the close of the current fiscal year, May 31, 1952, shall be credited as a surplus or deficit (as the case may be) against the Apportionment for the 1952-56 quadrennium. We further recommend that the General Commission on World Service and Finance, through its Central Treasury, inform the Church of the items included in the General Administration Fund. The payments made to this fund by the Annual Conferences shall be reported to the Bishops, District Superintendents, members of the Conference Commissions on World Service and Finance and Conference Treasurers as may be deemed necessary by the Central Treasury.

4. The Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund. We recommend that the Central Receiving Treasury be authorized to prepare information concerning the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund and present the same and such Reports of receipts for this Fund to the leadership of the Church, including the Conference Lay Leaders, as may be deemed necessary by the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

5. Validity of Claims. We recommend that the General Commission on World Service and Finance be authorized to determine the validity of claims in all matters involving the World Service Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the General Administration Fund and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund where these are not specifically set forth or determined by the General Conference.

PART V.—No. 9

LEGISLATION

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Pages 460-464.

Reconsidered May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 674.

Readopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Pages 674-681.

Recommendations for changes in legislation as made by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to the 1952 General Conference.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance has given careful consideration, through its Committee on Legislation, to the laws of the Church affecting its operations. Certain changes in legislation, none of them of a major nature, are recommended. Some of these are in the interest of clarity. Some will make for greater effectiveness in the working of the Commission.

There follow the recommended changes which are submitted for your consideration and action.

1. Insert in Paragraph 1299 of the 1948 *Discipline* a new section (3) reading as follows:

At least quadrennially each Annual Conference and District shall survey its Church Extension needs placing special emphasis upon the unchurched areas, with a view to determining in each what should be the over-all financial objective. Due consideration shall be given to the responsibility of the Division of National Missions for Areas requiring Home Missions and Church Extension aid beyond that which the Conference is able to provide. From this study an adequate Conference-initiated Financial Program shall be formulated with a view to meeting these needs. (See Paragraph 1299-3.)

Sections (3) and (4) as numbered in the 1948 *Discipline* should, after the insertion of this new section, be re-numbered (4) and (5) respectively.

2. Amend Paragraph 746 which reads as follows:

Paragraph 746. Individual donors or local churches may make special gifts to the support of any cause or project which is a part of the work of any one of the World Service Boards or Agencies. Special gifts shall not apply on the Benevolence Apportionment of any local church, and shall not be charged against the Board or Boards receiving them in the ratio distribution of the On-apportionment Benevolences. They shall be acknowledged by Special-Gift World Service Vouchers. World Service Boards and Agencies or any individual, Committee, Commission, Agency, or Board authorized to make a Church-wide appeal for funds, not equipped to issue Special-gift World Service Vouchers, shall channel all special gifts through the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance. Such special-gift vouchers shall be credited in the Special Gift World Service column in the Conference minutes. Special gifts may be sent directly to the Board or Agency concerned or to the Central Treasury of the Council on World Service and Finance. The Board or office issuing a special-gift voucher shall send at the same time a duplicate voucher to the Central Treasury for forwarding to the Conference Treasurer. Bequests, gifts on the annuity plan, gifts to permanent funds, and gifts for property shall be classified as special gifts. Individuals soliciting funds for World Service Projects shall channel the money received through the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance or the Treasurer of the ap-

propriate Board or Agency, which Board or Agency shall issue the proper vouchers.

So that the same shall read:

Individual donors or local churches may make special gifts to the support of any cause or project which is a part of the work of any one of the World Service Boards or Agencies. Special gifts shall not apply on the Benevolence Apportionment of any local church, and shall not be charged against the Board or Boards receiving them in the ratio distribution of the On-apportionment Benevolences. They shall be acknowledged by Special-gift World Service Vouchers, **provided that special gifts for the World and National Divisions of the Board of Missions and for the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief shall be issued vouchers entitled "Advance Specials."** World Service Boards and Agencies, or any individual Committee, Commission, Agency, or Board authorized to make a Church-wide appeal for funds, not equipped to issue Special-gift World Service Vouchers, shall channel all special gifts through the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance. Such Special-gift Vouchers shall be credited in the Special Gift World Service column in the Conference minutes. Special gifts may be sent directly to the Board or Agency concerned, or to the Central Treasury of the Council on World Service and Finance. The Board or office issuing a Special-gift Voucher shall send at the same time a duplicate voucher to the Central Treasury for forwarding to the Conference Treasurer. Requests, gifts on the annuity plan, gifts to permanent funds, and gifts for property shall be classified as special gifts. Individuals soliciting funds for World Service Projects shall channel the money received through the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance or the Treasurer of the appropriate Board or Agency, which Board or Agency shall issue the proper vouchers.

3. Add an additional section to Paragraph 750, which reads as follows:

Paragraph 750. To the Bishops in their Areas, the District Superintendents in their Districts, the pastors in their charges, and the official laymen, with the co-operation of the various General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conference Boards and Agencies, shall be committed the responsibility to make diligent effort to raise the full amount of the Apportionments accepted by the charge.

So that the same shall read:

To the Bishops in their Areas, the District Superintend-

ents in their Districts, the pastors in their charges, and the official laymen, with the co-operation of the various General Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards and Agencies, shall be committed the responsibility to make diligent effort to raise the full amount of Apportionments accepted by the charge. In each Annual Conference there MAY (*shall*) be constituted a Commission on Promotion to make the foregoing effective. This Commission shall be composed of one representative of the Cabinet, the Missionary Secretary of the Conference, the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, the Conference Lay Leader, the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a representative of each of the following Conference Boards elected by these Boards respectively: Board of Missions, Board of Education, Board of Evangelism, and Board of Lay Activities. The Budget for this Commission shall be provided by the Conference through its Commission on World Service and Finance.

4. Delete Paragraph 1141 in the 1948 *Discipline* reading as follows:

Paragraph 1141. *The Board of Publication and the Publishing Agents through the Book Editor of the Church, are to be responsible for establishing and operating the official Statistical Office of The Methodist Church. The expenses of operation, including the publishing of the General Minutes, shall be borne by the General Administration Fund.*

And instead insert, following Paragraph 760, a new Paragraph as follows:

Paragraph 760A. The Council on World Service and Finance through its Executive Secretary shall be responsible for establishing and operating the Official Statistical Office of The Methodist Church. The expenses of operation including publishing of the *General Minutes* shall be borne by the General Administration Fund.

5. Insert following Paragraph 760A a new paragraph as follows:

Paragraph 760B. "The General Administration Fund."

The Council on World Service and Finance is authorized to establish a Transportation Bureau and administer the same through its Executive Secretary. The Transportation Bureau shall represent the Church in its relations with the responsible person(s) or concerns operating the several modes of public transportation. The purchase of tickets and the securing of space reservations for travel shall be placed as nearly as possible on a self-supporting basis. The costs of

the office shall be a charge against the General Administration Fund.

6. Amend Section 3, Paragraph 435 of the 1948 *Discipline*, which reads as follows:

Paragraph 435. A Bishop who by reason of impaired health is temporarily unable to perform full work may be released by the Jurisdictional Conference from the obligation to travel through the connection at large. He may choose the place of his residence, and the Council of Bishops shall be at liberty to assign him to such work as he may be able to perform. *He shall receive his support as provided by the Discipline. This release shall not be granted for more than one year in any quadrennium. At the end of such a year his support for the remainder of the quadrennium shall be determined by the General Commission on World Service and Finance.*

So that the section shall read:

A Bishop who by reason of impaired health is temporarily unable to perform full work may be released by the Jurisdictional Conference from the obligation to travel through the connection at large. He may choose the place of his residence, and the Council of Bishops shall be at liberty to assign him to such work as he may be able to perform. **He shall receive his support as provided in Paragraph 766 of the *Discipline*.**

7. Amend Paragraph 766 of the 1948 *Discipline* which reads as follows:

Paragraph 766. Should an effective Bishop in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of his Jurisdictional Conference be relieved by the College of Bishops of his Jurisdiction from the performance of regular Episcopal duties (Paragraph 431), on account of ill health or for any other reason, the Chairman of the said College of Bishops shall so notify the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund. Beginning *thirty* days after such *retirement*, he shall receive the regular pension allowance of a retired Bishop, and such pension allowance shall continue until he resumes the regular status of an effective Bishop, or until his status shall have been determined by his Jurisdictional Conference.

So that the Paragraph shall read:

Should an effective Bishop in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of his Jurisdictional Conference be relieved by the College of Bishops of his Jurisdiction from the per-

formance of regular Episcopal duties (Paragraph 431) on account of ill health or for any other reason, the Chairman of said College of Bishops shall so notify the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund. Beginning **ninety** days after such **notification** he shall receive the regular pension allowance of a retired Bishop, and such pension allowance shall continue until he resumes the regular duties of an effective Bishop or until his status shall have been determined by his Jurisdictional Conference. **Assignment of another Bishop or Bishops to perform the regular Episcopal duties of a Bishop so disabled or otherwise incapacitated, for a period of sixty days or more, shall be interpreted as a release of the said Bishop from the performance of his regular Episcopal duties.**

8. Amend Paragraph 722 which reads as follows :

Paragraph 722. All persons holding trust funds, securities, or monies of all kinds belonging to the General Conference or to Annual or Provisional Annual Conferences or to those organizations under the control of the General, Annual, or Provisional Annual Conferences shall be bonded in a reliable company in such good and sufficient sum as the Conference may direct. The accounts of such persons shall be audited at least annually, *preferably* by a certified public accountant *or a competent Auditing Committee* carefully chosen by the Commission on Finance, and the findings of such audit shall be published in the Conference minutes.

So that the same shall read :

All persons holding trust funds, securities or monies of any kind belonging to the General Conference or to Annual or Provisional Annual Conferences or to those organizations under control of the General, Annual or Provisional Annual Conferences shall be bonded in a reliable company in such good and sufficient sum as the Conference may direct. The accounts of such persons shall be audited at least annually by a certified public accountant carefully chosen by the Commission on Finance, and the findings of such audit shall be published in the Conference minutes.

9. Amend Paragraph 739 of the 1948 *Discipline* which reads as follows :

Paragraph 739. The Treasurer shall report annually to the Council on World Service and Finance and to the respective Annual Conference Commissions as to all amounts received and disbursed during the year. He shall also make to each quadrennial session of the General Conference a full report of the financial transactions of the Commission for the pre-

ceding quadrennium. The Treasurer shall be bonded for such an amount as may be determined by the Commission. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually by *an accountant* approved by the Executive Committee.

So that the same shall read:

The Treasurer shall report annually to the Council on World Service and Finance and to the respective Annual Conference Commissions as to all amounts received and disbursed during the year. He shall also make to each quadrennial session of the General Conference a full report of the financial transactions of the Commission for the preceding quadrennium. The Treasurer shall be bonded for such an amount as may be determined by the Commission. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually by a **certified public accountant** approved by the Executive Committee.

10. Amend Paragraph 790 which reads as follows:

Paragraph 790. Each Annual Conference on nomination of its Commission on World Service and Finance, shall, at the first session of the Conference after the adjournment of each quadrennial session of the General Conference, elect a Conference Treasurer. He shall serve for the quadrennium or until his successor shall be elected and qualify. If a vacancy shall occur during the quadrennium, the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the Annual Conference. The Commission shall have authority and supervision over the Treasurer. After consultation with the Bishop in charge, it may remove him from office for cause, and fill the vacancy until the next session of the Conference. The Commission shall have the accounts of the Conference Treasurer for the Conference year preceding audited within *forty* days after the close of each session of the Annual Conference.

So that the same shall read:

Each Annual Conference on nomination of its Commission on World Service and Finance, shall, at the first session of the Conference after the adjournment of each quadrennial session of the General Conference, elect a Conference Treasurer. He shall serve for the quadrennium or until his successor shall be elected and qualify. If a vacancy should occur during the quadrennium, the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the Annual Conference. The Commission shall have authority and supervision over the Treasurer. After consultation with the Bishop in charge, it may remove him from office for cause, and fill the vacancy until the next session of the Conference. The Commission shall have the

accounts of the Conference Treasurer for the Conference year preceeding audited by a certified public accountant within ninety days after the close of each session of the Annual Conference.

11. Insert a new paragraph in the 1948 *Discipline* under *Section VI*, Pages 191-192 under the heading "Miscellaneous" to read as follows:

Paragraph 773A. The Council on World Service and Finance shall operate, under the supervision of its Executive Secretary, a Department known as "the File of Pastors and Church Officials." It shall be the function of this Department to maintain an accurate record of the mail addresses of all Bishops, ministers in the effective relation, Supply pastors (including retired ministers) serving charges, Conference Lay Leaders, and such list of General, Jurisdictional, Conference and District Boards, Commissions or Committees and such officers of the same as may be deemed necessary.

The cost of maintaining such a file shall be a charge against the Central Treasury. The Executive Secretary is authorized and directed to make equitable charges for its use by various bodies. No use of the file shall be permitted for others than authorized bodies or officers of The Methodist Church.

12. PARAGRAPH 754 OF THE 1948 *DISCIPLINE* TO REMAIN AS IS, AND THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION IN SECTION 12 OF THIS REPORT IS HEREBY REFERRED TO THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION, AND A REPORT TO THE 1956 GENERAL CONFERENCE.

DELETE Paragraph 754 of the 1948 Discipline which reads as follows:

The Council on World Service and Finance is authorized to set up a Committee on Wills, Bequests and Gifts composed of three of its members and two members of the Council of Secretaries. This Committee shall prepare materials, develop mailing lists, and take such actions as may be deemed necessary to encourage Methodists to provide for their continued interest in world service, or one or more of the World Service Agencies, through bequests and gifts. The expense of this Committee shall be a part of the prior claim for promotion of the World Service Fund as indicated in Paragraph 751.

Substitute the following:

Paragraph 754. *The Council on World Service and Fi-*

nance shall establish an organization known as "The Methodist Foundation" with the following provisions:

It shall be the duty of The Methodist Foundation to (a) prepare materials, develop mailing lists, and employ such personnel and other means within budget limitations as may be deemed necessary to encourage Methodists to make gifts, devises and bequests to The Methodist Foundation as a means of continuing their interest in and support of World Service, a World Service agency, or other institution, agency or project of The Methodist Church; and (b) to receive, invest, and administer these gifts, devises and/or bequests within any restrictions imposed by The General Conference of The Methodist Church in accordance with the expressed wishes of the donor. It shall also have power to decline any proffered gift(s) if in its judgment such declination would be in the best interests of the Church.

WHERE THE INCOME FROM A GIFT, DEVISE, OR BEQUEST TO THE FOUNDATION IS DESIGNATED FOR AN AGENCY WHICH HAS PERMANENT AND TRUST FUNDS OF ITS OWN, SUCH GIFT, DEVISE, OR BEQUEST SHALL BE TURNED OVER TO SUCH AGENCY, provided, IT BE DONE UNDER THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE GIFT, DEVISE, OR BEQUEST, AND OF THE LAWS UNDER WHICH SAID GIFT, DEVISE, OR BEQUEST IS ADMINISTERED. When a testator or donor makes a devise, bequest, or gift to The Methodist Foundation without instructions for its use, The Council on World Service and Finance shall recommend quadrennially to The General Conference, for its action and determination, the Agency(ies), project(s) or object(s), which shall receive the income from said undirected gift(s) and the amount or percentage of the income to be distributed to each. Such action as is taken by The General Conference shall be binding on The Methodist Foundation. CARE SHALL BE TAKEN BY THE OFFICERS OF THE FOUNDATION TO AVOID SOLICITATION OF FUNDS WHICH INTERFERE WITH SOLICITATION OF FUNDS ALREADY APPROVED BY AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Methodist Foundation shall be incorporated with fifteen Directors. Among these Directors there shall always be at least one chosen from each Jurisdiction. Of the fifteen Directors, not less than three shall be ministers, not less than three shall be members of The Council on World Service and Finance and at least five shall be chosen for their knowledge and skill in the field of investments.

The Directors shall be nominated by the Council on World Service and Finance and elected by The General Conference.

They shall serve for a period of eight years, or until their successors in office are elected and qualified, except that in the initial organization of The Methodist Foundation, seven shall be elected for four years and eight elected for eight years. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by The Council on World Service and Finance. The Executive Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance shall sit with the Directors of The Methodist Foundation and shall have the right of the floor, but without vote. The Council on World Service and Finance shall perform the treasury functions for the funds of The Methodist Foundation.

The funds to support the activity of The Methodist Foundation shall be provided from The General Administration Fund in such sum as may be determined by The General Conference, due consideration having been given to the amount recommended by The Council on World Service and Finance.

The Methodist Foundation shall have power at its discretion to invest, reinvest, buy, sell, manage, exchange, transfer and convey any and all funds and property which it may hold absolutely or in trust, subject always to the terms of the bequest, devise or donation, and subject to any restrictions imposed by The General Conference, but in exercising such power, The Methodist Foundation shall exercise the judgment and care under the circumstances then prevailing, which men of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of their capital. Within the limitations of the foregoing standard, it is authorized to acquire and retain every kind of property, real, personal or mixed, and every kind of investment, including specifically but without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, bonds, debentures and other corporate obligations, stocks, preferred or common, and real estate mortgages, which men of prudence, discretion and intelligence acquire or retain for their own account, and within the limitations of the foregoing standard, The Methodist Foundation is authorized to retain property properly acquired, without limitation as to time and without regard to its suitability for original purchase.

13. Amend Paragraph 733 which reads as follows:

The General Conference at each quadrennial session shall elect a Council on World Service and Finance, which Council shall through its Central Office receive and disburse in accordance with the directions hereinafter set forth all funds

raised throughout the Church for (1) the World Service Fund, (2) the General Administration Fund, (3) the Episcopal Fund, (4) any other Fund or Funds so directed by the proper authority.

So that the Paragraph shall read:

The General Conference at each quadrennial session shall elect a Council on World Service and Finance, which Council shall through its Central Office receive and disburse in accordance with the directions hereinafter set forth all funds raised throughout the Church for (1) the World Service Fund, (2) the General Administration Fund, (3) the Episcopal Fund, (4) **the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund**, and (5) any other Fund or Funds so directed by the proper authority.

14. Insert a new Section VI after Paragraph 768 to read as follows:

15. Delete: Paragraph 745, which reads as follows:

Pastoral charges, individuals and groups may make designated gifts to the work of any General or Conference Board or Agency, or to one or more projects or types of work under its direction: *provided*, that said gifts shall be designated for projects or types of work which have been included in the approved program of the Boards or Agencies. Before making remittance the donor is requested to ascertain from the Board, or Agency concerned whether the proposed gift applies to a project included in the approved program. Designated gifts shall be credited upon the Benevolence Apportionment of the local church and shall be applied upon the ratio share of the receiving Boards or Agencies in the Apportioned Benevolence Funds.

THE INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CO-OPERATION FUND

The Council on World Service and Finance shall recommend to The General Conference the sum which the Church shall undertake to provide as its share of the Budget of the National Council of Churches AND WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. The sum approved by the General Conference for this purpose shall be known as the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund Budget. The Council on World Service and Finance shall recommend to the General Conference for its consideration and determination, appropriate measures to be employed in order to provide the approved sum. The money contributed by the churches, Boards or other Agencies for this purpose shall be received and held

by the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance and disbursed as the General Conference shall direct.

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *Chairman*;
C. A. JONES (*), *Secretary*.

PART V.—No. 10

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 794.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance had before it the request of the General Conference to present a Budget for the Methodist Commission on Social and Economic Relations. In compliance with this request we present the following as a Budget, which we believe will allow the Commission to begin its work and to carry on an Annual Program for the coming quadrennium.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO THE COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE RELATIVE TO THE BUDGET OF METHODIST COMMISSION ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

We recommend the following Budget:

Office Rent	\$ 3,000.00
General Secretary	6,500.00
General Secretary House Rent	1,500.00
Asst. Secretary	4,800.00
Asst. Secretary House Rent	1,200.00
Stenographic Help	6,000.00
Mailing and Literature	7,000.00
Social Security and Pension Hospital and Workman's Compensation, etc.	2,000.00
Stationery and Office Expense	1,000.00
Postage and Express	2,500.00
Telephone and Telegraph	1,000.00
Travel	2,000.00
Meeting of Commission	2,500.00
Contingent Fund	4,000.00

Adopted \$45,000.00

If the General Conference creates the Methodist Commission on Social and Economic Relations and authorizes such a Budget, our further recommendation is that this money be secured by establishing a new ratio for the World Service agencies not including the Board of Missions, Theological Schools, Scarritt College.

On the basis of our recommendations, the new ratios will be as follows:

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Education	15.71%
Ministerial Training93
Temperance	2.02
Hospitals & Homes	1.09
Lay Activities	1.64
World Peace .....	.92
Evangelism	2.18
American Bible Society	1.36
Social and Economic Action .....	.50
The Ratios unchanged are:	
Missions	62.35
*Theological Schools	8.90
*Scarritt College56
Radio, Films and Television	1.84
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	100.00%

* Theological schools and Scarritt College are limited in any one year to \$800,000.00 and \$50,000.00 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE PURCELL, *Chairman*;
C. A. JONES (*), *Secretary*.

Part V.—No. 11

BUDGET CRUSADE FOR WORLD ORDER

Adopted May 6, 1952. See Journal, Page 682.

On May 2, 1952, there was referred to the General Commission on World Service and Finance a Resolution relative to the objective Crusade for World Order, asking special consideration from the General Administration Fund. The Commission has carefully considered this request, but believes that the Budget for such a Crusade properly should be a responsibility of the supporting Agencies, to be supplemented in due course by collections taken throughout the Church in connection with meetings which would be held. The Commission, therefore, does not recommend that an Appropriation for this cause be made from the General Administration Fund.

CLARE PURCELL, *Chairman*;
C. A. JONES (*), *Secretary*.

Part VI.

WORLD SERVICE MANUAL

Adopted May 2, 1952. See Journal, Page 468.

The 1948 General Conference directed the General Commission on World Service and Finance to prepare a Manual for the guidance of Annual Conference Commissions on

World Service and Finance submitting the same to the 1952 session of this Conference for approval.

The Commission reports that after having made some studies looking to the publication of such a Manual, it postponed completion of the work in view of proposed changes in legislation relating to World Service matters. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that the latter shall direct it to prepare and publish such a Manual, when in the judgment of the Commission it is wise to do so.

CLARE PURCELL, *Chairman*;
C. A. JONES (*), *Secretary*.

VII

COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

ELECTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE; APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS; OR PROVIDED FOR BY GENERAL CONFERENCE ACTION.

The following Resolution was adopted by the General Conference, Monday afternoon, May 5, 1952. See Journal, Page 608.

"The Council of Bishops is hereby authorized to make any and all appointments and nominations committed to them, which have not previously been made during this session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, as soon as possible after the final adjournment of this General Conference.

"*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in case of any oversight in which the Council of Bishops is to nominate and the General Conference elect, the nomination of the Council of Bishops shall be regarded as the equivalent of election by the General Conference."

THE ADVANCE COMMITTEE

(See Journal, Page 668.)

Chairman: Bishop Costen J. Harrell, First Methodist Church, Charlotte 2, N. C.

Vice-Chairman: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, 12 N. 3rd St., Columbus 15, Ohio.

Recording Secretary: Frank E. Baker (*), 306 Bala Ave., Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia), Norman L. Trott (Baltimore).

George A. Fallon (New England) transferred to the North-East Ohio Annual Conference after General Conference and Norman L. Trott (Baltimore) was appointed to take his place.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Mrs. Roscoe M. White (*) (Virginia), Leonard H. Cochran (South Georgia).

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., Halley P. Johns (*) (Delaware), M. Lafayette Harris (Lexington).

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Abbott L. Fletcher (*) (Minnesota), Raoul C. Calkins (Iowa-Des Moines).

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul E. Martin, Pat Thompson (*) (Texas), W. Carl Clement (New Mexico).

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Alostyne E. Pruner (*) (Southern California-Arizona), George L. Poor (Pacific Northwest).

CHAPLAINS, COMMISSION ON

(See Journal, Page 673.)

Chairman: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, 100 E. Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

First Vice-Chairman: Bishop A. Frank Smith, 1049 Kirby St., Houston 19, Texas.

Second Vice-Chairman: Bishop Paul N. Garber, Room 404, Methodist Bldg., Richmond 19, Va.

Recording Secretary: James F. Farr (*) 51 Martin St., Cambridge, Mass.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, James F. Farr (*) (New England), Harry Allan Price (Pittsburgh).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul N. Garber, S. Charles Candler (*) (North Georgia), Chaplain (Admiral) William N. Thomas (Mississippi), Don A. Cooke (Florida).

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edgar A. Love, Richard H. Johnson (Washington).

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, James I. Dolliver (*) (North Iowa).

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Frank Smith, Carl McFall (*) (West Oklahoma), Edwin C. Calhoun (Southwest Texas).

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Donald H. Tippet, Charles A. Robbins (*) (Pacific Northwest).

CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS, INTER-BOARD COMMITTEE ON

(See Journal, Page 668.)

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Charles W. Brashares

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop W. Earl Ledden

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. E. Bowen

CHURCH UNION, COMMISSION ON

(See Journal, Pages 674, 731.)

Chairman: Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, 506 Olive St., St. Louis 1, Mo.

Vice-Chairman: Nolan B. Harmon, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Secretary: Charles C. Parlin (*), 20 Exchange Place, New York 5, N. Y.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Charles

- C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Daniel L. Marsh (New England).
- Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop William T. Watkins, C. E. Jordan (*) (North Carolina-SE), Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia).
- Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Willis J. King, Vattel E. Daniel (*) (Central Alabama), M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington).
- North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Rockwell Clancy (*) (Rock River), John M. Versteeg (Ohio).
- South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Walter W. Parker (*) (St. Louis), Umphrey Lee (North Texas).
- Western Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Donald A. Odell (*) (Southern California-Arizona), Rufus C. Baker (Colorado).

CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

(See Journal, Page 663.)

- President: Bishop Charles W. Brashares, 77 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.
- Vice-President: Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*), 56 Kingsbury Place, St. Louis, Mo.
- Secretary: John R. Van Sickle (*), 1904 Grenshaw Ave., Rockford, Ill.
- Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Fred P. Corson, G. Wesley Lewis (*) (Wyoming), Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh), Mrs. James K. Mawha (*) (New York East), J. Leas Green (Peninsula), Harry Milton Taylor (Newark).
- Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Arthur J. Moore, C. B. Gillmore (*) (Alabama), Mrs. Edwin B. White (*) (Florida), Walter C. Gum (Virginia), Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina), James P. Stafford (*) (Mississippi).
- Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Willis J. King, Halley P. Johns (*) (Delaware), Mrs. Mary M. Drake (*) (Tennessee), John W. Curry (South Carolina).
- Bishop Robert N. Brooks died August 2, 1953. The Council of Bishops appointed Bishop Willis J. King to take his place.
- North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines), Mrs. Leon R. Peel (*) (Minnesota), John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River), Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit), Edwin R. Garrison (North Indiana).
- South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Frank Smith, Mrs. W. Max Gentry (*) (Nebraska), Jarrad Secrest (*) (Central Texas), Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (St. Louis),

Ethan W. Dodgen (North Arkansas), Virgel W. Russell (West Oklahoma).

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona), Mrs. Fay W. Batten (*) (California-Nevada), H. L. Weiss (Colorado).

Bishops from Overseas: (*) Bishop Shot K. Mondol, Bishop Ralph A. Ward.

(*) The Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops is requested to choose other representatives from Bishops who serve overseas, when such may be in the United States.

DREW UNIVERSITY, TRUSTEES

(See Journal, Page 525.)

Class of 1964: Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop Herbert Welch, Rev. Henry L. Lambdin, Rev. Roswell W. Lyon, Rev. Herbert J. Smith, Donald R. Baldwin, James T. Buckley, Everett W. Corradini, Joseph R. Ferry, Ellis L. Phillips.

To fill vacancy in Class of 1956: Julius A. Rippel, W. Spencer Robertson.

To fill vacancies in Class of 1960: Fred Herrigel, Jr., Rev. Harry M. Taylor, Raymond B. Weatherby, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke.

EDUCATION, BOARD OF

(See Journal, Pages 666, 739, 1468.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Fred P. Corson, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Bishop John Wesley Lord.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul N. Garber, Bishop Roy H. Short, Bishop William T. Watkins, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. E. Bowen, Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Bishop D. Stanley Coors, Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul E. Martin, Bishop H. Bascom Watts.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Donald H. Tippet, Bishop A. Raymond Grant.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

(See Journal, Page 666.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Fred P. Corson.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Marvin A. Franklin,
Bishop William T. Watkins.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edwin E. Voigt.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Donald H. Tippet.

ENTERTAINMENT, COMMISSION ON 1956 GENERAL CONFERENCE

See Journal, pages 13, 229 and 568.

Chairman: J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona), 125 E. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 12, Calif.

(Frederick B. Newell was elected Chairman at San Francisco. When elected Bishop by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, J. Wesley Hole (*) was elected Chairman. The Council of Bishops appointed William H. Alderson (New York East) to succeed Frederick B. Newell on the Commission.)

Vice-Chairman: Howard W. Selby (*) (New England)
(Died August 24, 1953).

Secretary: Aubrey S. Moore (Rock River), 77 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: William H. Alderson (New York East), Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia).

When Howard W. Selby (*) (New England) died, Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia) was appointed to take his place.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: William N. Robinson (North Mississippi), William N. Banks (*) (North Georgia).

(When Fred B. Noble (*) was elected to the Judicial Council, the Council of Bishops nominated William N. Banks (*) (North Georgia) to take his place, and the General Conference confirmed the nomination.)

Central Jurisdiction: Robert G. Morris (Lexington), Mrs. Jennie R. Crump (Mississippi).

North Central Jurisdiction: Aubrey S. Moore (Rock River), Earl Elijah (*) (North Iowa).

South Central Jurisdiction: Paul V. Galloway (East Oklahoma), Robert B. Brooks (*) (St. Louis).

(H. Bascom Watts was originally nominated and elected. When elected Bishop by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference, the Council of Bishops appointed Paul V. Galloway (East Oklahoma) to take his place.)

Western Jurisdiction: John R. Kenney (California-Nevada)
J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona).

Ex Officio, without vote: Secretary of the General Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis); Treasurer of the Council of World Service and Finance; Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois).

Advisory members: Bishops Frederick B. Newell and H. Bascom Watts.

EVANGELISM, BOARD OF

(See Journal, Pages 667, 737, 1470.)

At large: Bishop Angie W. Smith, Chairman.
Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Earl W. Ledden.
Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Roy H. Short.
Central Jurisdictional: Bishop John W. E. Bowen.
North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Clifford Northcott.
South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop William C. Martin.
Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Glenn R. Phillips.

HOSPITALS AND HOMES, BOARD OF

(See Journal, Pages 666, 739, 1470.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke.
Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop William T. Watkins.

JOHN STREET CHURCH, TRUSTEES

(See Journal, Page 729.)

The Resident Bishop of the New York Area, Leigh A. Brown, Edward R. Carman, John C. Hegeman, Charles C. Parlin, Ellis L. Phillips, Mrs. Millard L. Robinson, Clayton Snyder, Wilson P. Tanner.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

(*) Laymen

See Journal, pages, 349, 387, 396, 454, 500, 518.

President: Marvin A. Childers (*), 1021-22 Milam Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

Vice-President: Walter C. Buckner (Died September 12, 1953).

Secretary: J. Ernest Wilkins (*), 180 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.

(Note: Charles B. Ketcham, Secretary died April 2, 1953, and J. Ernest Wilkins was elected Secretary.)

TERMS EXPIRING 1956

John Taylor Alton (Ohio); Walter C. Buckner (Southern California-Arizona), Died September 12, 1953 and Hawes P. Clarke, Reserve (Virginia) (took his place); Walter A. Stanbury (Western North Carolina); Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas); J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington).

TERMS EXPIRING 1960

Charles B. Ketcham (North-East Ohio), Died April 2, 1953 and L. Dorsey Spaguey (Pittsburgh), Reserve (took

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his place); Ralph M. Houston (New York); Fred B. Noble (*) (Florida-SE); Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama).

RESERVES—TERMS EXPIRING 1956

L. Dorsey Spaugey (Pittsburgh);

(Took the place of Charles B. Ketcham on his death April 2, 1953.)

Hawes P. Clarke (Virginia);

(Took the place of Walter C. Buckner on his death September 12, 1953.)

Marcus C. Redwine (*) (Kentucky);

James I. Dolliver (*) (Northwest Iowa).

TERMS EXPIRING 1960

Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania); Harold H. Hughes (Virginia); Edward G. Mackay (North Georgia); Vincent P. Clarke (*) (New England); F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore).

LAY ACTIVITIES, BOARD OF

(*See Journal, Pages 667, 739, 1469.*)

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Glenn R. Phillips.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Dana Dawson.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

Bishop Robert N. Brooks died August 2, 1953. The Council of Bishops appointed Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr. to take his place.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, TRUSTEES

(*See Journal, Page 714.*)

President: Henry M. Zimmerman (*), 42 Leathers Road, South Fort Mitchell, Ky.

Vice-President and Counsel: Reber F. Boulton (*), American Trust Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

Vice President: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, 12 N. 3rd St., Columbus 15, Ohio.

Secretary-Treasurer: Arnold A. Johnson (*), 104 Rosemont Ave., Fort Thomas, Ky.

Terms expire 1956: M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington), Arnold A. Johnson (*) (Kentucky), Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

Terms expire 1960: Reber F. Boulton (*) (Tennessee-SE), Vincent M. Mouser (*) (Louisiana-SC), Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Henry M. Zimmerman (*) (Kentucky).

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TRUSTEES

(See Journal, Page 598.)

President: Anson C. Fry (*), 2324 Park Ave., Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

Vice-President: H. F. Dornette (*), 3920 West St., Mariemont, Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

Secretary-Treasurer: Leonard D. Slutz (*), Traction Bldg., Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

Terms expire 1956: H. F. Dornette (*) (Ohio), Anson C. Fry (*) (Ohio), Carroll H. Lewis (North-East Ohio), J. Otis Young (*) (Ohio), Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio), George O. Kitson (Ohio).

Terms expire 1960: B. Brooks Shake (North Indiana), John B. Doan (*) (Ohio), James Dolbey (*) (Ohio), W. Frank White (*) (Ohio), Robert Kennedy (*) (Ohio), Cecil M. Ogg (Kentucky), Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, TRUSTEES

(See Journal, Page 599.)

President: Charles F. Lovell (*), 801 Nashville Trust Bldg., Nashville 3, Tenn.

Vice-President: Ben A. Whitmore (*), Third National Bank, Nashville 3, Tenn.

Secretary-Treasurer: James C. Dale, Jr. (*), Commerce Union Bank Bldg., Nashville 3, Tenn.

Terms expire 1956: Bonneau P. Murphy (Central Texas), Charles F. Lovell (*) (Tennessee), B. B. Pennington (Tennessee), Ben A. Whitmore (*) (Tennessee), William H. Wiseman (*) (Tennessee).

Terms expire 1960: Willard H. Blue (Tennessee), Reber F. Boulton (*), (Tennessee), James C. Dale, Jr. (*) (Tennessee), John Q. Schisler (Tennessee), Marion A. Stevenson (Holston).

**METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH,
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

(See Journal, Page 600.)

Chairman: Bishop James H. Straughn, 303 Northway (Guilford); Baltimore 18, Md.

Secretary: Cuthbert W. Bates, Swannanoa, N. C.

Bishop James H. Straughn, Cuthbert W. Bates (Western North Carolina), Roby F. Day (New York East), Henry O. Deweese (North Indiana), B. M. Mitchell (West Virginia), William C. Scott (*) (Baltimore), Harry Shaw (*) (West Virginia).

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, TRUSTEES

(See Journal, Page 599.)

President: Paul F. Warner, 2215 E. Lake Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Secretary: J. A. Dudley, 3810 Twenty-fourth St., N.E., Washington 18, D. C.

Terms expire 1956: Paul F. Warner (Baltimore), William H. Litsinger (Baltimore), E. L. Bunce (Baltimore), G. E. Hooker (Baltimore), William C. Perkins (*) (Pittsburgh), Harry E. Gilbert (*) (Baltimore), George W. Dexter (*) (Baltimore).

Terms expire 1960: E. A. Sexsmith (Baltimore), J. F. Bryan (Baltimore), L. B. Smith (Baltimore), J. A. Dudley (Baltimore), F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore), Charles Reiner, Jr. (*) (Baltimore) (Deceased), Robert S. Jett (*) (Baltimore).

**METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH,
TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

(See Journal, Page 320.)

J. F. Bryan	4637 Schenley Road, Baltimore 10, Md.
E. L. Bunce	2705 St. Paul St., Baltimore 18, Md.
J. A. Dudley	2426 W. Lanvale St., Baltimore 16, Md.
G. J. Hooker	2312 E. Federal St., Baltimore 13, Md.
William H. Litsinger	Homewood Apts., Baltimore 18, Md.
E. A. Sexsmith	2912 Rittenhouse St., Washington 15, D. C.
L. B. Smith	3612 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore 29, Md.
Paul F. Warner	Linthicum, Md.
F. Murray Benson (*)	Davidson Bldg., Charles & Lafayette Sts., Baltimore, Md.
George W. Dexter (*)	7 Longwood Road, Baltimore, Md.
Harry E. Gilbert (*)	2 E. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.
Robert S. Jett (*)	3212 Carlisle Ave., Baltimore, Md.
William C. Perkins (*)	114 St. Dunston's Road, Baltimore, Md.
Charles Reiner, Jr. (*)	516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.
* (Deceased)	

MISSIONS, BOARD OF

(See Journal, Pages 666, 737, 1471.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Bishop John Wesley Lord, Bishop Frederick B. Newell.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Bishop John Branscomb.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edgar A. Love, Bishop Willis J. King.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Richard C. Raines, Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, Bishop Marshall R. Reed.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Frank Smith, Bishop W. Angie Smith, Bishop William C. Martin, Bishop Dana Dawson.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy.

Six Bishops serving overseas to be named by the Council of Bishops. See Par. 1172, 1952 *Discipline*.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
GENERAL ASSEMBLY—
METHODIST REPRESENTATIVES**

(See Journal, Page 669.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Fred P. Corson, Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Bishop Frederick B. Newell, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Bishop Clare Purcell

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. E. Bowen, Bishop Robert N. Brooks (Died August 2, 1953), Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., Bishop Edgar A. Love.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Frank Smith, Bishop W. Angie Smith, Bishop Dana Dawson.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Donald H. Tippet, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Bishop Glenn R. Phillips.

Ministers: L. S. Allen (Georgia-C), Chancie D. Barcliff (North Carolina-SE), Robert Justin Campbell (Rock River), J. Henry Chitwood (North Alabama), Leland Clegg (West Oklahoma), Thomas E. Colley (Erie), John Crowe (Colorado), W. Jeff Cunningham (North Mississippi), Eugene M. Frank (Louisville), James W. Henley (Tennessee-SE), Simon P. Jenkins (Lexington), Ralph Kleen (Oregon), Elmer D. Landreth (Northwest Texas),

Edward G. Mackay (North Georgia), W. H. Mears (Delaware), Robert G. Morris (Lexington), Theodore H. Palmquist (Southern California-Arizona), William N. Raver (New Jersey), Samuel H. Sweeney (New York), Joe Z. Tower (Texas-SC), Fred D. Young (West Texas), Aubrey G. Walton (Little Rock).

Laymen: Charles Chappell, Miss Margaret Currie (Maine), Edson H. Deal (Idaho), James A. Egan (East Oklahoma), Hollis C. Franklin (Louisville), Mrs. Robert K. Gordon (South Carolina-C.), Walter L. Hunt (Wyoming), Miss Flemmie Kittrell (Washington), Charles C. Parlin (Newark), Mrs. James W. Payne (Western North Carolina), Andrew H. Phelps (Pittsburgh), Clarence M. Pinson (North Alabama), Charles B. Peeler (Florida-SE), R. Carter Tucker (Southwest Missouri), Frank Webber (California-Nevada).

Youth: Jameson Jones (Tennessee-SE), John Parkinson (Colorado), Peyton Palmore (Virginia).

Board of Evangelism: Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), J. Manning Potts (Virginia).

Board of Temperance: Caradine R. Hooton (West Oklahoma), Mrs. Charles W. Mead (*) (Nebraska).

Board of Hospitals and Homes: Karl P. Meister (North-East Ohio).

Board of Missions:

Division of World Missions, Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania), George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada), Howard C. Baldwin (*) (Detroit), Samuel L. Brown (*) (Tennessee-C), Robert F. Curl (Southwest Texas), Edwin L. Jones (*) (Western North Carolina), E. Harold Mohn (North-East Ohio), James A. Mathews (OS), Eugene L. Smith (Newark), Harry M. Taylor (Newark), William A. Wright (Virginia).

Board of Missions:

Division of National Missions, Frank A. Baker (*) (Philadelphia), Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio), J. A. Engle (*) (Virginia), C. Cree Gable (*) (Indiana), Joseph C. Hoffman (West Virginia), J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona), John R. Kenney (California-Nevada), Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas), Aubrey S. Moore (Rock River), John Patton (Lexington), Karl K. Quimby (Newark).

Board of Missions:

Woman's Division: Mrs. Paul Arrington (*) (Mississippi-SE), Mrs. Jesse W. Bunch (*) (Oregon), Mrs. Frank G.

Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Mrs. Roxy Dismukes (*) (West Oklahoma), Miss Henrietta Gibson (*) (Troy), Miss Doncas Hall (*) (Staff) (New York), Mrs. John M. Pearson (*) (New York), Mrs. Fred C. Reynolds (*) (Baltimore), Mrs. J. Fount Tillman (*) (Tennessee-SE), Mrs. Charles E. Wegner (*) (Minnesota), Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington).

Board of Education: Leon M. Adkins (Troy), Heil D. Bolinger (Northwest Indiana), Cawthon A. Bowen (Mississippi-SE), Alfred P. Coman (Central New York), Alva I. Cox (North-East Ohio), Merrimon Cuninggim (North Texas), Matt L. Ellis (*) (North Arkansas), Arthur S. Fleming (*) (Ohio), Walter K. Greene (*) (South Carolina-SE), Wilbur D. Grose (Minnesota), John O. Gross (Kentucky), Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore), Miss Mary Alice Jones (*) (Tennessee-SE), David D. Jones (*) (North Carolina-C), Marvin B. Kober (North Iowa), J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia), John Q. Schisler (Tennessee-SE), J. Richard Spann (Southwest Texas), Earl V. Tolley (Wyoming), Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis).

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GENERAL
BOARD, METHODIST REPRESENTATIVES**

(See Journal, Page 668.)

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnham, Bishop W. Angie Smith, Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa), Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio), Henry M. Bullock (Mississippi) (SE), Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), J. A. Engle (Virginia), J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia), Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Theodore H. Palmquist (Southern California-Arizona), Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), J. Manning Potts (Virginia), John Q. Schisler (Tennessee-SE), Eugene L. Smith (Newark), Paul D. Womeldorf (Central Kansas).

PENSIONS, BOARD OF

(See Journal, Pages 666, 739, 1475.)

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(See Journal, Page 667.)

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North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Richard C. Raines.

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(See Journal, Pages 673, 739, 1477.)

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(See Journal, Pages 666, 736, 1475.)

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COMMITTEE ON**

(See Journal, Page 668.)

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Bishop Roy H. Short.

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(See Journal, Page 667.)

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Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Willis J. King.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Frank Smith.

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(See Journal, Pages 673, 713.)

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Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference: Nathaniel L. Golding (North Mississippi).

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North Central Jurisdictional Conference: Merrill B. McFall (Indiana).

South Central Jurisdictional Conference: Guy M. Hicks (Louisiana).

Western Jurisdictional Conference: John R. Kenney (California-Nevada).

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TEMPERANCE, BOARD OF

(See Journal, Pages 667, 739, 1471.)

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North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop D. Stanley Coors
South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul E. Martin.
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(See Journal, Page 597.)

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(See Journal, Page 548.)

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(See Journal, Page 671.)

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Central Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. E. Bowen, Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

Bishops Robert N. Brooks died August 2, 1953. The Council of Bishops appointed Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., to take his place.

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(See Journal, Pages 657, 739, 1469.)

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North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley.

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(See Journal, Pages 597, 664, 739, 1477.)

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South Central Jurisdiction: Stewart Clendenin (Texas), O. P. Bennett (*) (Nebraska).

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VIII

GENERAL CONFERENCES OR GENERAL CONVENTIONS OF THE THREE CONSTITUENT CHURCHES FORMING THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Declaration of Union, Item III.

"The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church had their common origin in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1784, A.D., and have ever held, adhered to and preserved a common belief, spirit and purpose, as expressed in their common Articles of Religion."

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

1784 (Dec. 24)	Baltimore, Md.	The Christmas Conference
1792	Baltimore, Md.	
1796	Baltimore, Md.	

Secretary

1800	Baltimore, Md.	Nicholas Snethen
1804	Baltimore, Md.	John Wilson
1808	Baltimore, Md.	William Penn Chandler

Delegated General Conferences Began

1812	New York, N. Y.	Daniel Hitt
1816	Baltimore, Md.	Lewis R. Fechtig
1820	Baltimore, Md.	Alexander McCaine
1824	Baltimore, Md.	John Emory
1828	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Martin Ruter

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1828-1936

President

Secretary

1827	Convention	Baltimore, Md.	Nicholas Snethen	Henry Willis
1828	Convention	Baltimore, Md.	Nicholas Snethen	Wm. S. Stockton
1830	Conference	Baltimore, Md.	Francis Waters	Gideon Davis
1834		Georgetown, D. C.	Nicholas Snethen	W. C. Lipscomb
1838		Pittsburgh, Pa.	Asa Shinn	T. W. Pearson
1842		Baltimore, Md.	Asa Shinn	John J. Reed
1846		Cincinnati, Ohio	Francis Waters	J. E. Wilson
1850		Baltimore, Md.	Levi R. Reese	A. H. Bassett
1854		Steubenville, Ohio	John Burns	W. H. Wills
1858		Lynchburg, Va.	W. C. Lipscomb	W. H. Wills
1862		Georgetown, D. C.	Francis Waters	D. Evans Reese
		(Adjourned to 1865)		
1865		Georgetown, D. C.	Francis Waters	D. Evans Reese

(Adjourned session)

1866	Georgetown, D. C.	W. H. Wills	J. K. Nichols
1867	Convention Montgomery, Ala.	J. J. Murray	C. W. Button
1870	Baltimore, Md.	J. G. Whitfield	J. G. Cherry
1874	Lynchburg, Va.	L. W. Bates	A. C. Harris
1877	Baltimore, Md.	L. W. Bates	G. B. McElroy

General Convention

1880	Pittsburgh, Pa.	G. B. McElroy	Wm. S. Hammond
1884	Baltimore, Md.	Wm. S. Hammond	S. K. Spahr
1888	Adrian, Mich.	David Jones	U. S. Fleming
1892	Westminster, Md.	J. W. Hering	John F. Cowan
1896	Kansas City, Mo.	J. W. Hering	T. M. Johnson
1900	Atlantic City, N. J.	D. S. Stephens	H. L. Elderdice
1904	Washington, D. C.	F. T. Tagg	F. C. Chambers
1908	Pittsburgh, Pa.	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1912	Baltimore, Md.	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck
1914	Columbus, Ohio	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck

Special Session

1916	Zanesville, Ohio	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck
1920	Greensboro, N. C.	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1924	Tiffin, Ohio	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1928	Baltimore, Md.	J. C. Broomfield	C. W. Bates
1932	Columbus, Ohio	J. C. Broomfield	C. W. Bates
1936	High Point, N. C.	James H. Straughn	C. W. Bates

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1832-1844

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, 1832-1844

Secretary

1832	Philadelphia, Pa.	Thomas L. Douglass
1836	Cincinnati, Ohio	Thomas L. Douglass
1840	Baltimore, Md.	John A. Collins
1844	New York, N. Y.	Thomas B. Sargent

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1844-1936

1848	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Joseph M. Trimble
1852	Boston, Mass.	Joseph M. Trimble
1856	Indianapolis, Ind.	William L. Harris
1860	Buffalo, N. Y.	William L. Harris
1864	Philadelphia, Pa.	William L. Harris
1868	Chicago, Ill.	William L. Harris

Lay Delegates First Seated

1872	Brooklyn N. Y.	William L. Harris
	(Elected Bishop May 23 1872)	George W. Woodruff
1876	Baltimore Md.	George W. Woodruff
1880	Cincinnati, Ohio	George W. Woodruff
1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	David S. Monroe
1888	New York, N. Y.	David S. Monroe
1892	Omaha, Neb.	David S. Monroe
1896	Cleveland, Ohio	David S. Monroe

Ministerial and Lay Delegates Now in Equal Number

1900	Chicago, Ill.	David S. Monroe
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Women Admitted to Membership

1904	Los Angeles, Calif.	Joseph B. Hingeley
1908	Baltimore, Md.	Joseph B. Hingeley
1912	Minneapolis, Minn.	Joseph B. Hingeley

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1916	Saratoga Springs, N. Y.	Edwin Locke
1920	Des Moines, Iowa	Edmund M. Mills
1924	Springfield, Mass.	Raymond J. Wade
1928	Kansas City, Mo.	Raymond J. Wade
	(Elected Bishop, May 23, 1928)	
		John M. Arters
1932	Atlantic City, N. J.	John M. Arters
1936	Columbus, Ohio	John M. Arters

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, 1844-1938

1846	Petersburg, Va.	T. N. Ralston
1850	St. Louis, Mo.	T. O. Summers
1854	Columbus, Ga.	T. O. Summers
1858	Nashville, Tenn.	T. O. Summers
1862	No session on account of the war.	
1866	New Orleans, La.	T. O. Summers
1870	Memphis, Tenn.	T. O. Summers
1874	Louisville, Ky.	T. O. Summers
1878	Atlanta, Ga.	T. O. Summers
1882	Nashville, Tenn.	T. O. Summers
	(Died during session)	
		John S. Martin
1886	Richmond, Va.	John S. Martin
1890	St. Louis, Mo.	W. P. Harrison
1894	Memphis, Tenn.	W. P. Harrison
1898	Baltimore, Md.	John J. Tigert
1902	Dallas, Texas	John J. Tigert
1906	Birmingham, Ala.	John J. Tigert
	Elected Bishop, May 17, 1906)	
		A. F. Watkins
1910	Asheville, N. C.	A. F. Watkins
1914	Oklahoma City, Okla.	A. F. Watkins
1918	Atlanta, Ga.	A. F. Watkins

Women Delegates Seated for First Time

1922	Hot Springs, Ark.	A. F. Watkins
Special Session		
1924	Chattanooga, Tenn.	A. F. Watkins
1926	Memphis, Tenn.	A. F. Watkins
1930	Dallas, Texas	Lud H. Estes
1934	Jackson, Miss.	Lud H. Estes
1938	Birmingham, Ala.	Lud H. Estes

THE UNITING CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

1939	Kansas City, Mo.	Lud H. Estes
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THE METHODIST CHURCH

1940	Atlantic City, N. J.	Lud H. Estes
1944	Kansas City, Mo.	Lud H. Estes
1948	Boston, Mass.	Lud H. Estes
1952	San Francisco, Calif.	Lud H. Estes

IX
CONFERENCES
OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL CONFERENCES

The Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church as of January 1, 1954, are as follows:

(NOTE: (NE) Northeastern Jurisdiction; (SE) South-eastern Jurisdiction; (C) Central Jurisdiction; (NC) North Central Jurisdiction; (SC) South Central Jurisdiction; (W) Western Jurisdiction; (OS) Over Seas.)

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| 1. Alabama (SE) | 27. East China (OS) |
| 2. Angola (OS) | 28. East Tennessee (C) |
| 3. Baltic-Slavic (OS) | 29. Erie (NE) |
| 4. Baltimore (NE) | 30. Florida (SE) |
| 5. Belgium (OS) | 31. Florida (C) |
| 6. Bengal (OS) | 32. Foochow (OS) |
| 7. Bombay (OS) | 33. Georgia (C) |
| 8. Burma (OS) | 34. Genesee (NE) |
| 9. California-Nevada
(W) | 35. Gujarat (OS) |
| 10. Central Alabama (C) | 36. Hingwa (OS) |
| 11. Central Congo (OS) | 37. Holston (SE) |
| 12. Central Germany (OS) | 38. Hyderabad (OS) |
| 13. Central Kansas (SC) | 39. Idaho (W) |
| 14. Central New York
(NE) | 40. Illinois (NC) |
| 15. Central Pennsylvania
(NE) | 41. Indiana (NC) |
| 16. Central Provinces
(OS) | 42. Indus River (OS) |
| 17. Central Texas (SC) | 43. Iowa-Des Moines (NC) |
| 18. Central West (C) | 44. Kansas (SC) |
| 19. Chile (OS) | 45. Kentucky (SE) |
| 20. Colorado (W) | 46. Kiangsi (OS) |
| 21. Cuba (SE) | 47. Lexington (C) |
| 22. Czechslovakia (OS) | 48. Liberia (OS) |
| 23. Delaware (C) | 49. Little Rock (SC) |
| 24. Delhi (OS) | 50. Louisiana (C) |
| 25. Denmark (OS) | 51. Louisiana (SC) |
| 26. Detroit (NC) | 52. Louisville (SE) |
| | 53. Lucknow (OS) |
| | 54. Maine (NE) |
| | 55. Malaya (OS) |
| | 56. Malaysia Chinese (OS) |

57. Memphis (SE)
58. Michigan (NC)
59. Mid-China (OS)
60. Minnesota (NC)
61. Mississippi (SE)
62. Mississippi (C)
63. Missouri (SC)
64. Montana (W)
65. Nebraska (SC)
66. New England (NE)
67. New England South-
ern (NE)
68. New Hampshire (NE)
69. New Jersey (NE)
70. New Mexico (SC)
71. New York (NE)
72. New York East (NE)
73. Newark (NE)
74. North Alabama (SE)
75. North Arkansas (SC)
76. North Carolina (SE)
77. North Carolina (C)
78. North China (OS)
79. North Dakota (NC)
80. North Georgia (SE)
81. North India (OS)
82. North Indiana (NC)
83. North Iowa (NC)
84. North Mississippi (SE)
85. North Texas (SC)
86. Northeast Germany
(OS)
87. North-East Ohio (NC)
88. Northern New York
(NE)
89. Northern Philippines
(OS)
90. Northwest Germany
(OS)
91. Northwest Indiana
(NC)
92. Northwest Philippines
(OS)
93. Northwest Texas (SC)
94. Norway (OS)
95. Ohio (NC)
96. Oklahoma (SC)
97. Oregon (W)
98. Pacific Northwest (W)
99. Peninsula (NE)
100. Philadelphia (NE)
101. Philippines (OS)
102. Pittsburgh (NE)
103. Rhodesia (OS)
104. Rio Grande (SC)
105. River Plate (OS)
106. Rock River (NC)
107. St. Louis (SC)
108. Shantung (OS)
109. South Carolina (SE)
110. South Carolina (C)
111. South Dakota (NC)
112. South Georgia (SE)
113. South Germany (OS)
114. South India (OS)
115. Southern California-
Arizona (W)
116. Southern Illinois (NC)
117. Southwest (C)
118. Southwest Germany
(OS)
119. Southwest Missouri
(SC)
120. Southwest Texas (SC)
121. Sweden (OS)
122. Switzerland (OS)
123. Tennessee (SE)
124. Tennessee (C)
125. Texas (C)
126. Texas (SC)
127. Troy (NE)
128. Upper Mississippi (C)
129. Virginia (SE)
130. Washington (C)
131. West China (OS)
132. West Texas (C)
133. West Virginia (NE)
134. West Wisconsin (NC)
135. Western North Caro-
lina (SE)
136. Wisconsin (NC)
137. Wyoming (NE)
138. Wyoming State (W)
139. Yenping (OS)

Annual Conferences in Northeastern Jurisdiction	20
Annual Conferences in Southeastern Jurisdiction	17
Annual Conferences in Central Jurisdiction	17
Annual Conferences in North Central Jurisdiction	17
Annual Conferences in South Central Jurisdiction	17
Annual Conferences in Western Jurisdiction	8
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Annual Conferences in the United States	96
Annual Conferences Over Seas	43
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Total Annual Conferences in The Methodist Church	139

PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES

IN

THE METHODIST CHURCH

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Bolivia (OS) | 9. North Africa (OS) |
| 2. Bulgaria (OS) | 10. Pacific-Japanese (W) |
| 3. Central America (OS) | 11. Peru (OS) |
| 4. Finland (OS) | 12. Puerto Rico (NE) |
| 5. Finland-Swedish (OS) | 13. Polish (OS) |
| 6. Hungary (OS) | 14. Southeast Africa (OS) |
| 7. Kalgan (OS) | 15. Southern Congo (OS) |
| 8. Latin-American (W) | 16. Sumatra (OS) |

MISSIONS

IN

THE METHODIST CHURCH

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Alaska (W) | 6. Sarawak (Borneo) |
| 2. Austria (OS) | (OS) |
| 3. Bhabua (OS) | 7. Russia (OS) |
| 4. Hawaii (W) | 8. Spain (OS) |
| 5. Oklahoma-Indian (SC) | 9. Yugoslavia (OS) |

ASSIGNMENTS OF BISHOPS

TO

JURISDICTIONS AND AREAS

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

- Boston Area:* Bishop John Wesley Lord
Maine, New England, New England Southern, New Hampshire
- New York Area:* Bishop Frederick B. Newell
Newark, New York, New York East, Troy
- Philadelphia Area:* Bishop Fred P. Corson
New Jersey, Philadelphia, Wyoming, Puerto Rico Provisional

Pittsburgh Area: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Erie, Pittsburgh, West Virginia

Syracuse Area: Bishop W. Earl Ledden

Central New York, Genesee, Northern New York

Washington Area: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Baltimore, Central Pennsylvania, Peninsula

Over Seas Service: Bishop Newell S. Booth (See 1952 *Discipline*, Par. 602-3 and 2112.)

Retired Relation: Bishops Charles W. Flint, John Gowdy, Lewis O. Hartman, James H. Straughn, Francis J. McConnell, Herbert Welch

Deceased: Frederick T. Keeney (September 24, 1952), Francis J. McConnell (August 18, 1953)

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

Atlanta Area: Bishop Arthur J. Moore

North Georgia, South Georgia; Presidential supervision of Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference. (See 1952 *Discipline*, Pars. 602-1 and 2112.)

Birmingham Area: Bishop Clare Purcell

Alabama, North Alabama

Charlotte Area: Bishop Costen J. Harrell

South Carolina, Western North Carolina

Jackson Area: Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Mississippi, North Mississippi

Jacksonville Area: Bishop John Branscomb

Cuba, Florida

Louisville Area: Bishop William T. Watkins

Kentucky, Louisville, Memphis

Nashville Area: Bishop Roy H. Short

Holston, Tennessee

Richmond Area: Bishop Paul N. Garber

North Carolina, Virginia

Over Seas Service: Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Retired Relation: Bishops U. V. W. Darlington, Hoyt M. Dobbs, W. Walter Peele

Deceased: Bishop Paul B. Kern (December 16, 1953)

CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Atlantic Coast Area: Bishop John W. E. Bowen

Central Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina

Baltimore Area: Bishop Edgar A. Love

Delaware, East Tennessee, North Carolina, Washington

New Orleans Area: Bishop Robert N. Brooks

Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Upper Mississippi, West Texas

St. Louis Area: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

Central West, Lexington, Southwest, Tennessee

Over Seas Service: Bishop Willis J. King. (See 1952 *Discipline*, Pars. 602-2 and 2112. Work not included in Central or Provisional Central Conferences.)

Retired Relation: Bishops Robert E. Jones, Edward W. Kelly, Alexander P. Shaw

Deceased: Bishop Robert N. Brooks (August 2, 1953)

(Note: Bishop Robert N. Brooks in the Effective Relation, died August 2, 1953. Acting under the provisions of Paragraphs 36 and 436-4, The Council of Bishops appointed Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, who had retired at the 1952 session of the Central Jurisdictional Conference, to take supervision of the Texas and West Texas Annual Conferences of Bishop Brooks' Area.

The College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction assigned Bishop Willis J. King to take supervision of the Louisiana, Mississippi and Upper Mississippi Annual Conferences in Bishop Brooks' Area, acting under the provisions of Par. 36. Editor.)

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Chicago Area: Bishop Charles W. Brashares

Illinois, Rock River, Southern Illinois

Dakotas Area: Bishop Edwin E. Voigt

North Dakota, South Dakota

Des Moines Area: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley

Iowa-Des Moines, North Iowa

Detroit Area: Bishop Marshall R. Reed

Detroit, Michigan

Indiana Area: Bishop Richard C. Raines

Indiana, North Indiana, Northwest Indiana

Minnesota Area: Bishop D. Stanley Coors

Minnesota

Ohio Area: Bishop Hazen G. Werner

North-East Ohio, Ohio

Wisconsin Area: Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

West Wisconsin, Wisconsin

Retired Relation: Bishops Ralph S. Cushman, Frederick D.

Leete, Titus Lowe, J. Ralph Magee, John M. Springer,

Raymond J. Wade

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Arkansas-Louisiana Area: Bishop Paul E. Martin

Little Rock, Louisiana, North Arkansas

Dallas-Fort Worth Area: Bishop William C. Martin

Central Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas

Houston-San Antonio Area: Bishop A. Frank Smith

Rio Grande, Southwest Texas, Texas

Kansas Area: Bishop Dana Dawson

Central Kansas, Kansas

Missouri Area: Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Missouri, St Louis, Southwest Missouri

Nebraska Area: Bishop H. Bascom Watts
Nebraska

Oklahoma-New Mexico Area: Bishop W. Angie Smith
New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oklahoma-Indian Mission
Visitation responsibility for Latin America (See 1952 *Discipline*, Par 602-4.)

Retired Relation: Bishops Hiram A. Boaz, Charles C. Selcman

WESTERN JURISDICTION

Denver Area: Bishop Glenn R. Phillips
Colorado, Montana, Wyoming State

Los Angeles Area: Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy
Southern California-Arizona, Hawaii Mission, Latin American Provisional

Portland Area: Bishop A. Raymond Grant
Idaho, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, Alaska Mission

San Francisco Area: Bishop Donald H. Tippet
California-Nevada, Pacific-Japanese Provisional

Retired Relation: Bishops James C. Baker, Wilbur E. Hamaker, George A. Miller

ASSIGNMENT OF BISHOPS TO CENTRAL CONFERENCES AND AREAS

CHINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Bishops W. Y. Chen, Z. T. Kaung, Ralph A. Ward
No report of assignment to Areas

PHILIPPINES CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Manila Area: Bishop Jose L. Valencia
Northern Philippines, Northwest Philippines, Philippines

SOUTHERN ASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Bombay Area: Bishop John A. Subhan
Bombay, Gujarat, Bhabua Mission

Delhi Area: Bishop J. Waskom Pickett
Indus River, North India

Hyderabad Area: Bishop Shot K. Mondol
Central Provinces, Hyderabad, South India

Lucknow Area: Bishop Clement D. Rockey
Bengal, Delhi, Lucknow

LATIN AMERICA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Buenos Aires Area: Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri
River Plate, Boliva Provisional

Santiago Area: Bishop Julio Manuel Sabanes
Chile, Central America Provisional, Peru Provisional
Retired Relation: Bishop Juan E. Gattinoni, Bishop Enrique C. Balloch, Bishop Roberto Elphick

GERMANY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Frankfurt Area: Bishop Fredrick Wunderlich
Central Germany, Northeast Germany, Northwest Germany, South Germany, Southwest Germany
Deceased: Bishop Johann Ernst Wilhelm Sommer (October 15, 1952)

NORTHERN EUROPE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Stockholm Area: Bishop Theodor Arvidson
Baltic and Slavic, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland Provisional, Finland-Swedish Provisional, Russia Mission
Retired Relation: Bishop Theodore Arvidson

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN EUROPE PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Geneva Area: Bishop Arthur J. Moore (See 1952 *Discipline*, Pars. 602-1 and 2111.)
Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Austria Mission, Bulgaria Provisional, North Africa Provisional, Polish Provisional, Spain Mission, Yugoslavia Mission

AFRICA PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Elisabethville Area: Bishop Newell S. Booth
Angola, Central Congo, Rhodesia, Southeast Africa Provisional, Southern Congo Provisional

SOUTHEASTERN ASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Singapore Area: Bishop Raymond L. Archer
Burma, Malaya, Malaysia Chinese, Sarawak (Borneo) Mission, Sumatra Mission

WORK NOT INCLUDED IN CENTRAL OR PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCES

Monrovia Area: Bishop Willis J. King
Liberia

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GUEST PREACHERS FOR SUNDAY,
APRIL 27, 1952

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Alameda, First—Rev. P. Gordon Gould
Alameda, Santa Clara Ave.—Rev. Raoul C. Calkins
Albany—Rev. Roy L. Smith
Berkeley, Epworth-Northbrae—Rev. John E. Stephens
Berkeley, Trinity—Rev. H. Hughes Wagner
Castro Valley—Rev. Ralph Dodge
El Cerrito—Rev. Russell J. Humbert
Hayward—Rev. Fred G. Holloway
Lafayette—Rev. Harold F. Carr
Oakland, Eighth Ave.—Rev. Herman F. Duncan
Oakland, Elmhurst—Rev. Ross Linger
Oakland, Filipino—Rev. Ruben Candelaria
Oakland, First—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
Oakland, Grace—Rev. Claude W. Cooper
Oakland, Lake Park—Rev. Eric N. Daniels
Oakland, Laurel—Rev. Ferdinand Sigg
Oakland, Melrose—Dr. Harry Denman
Oakland, Montclair—Bishop Willis J. King
Oakland, St. Stephen's—Bishop Paul N. Garber
Oakland, Shattuck Ave.—Rev. W. Harrison Baker
Oakland, Taylor Memorial—Rev. Noah W. Moore
Richmond, First—Rev. Franklin A. Flatt
Richmond, St. Luke's—Bishop J. Ralph Magee
San Francisco, Calvary—Bishop Juan E. Gattinoni, 9:30
o'clock; Bishop Charles C. Selecman, 11 o'clock
San Francisco, Central—Rev. Alf Lier
San Francisco, Epworth—Rev. William S. Evans
San Francisco, First—Bishop Raymond L. Archer
San Francisco, Geneva Avenue—Bishop José Valencia
San Francisco, Glide Memorial—Rev. John W. Branscomb
San Francisco, Grace United—Rev. Charles R. Goff
San Francisco, Hamilton—Rev. F. Lamont Henninger
San Francisco, Jones Memorial—Bishop Edward J. Kelly
San Francisco, Park Presidio—Bishop Alexander P. Shaw
San Francisco, Parkside—Rev. C. Homer Ginns

San Francisco, Ridge Point—Rev. H. L. Johns
San Francisco, St. Francis—Rev. James S. Chubb
San Francisco, Temple—Bishop A. Frank Smith
San Francisco, Trinity—Rev. Horace T. Freeman
San Leandro—Bishop Roy H. Short
South San Francisco, Parkwood Community—Rev. Preo N. Das
Walnut Creek—Rev. E. J. Pendergrass

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Antioch—Rev. H. J. Smith
Chowchilla—Bishop Enrique C. Balloch
Courtland—Rev. J. Henry Ernst
Dos Palos—Rev. H. E. Finger
Linden—Rev. Herbert Stotts
Los Banos—Bishop Costen J. Harrell
Madera—Rev. William L. Steffens
Merced—Rev. Alfred E. Bennett
Modesto, Centenary—Rev. J. A. Engle
Modesto, First—Rev. Benson Perkins
Oakdale—Rev. A. Ray Grummon
Pittsburg—Bishop Ralph S. Cushman
Sonora—Rev. Leonard Cochran
Stockton, Central—Bishop Newell S. Booth
Stockton, Clay Street—Rev. Marvin S. Kincheloe
Stockton, Grace—Rev. O. G. Robinson
Tracy—W. Talbot Handy, Sr.
Turlock—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

FRESNO DISTRICT

Bakersfield, Trinity—Rev. J. Edward Carothers
Clovis—7:30 p.m., Rev. J. Edgar Skillington
Delano—Bishop Marshall R. Reed
Dinuba—Rev. Arthur Colley
Five-Points—Rev. Everett A. Sabin
Fresno, First—Rev. Albert E. Day
Hanford—Rev. John W. Warren
Kingsburg—Bishop Theodor Arvidson
Porterville—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett
Reedley—11 a.m., Rev. J. Edgar Skillington
Tranquillity—Rev. Mark M. Moore
Tulare—Bishop Glenn R. Phillips
Visalia—Bishop Paul B. Kern
Wasco—Rev. L. G. Wayne Furman

REDWOOD EMPIRE DISTRICT

Cloverdale—Rev. Orville C. Dittes
Mill Valley—Rev. Walther Zeuner
Napa—Rev. William M. Bell
Petaluma—Rev. Richard M. Green
Santa Rosa—Rev. Donald B. Darrah
Sebastopol—Rev. Harry H. Waller
Sonoma—Rev. H. H. Potthoff
Tamalpais Valley—Rev. Angel Fuster
Ukiah—Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker
Vallejo, First—Bishop Paul M. Martin

SACRAMENTO-NEVEDA DISTRICT

Del Paso Heights, Asbury—Rev. John H. Jackson
Elverta—Rev. Elmer H. Douglas
North Sacramento, First—Rev. Wesley H. Bransford
Reno, First—Rev. Charles F. Golden
Sacramento, Centennial—Rev. Jesse W. Fox
Sacramento, Central—Rev. Emory S. Bucke
Sacramento, Elmhurst—Bishop Hazen G. Werner
Sacramento, First—Rev. Henry Hitt Crane
Sacramento, St. Mark's—4 p.m., Rev. Emory S. Bucke
Sacramento, Wesley—Bishop William T. Watkins
Sparks, Nevada—Rev. Russell H. Grow
Woodland—Bishop John W. Lord

SAN JOSE DISTRICT

Aptos—Rev. Alfred J. Shaw
Burlingame—Bishop Francis J. McConnell
Campbell—Rev. E. Harold Mohn
Carmel—Rev. Oscar Thomas Olson
Gilroy—Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri
Half Moon Bay—Rev. Clarence F. Ferguson
Hollister—Rev. Joe Z. Tower
Los Altos—Bernard Vessey
Millbrae—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke
Morgan Hill—Rev. Ralph L. Woodard
Mountain View—Rev. Benjamin B. Black
Pacific Grove—Rev. E. Pearce Hayes
Palo Alto, College Ave.—Rev. Richard Hanson
Palo Alto, First—Rev. Ralph W. Sockman
Redwood City—Rev. Kenneth W. Copeland
San Bruno—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott
San Jose, First—Bishop Richard C. Raines
San Jose, Roselawn—Rev. Leslie B. Bailey
San Jose, Willow Glen—Rev. W. Vernon Middleton
San Mateo, First—Rev. John W. Hollister

San Mateo, Hillsdale—Rev. Gerald Ensley
San Mateo, Shoreview—Rev. Barnard V. Powell
Santa Clara—Rev. H. R. Brennan
Santa Cruz, First—Rev. Pedro Zotelle
Santa Cruz, Grace—Rev. William H. Ross
Seaside—Rev. H. R. Brockett
South San Francisco, Buri Buri—Rev. Norman W. Clemens
South San Francisco, Parkwood—Rev. Preo N. Das
South San Francisco, St. Paul's—Bishop Robert E. Jones
Sunnyvale—Rev. Horace G. Smith
Watsonville—Bishop Charles W. Brashares

SHASTA DISTRICT

Biggs-Nelson—Rev. Carl A. Reppert
Chico—Rev. Lester A. Welliver
Grass Valley—Bishop Clare Purcell
Knights Landing—Rev. Rufus C. Baker
Lincoln—Rev. Herbert Cockerill
Marysville—Bishop J. W. E. Sommer
Orland—Bishop Clement D. Rockey
Red Bluff—Rev. Loyd F. Worley
Redding—Rev. Harry S. Komuro
Siskiyou Group
 Including Mt. Shasta, Yreka, Happy Camp, Shasta Valley
 —Revs. Edgar A. Love, Charles S. Dubra, Lauren Thomas,
 and Henry L. Bradway
Willows—Rev. Olin D. Jackson

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Pasadena, First—Rev. Eugene L. Smith
San Diego, First—Bishop Shot K. Mondol

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Daly City, Grace Presbyterian—Rev. Clayton Wittstruck
Berkeley, St. John's Presbyterian—Rev. J. Otis Young
Palo Alto, First Presbyterian—Rev. Merrill B. McFall
Oakland, First Presbyterian—Rev. George A. Fallon
San Francisco, Calvary Presbyterian—Rev. W. Kenneth Pope
San Francisco, First Presbyterian—7:30 p.m., Rev. Clarence
 H. LaRue
San Francisco, Mira Loma Community—Bishop Lewis O.
 Hartman
San Francisco, Ocean Avenue, Presbyterian—Rev. Farrell
 D. Jenkins
San Francisco, Trinity Presbyterian—Rev. Charles S. Hemp-
 stead
San Leandro, All Souls Episcopal—Bishop Titus Lowe

San Leandro, First Christian—Rev. Lester Schaff
San Leandro, First Presbyterian—Rev. Earl E. Allen
San Leandro, First Baptist—Rev. Russell R. Patton
Sausalito, Presbyterian—Rev. Harry A. Price
Vallejo, First Baptist—7:45 p.m., Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

GUEST PREACHERS, SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1952

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

(Bay Area)

Alameda, First—Bishop Marshall R. Reed
Alameda, Santa Clara Avenue—Rev. Harry S. Komuro
Albany—Bishop Lewis O. Hartman
Berkeley, Trinity—Rev. Olin D. Jackson
Castro Valley—Rev. Theophil Oppliger
El Cerrito—Rev. Clarence H. LaRue
Hayward—9:30, Gov. Robert D. Blue, 11:00, Rev. Percy S. Trevethan
Oakland, Eighth Avenue—Rev. Alfred J. Shaw
Oakland, Elmhurst—Rev. Harold C. Phend
Oakland, First—Bishop W. Earl Ledden
Oakland, Grace Community—Bishop Newell S. Booth
Oakland, Lake Park—Rev. Alf Lier and Bishop Raymond J. Wade
Oakland, Melrose—Rev. P. Gordon Gould
Oakland, Montclair—Rev. Ernst Scholz and Rev. John D. Herr
Oakland, St. Stephens—Rev. John O. Gross
Oakland, Shattuck Avenue—Rev. James K. Mathews
Oakland, Taylor Mem.—9:30, Rev. Robert S. Mosby; 11:00, Rev. W. Talbot Handy, Sr.
Richmond, First—Rev. A. R. Perkins
Richmond, St. Luke's—Rev. E. Pearce Hayes
San Francisco, Calvary—9:30, Rev. D. M. Gresham; 11:00, Bishop Ralph W. Ward
San Francisco, Central—Rev. Harry Williams
San Francisco, Chinese—Rev. A. Ray Grummon
San Francisco, Filipino—Mr. Juan Nabong
San Francisco, First—Bishop Charles C. Selecman
San Francisco, Geneva Avenue—Rev. Ruben Candelaria
San Francisco, Glide Memorial—9:15, Rev. Ernest E. Tuck; 10:55, Bishop Clare Purcell
San Francisco, Grace United—Rev. Edmund Heinsohn
San Francisco, Hamilton—Rev. Edwin E. Voigt
San Francisco, Jones Memorial—Bishop John A. Subhan
San Francisco, Park Presidio—Bishop Francis J. McConnell
San Francisco, Parkside—Rev. Walter M. Scheuermann
San Francisco, St. Francis—Rev. Lloyd C. Gustafson

San Francisco, St. Paul's—Rev. Joseph H. Helle
San Francisco, Temple—Rev. J. Otis Young
San Francisco, Trinity—Bishop Charles W. Brashares
San Leandro—Bishop Clement D. Rockey
Walnut Creek—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Antioch—Rev. C. H. Sprinkle, Jr.
Chowchilla—Rev. Angel Fuster
Dos Palos—Rev. Cicero B. Fielder
Linden—Rev. W. Aiken Smart
Lodi—Rev. John W. Branscomb
Manteca—Rev. John D. Clinton
Merced—Rev. Ralph E. Dodge
Modesto, Centenary—Bishop Willis J. King
Modesto, First—Rev. Hobart B. Amstutz
Oakdale—Bishop Jose Valencia
Patterson—Bishop John M. Springer
Riverbank—Rev. W. B. Robinson
Stockton, Central—Rev. Charles F. Golden
Stockton, Chinese Christian Center—Rev. P. C. B. Balaram
Tracy—Mr. Enoch Chieza
Turlock—Rev. Henry G. Appenzeller

FRESNO DISTRICT

Fresno, First—Bishop Costen J. Harrell
Hanford—Rev. Russell S. Brown
Porterville—Rev. Thomas A. Williams
Selma—Rev. Ferdinand Sigg
Visalia—Rev. James W. Henley

REDWOOD EMPIRE DISTRICT

Cloverdale—Rev. Charles S. Hempstead
Fairfield—Rev. Carl A. Reppert
Mill Valley—Rev. Lloyd F. Worley
Petaluma—Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker
San Rafael—Bishop J. W. E. Sommer
Santa Rosa—Rev. Donald B. Darrah
Sebastopol—Rev. Charles S. Khiyalie
Sonoma—Rev. Marvin B. Kober
Tamalpais Valley—Rev. Frank M. Toothaker
Vallejo, Filipino—Rev. Jose T. Simangau
Vallejo, First—Rev. Henry Hitt Crane
Vallejo, Terrace—Rev. Joseph H. Bartak

SACRAMENTO-NEVADA DISTRICT

Sacramento, Centennial—Rev. C. Homer Ginns

Sacramento, Central—Bishop Glenn R. Phillips
 Sacramento, Chinese—Rev. Bradley V. Powell
 Sacramento, Elmhurst—Rev. C. F. Ferguson
 Sacramento, First—Rev. Harold F. Carr
 Sacramento, Oak Park—Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri
 Sacramento, St. Mark's—Rev. R. F. Curl
 Sacramento, Wesley—Mr. George S. Wood

SAN JOSE DISTRICT

Aptos—Bishop Enrique C. Balloch
 Burlingame—Bishop Richard C. Raines
 Campbell—Dr. Robert E. Wiseman
 Carmel—Rev. Eugene L. Smith
 Gilroy—Dr. Harry Denman
 Half Moon Bay—Bishop J. W. E. Bowen
 Hollister—Rev. John W. Warren
 Los Altos—Rev. Leslie B. Bailey
 Millbrae—Rev. Walter F. Preset
 Morgan Hill—Bishop Edward J. Kelley
 Mountain View—Bishop J. Ralph Magee
 Pacific Grove—Rev. Marvin S. Kincheloe
 Palo Alto, College Avenue—Rev. Eric N. Daniels
 Palo Alto, First—Rev. Marshall T. Steel
 Redwood City—Bishop James C. Baker
 Salinas—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett
 San Bruno—Bishop Shot K. Mondol
 San Jose, Centella—Bishop William C. Martin
 San Jose, First—Bishop Alexander P. Shaw and Mr. Bernard Vessey
 San Jose, Roselawn—Bishop Raymond L. Archer
 San Jose, Willow Glen—Rev. Julius S. Scott
 San Mateo, First—Rev. William H. Ross
 San Mateo, Hillsdale—Rev. George A. Fallon
 San Mateo, Shoreview—Bishop Robert E. Jones
 Santa Cruz, Grace—Rev. Thomas S. Harris
 Santa Cruz, Live Oak—Rev. George Fenstermacher
 Seaside—Rev. Charles S. Arnold
 South San Francisco, Buri Buri—Bishop Theodor Arvidson
 South San Francisco, Parkwood—Rev. Albert W. Cliff
 Sunnyvale—Bishop James H. Straughn

SHASTA DISTRICT

Arbuckle—Judge Osso Stanley
 Biggs-Nelson—Rev. Edwin Lewis
 Chico—Rev. E. LaMont Henninger
 Knights Landing—Rev. Rufus C. Baker
 Lincoln—Rev. J. H. Jackson

Marysville—Rev. Elmer H. Douglas
Orland—Rev. Frederick B. Newell
Red Bluff—Rev. Edward J. Pendergrass
Redding—Rev. T. T. Brumbaugh
Yuba City, First—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin
Yuba City, Grace—Rev. C. Edwin Murphy

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Alameda, First Presbyterian—Rev. William L. Steffens
Berkeley, North Congregational—Rev. John R. McLaughlin
Berkeley, St. John's Presbyterian—Rev. D. Trigg James
San Francisco, Calvary Presbyterian—Rev. J. Edward Carothers
San Francisco, First Presbyterian—7:30 p.m., Rev. W. Arthur Kale
San Francisco, St. John's Presbyterian—Rev. Roy T. Henwood
San Francisco, Trinity Presbyterian—Rev. Lester Rumble
Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County Inter-Church Group—
Evening, Rev. Roy L. Smith



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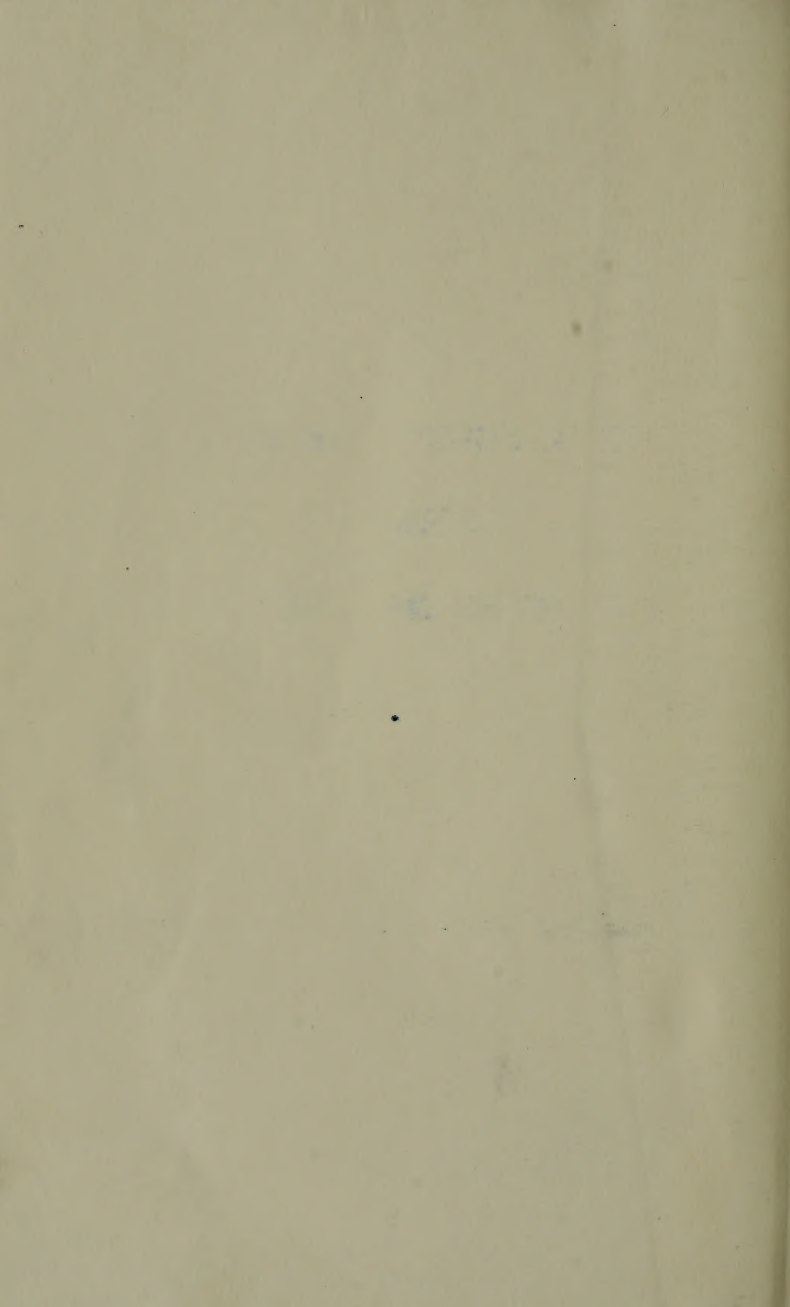
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